

After all this, when thousands are on the streets and landlords are just a bit richer, will you be satisfied? Is there a point where you'll feel you've done enough for the richest and most privileged people in society and decide that you've finally wrung every last drop of dignity from the rest of us? People are starving themselves to avoid going unhoused. I will repeat that for you in your vaunted halls, you who have so much and care so little for the downtrodden you claim to represent; people are starving themselves to keep their landlords happy.

Every day you wake up without helping them, every day you prioritize a landlord's profit over the real suffering of their tenants, you choose to do evil. What's worse is you choose to do so despite all the pragmatic reasons to do the opposite. When the bottom falls out of the housing market, where will we be for all your machinations? Who's going to pay your mortgage and property taxes when you've squeezed everything from your tenants and put them out on the streets? When the economy loses its foundation—the renters and workers that prop up the likes of you and your plutocrat friends—just how exactly do you propose we get them back? You'll forgive me if I place little faith in the magnanimity of landlords.

You have betrayed the people of this state over and over again by choosing to help their persecutors. You have betrayed your own humanity by allowing your fellow human beings to suffer at the behest of their landlords. For all of our sakes, least of all your own, I beg you to open your eyes and your hearts before it's too late. Help renters. Help the people. LC 18 is only the beginning. Ignore me at your own peril; "But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons."