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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(19) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: EPNC strongly supports the proposed Anti-Tenant Harassment Ordinance, and requests that the provisions be applied to both RSO and non-RSO units. Harassment by landlords can take many forms and is one of the most prevalent hardships tenants face. Currently, there are no standing protections against tenant harassment, and it is an urgent situation. The LA Tenants Union (LATU) estimates that up to 100,000 tenants have been evicted in Los Angeles during the last two years with harassment being a primary contributor to those evictions. EPNC is in full and unanimous support of the Ordinance, and its two years in the making, which will specifically delineate and make illegal certain harassing behaviors and impose strict penalties for those who engage in these tactics. This ordinance will help many tenants in Echo Park who are currently extremely vulnerable to landlord harassment by giving them legal protection from abusive property owners.



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Community Impact Statement (CIS)

Anti-Tenant Harassment Ordinance

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May 28, 2019

To: Honorable City Council, Los Angeles City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, room 395, Los Angeles, CA 90012 c/o Office of the City Clerk

The Echo Park Neighborhood Council (EPNC) is requesting that the following Community Impact Statement be attached to City Council File: 14-0268-S13.

On May 28, 2019, with a quorum of 19, the EPNC Board of Governors held a Brown Act-noticed meeting and with a vote of 19 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions, the EPNC voted to submit this CIS.

EPNC strongly supports the proposed Anti-Tenant Harassment Ordinance, and requests that the provisions be applied to both RSO and non-RSO units.

Harassment by landlords can take many forms and is one of the most prevalent hardships tenants face. Currently, there are no standing protections against tenant harassment, and it is an urgent situation. The LA Tenants Union (LATU) estimates that up to 100,000 tenants have been evicted in Los Angeles during the last two years with harassment being a primary contributor to those evictions.

In 2017, Councilman Huizar, at the recommendation of LATU, proposed an Anti-Tenant Harassment Ordinance to define the nature of harassment and make it strictly illegal with effective fines and enforcement. Two years later, the Ordinance has been vetted by the Mayor's Office and the Housing Department (HCID), and is soon to come before City Council. At the Housing Committee meeting on January 23, 2019, the Housing Department presented an accompanying report, but it was deemed incomplete until strong recommendations by the tenants' rights groups could be incorporated. The current ordinance, approved by the Housing Committee on May 8, 2019, is now headed to full City Council for a vote. It is based on the LATU recommendation and similar ordinances

already in effect in West Hollywood, Santa Monica and Berkeley. EPNC is in full support of the Ordinance, and its two years in the making, which will specifically delineate and make illegal certain harassing behaviors and impose strict penalties for those who engage in these tactics. This ordinance will help many tenants in Echo Park who are currently extremely vulnerable to landlord harassment by giving them legal protection from abusive property owners. EPNC also requests that the Ordinance be applied to both Rent Stabilized and non-Rent Stabilized tenants.

Respectfully,



Tad Yenawine
Secretary, Echo Park Neighborhood Council