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RE: CIS in Support of CF 14-0268-S13

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council (HHPNC) represents over 60,000 Los Angeles Stakeholders who reside, own property, or conduct business in the neighborhood of Highland Park. We strongly favor the passing of the Anti-Tenant Harassment Ordinance (CF 14-0268-S13). We strongly suggests that the ordinance be passed to protect non-RSO (Rent Stabilization Ordinance aka Rent Stabilized) as well as RSO tenants. Non-RSO tenants are the least protected tenants and need this legal protection.

Highland Park renters make up about 60% of our neighborhood, so this would definitely improve the quality of life and stability in our neighborhood that is dealing with the significant instability due to gentrification. Gentrification has made our community very prospective to investors, new landlords, and new owners. And in that way, gentrification has made way for an increase in the potential harassment of our tenants here in Highland Park.

Currently, there are no standing protections against landlord harassment. However, in 2017 Councilman Huizar, at the recommendation of LA Tenants Union (LATU), produced an Anti-Tenant Harassment Ordinance Motion to define the nature of harassment and make it strictly illegal with effective fines. Two years later, the

Ordinance has been vetted by the Mayor's Office and the Housing Department (HCID), and is hopefully to become law soon with the help of strong communities, organizers and lawyers input, as well as the passing of similar ordinances in Berkeley, Santa Monica and West Hollywood.

Landlord harassment can take many forms and is one of the most prevalent hardships tenants face. In the last two years, according to the LATU, an estimated 100,000 tenants have been evicted in Los Angeles with harassment being a primary contributor. We must continue our efforts to make sure the Ordinance gets implemented in full providing protections to both RSO and non-RSO tenants.

Sincerely,

SuzAnn Brantner, President
Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council