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ANTI-TENANT HARASSMENT ORDINANCE
COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT (CF 14-0268-S13)

The Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council is submitting a Community Impact Statement in support of Councilman Huizar's Motion for an Anti-Tenant Harassment Ordinance. The Motion was heard by the LA City Council Housing Committee on May 8, 2019, and will go to the full City Council for a vote. We are requesting that the Ordinance emphasize the need to cover both RSO and non-RSO tenants, and to specifically delineate and make illegal certain harassing behaviors and impose strict penalties for those who engage in these tactics.

In 2017 at the recommendation of the LA Tenants Union, Councilman Huizar submitted a Motion to study and define the nature of landlord harassment of tenants and make it strictly illegal with effective fines. C. Huizar's Motion is based on Ordinances already in effect in West Hollywood, Santa Monica and Berkeley. Two years later, the Ordinance has been studied, vetted by the Housing Department and the Mayor's Office, and is soon to become law.

Landlord harassment of tenants can take many forms and is one of the most prevalent hardships tenants face. Currently, there are no standing protections against anti-tenant harassment and is an urgent situation. LA Tenants Union 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.

We must continue our efforts to make sure the Ordinance gets implemented in full providing protections to both RSO and non-RSO tenants.