

Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(10) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 07/05/2018

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 07/10/2018

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 18-0610

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: Renters, particularly low-income, devote larger portions of their income to rent. For low-income families, a rent increase and/or eviction pushes them further into poverty and puts them at high risk of becoming homeless. Evictions destabilize families and have a negative impact on child development. Families are forced to abandon their established social-networks, possibly move to high poverty and crime neighborhoods or become homeless. The legal assistance program will help keep families in their homes and curtail the increase in the city's homeless rates.

The Tenants' Right to Counsel program translates into fewer illegal evictions and less households having to experience transitional homelessness, thus reducing suffering for families and limiting a substantial burden carried by the city. The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council strongly supports legal counsel for renters and hopes the City of Los Angeles will do right by making sure this program addresses this social, economic and judicial injustice.

**Authorization to submit
Community Impact Statements
Board Resolution**

We, Rocio Rivas (President Name) and
Yolanda Nogueira (Officer Name), declare that we are the President
and ~~Director-at-Large~~ respectively of the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood
Council (NC) and that on July 5th, 2018 (date adopted), a Brown Act noticed public meeting was
held by this NC with a quorum of _____ (number) board members present and that by a vote of
_____ (number) yes, 0 (number) no, and 0 (number) abstentions the
Historic Highland Park NC adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, a Community Impact Statement is an official statement adopted by a Neighborhood Council
on issues pending before the City Council, its committees, or City commissions, Whereas, up to five
board members can be authorized through a board resolution to write and submit Community Impact
Statements through the City Clerk's online web system at <http://cityclerk.lacity.org/cis>.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council
authorizes the following board member(s) to SUBMIT Community Impact Statements which have
been passed by a vote of the full board:

On the issue of CF# 18-0610, we are

- ☒ For
☐ For if Amended
☐ Against
☐ Against if Amended
☐ No Position (CF was discussed and acted upon, but the NC could not muster enough votes either
way)
☐ Neutral Position (CF was discussed and NC decided to take no action at all)

Be it further resolved, in cases where an issue is moving quickly through the legislative process and a
promptly issued statement is beneficial, the aforementioned board members are authorized to also
WRITE and SUBMIT Community Impact Statements which express positions previously voted upon
by the full board.

IN WITNESS of the above action, the undersigned has executed and delivered this certificate in the
name and on behalf of the Historic Highland Park (NC name) and as of the date set forth
below.

Signature of President

Rocio Rivas

Signature of Board Officer

Print Name:

Rocio Rivas

Print Name:

Yolanda Nogueira

Date:

07/10/18

Date:

07/10/18

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

HISTORIC HIGHLAND PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Post Office Box 50791
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Certified as NC #33 May 28, 2002

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Antonio Castillo	SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
Joan Potter	TREASURER
Vacant	SECRETARY

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Linda "Boo" Caban, Melanie Freeland, Zacharias Gardea,
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Tarr, Jamie Tijerina, Ross Ufberg

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DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT

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Rocío Rivas	Executive
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Vacant	Public Safety
Yolanda Nogueira & Rocío Rivas	Housing & Homelessness
Yolanda Nogueira	Beautification
Jamie Tijerina	Culture & Equality
Vacant	Arts
SuzAnn Brantner	Sustainability
Marcus Moché	Local Economic Development/Business Support

July 05, 2018

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and Members of the LA City Council
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Supporting CF 18-0610-- Right to Counsel Ordinance/Program /Tenants Facing Eviction

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council, which represents over 60,000 Los Angeles stakeholders who reside, own property, or conduct business in our neighborhood, want to express support for Council File 18-0610, which proposes that the City of Los Angeles create a Tenants' Right to Counsel program. This program will greatly guarantee legal representation to low-income residents facing eviction. In eviction proceedings, the clear majority of landlords, 85 to 90 percent in some housing courts, show up to court with a lawyer, while tenants often face eviction without legal counsel (Engler, 2009).

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Sincerely,

Rocío Rivas, President
Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

* Engler, Russell (2009) Connecting Self-Representation to Civil Gideon: What Existing Data Reveal About When Counsel is Most Needed. Fordham Urban Law Journal, Volume 37, Issue 1.