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

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#### Impact Information

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Council File Number: 19-0002-S179

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: We the Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council of the City of Los Angeles, SUPPORT the adoption of Resolution (Koretz – Bonin), associated with Council File 19-0002-S179, to include in its 2019-20 Federal Legislative Program its position on legislation that would amend the California Revenue and Taxation Code to include a tax deduction, tax exemption or tax credit for any housing tenant receiving relocation assistance as a result of a lawful eviction undertaken for any reason.



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March 9, 2020

Honorable Councilman Herb Wesson and Rules & Intergovernmental Relations Committee Members  
City Hall  
200 N. Spring Street  
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Residents are being evicted and otherwise forced out of their homes and their communities at levels not seen in recent history. City ordinances provide protection by requiring relocation assistance in certain cases, most of which are no-fault evictions. However the assistance received is often insufficient and is further reduced by taxes, exacerbating a family's financial and emotional distress.

This Resolution is a vital step in ensuring the federal government assists in addressing the housing crisis and aids displaced families. As reflected in the legislation, administrative action, and presidential budget proposals, the federal government is currently prioritizing the reduction of expenditures and taxation. A tax credit or reduction for families evicted would align with these priorities and is a common-sense method to help alleviate the distress of renters disrupted by the inequitable economic conditions in our nation.

The City must protect the rights of renters by expanding the cases in which evictees are eligible for tenant relocation assistance and must also prepare to provide local solutions and assistance in the case of inaction from the federal government. It is crucial that low income renters are made aware of their rights and not denied their rightful relocation assistance through a cash-for-keys arrangement

Eligibility for tenant relocation assistance is often lost for lease violations such as failure to pay rent. In the current economic climate and housing affordability crisis, tenant relocation assistance should be provided for those who are evicted for failure to pay rent for no less than two months, whether through a separate program or reduced assistance.

The Resolution offers an appropriate method to address the issue by leveraging government financial assistance through tax breaks to aid families suffering due to the affordability crisis.

Sincerely,

The Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council