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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(16) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: The LFNC supports City Council's effort to institute a tenant anti-harassment ordinance for the City of Los Angeles. Since being introduced in 2017, this motion has idled in committee while renters have continued to fall victim to landlord harassment and unlawful eviction. The protections offered by this ordinance are long overdue in Los Angeles. Several other cities in California have had similar programs in place for years. Furthermore, in January 2021, the Los Angeles Times reported that evictions in the state of California are expected to double in the next year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is inevitable that a few bad actors will take advantage of these circumstances to unlawfully force tenants from their homes and, as the LA Tenants Union (LATU) regularly reports, many tenants are unaware of their rights when facing such harassment. We additionally urge City Council to adopt the draft amendments proposed by Councilmember Raman over those proposed by Councilmember Lee. As the City Attorney's Office stated in their April 16, 2021 report, Councilmember Lee's amendments would set a higher bar for tenants to prove that a landlord has engaged in harassment, whereas Councilmember Raman's amendments offer an easier path for tenants and are therefore more in line with the spirit of the original motion. The relationship of tenant and landlord is an uneven one, in which the landlord holds a significant amount of power. This ordinance has the potential to rebalance this relationship and offer some much-needed protection to all renters. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the LFNC **SUPPORTS** the motion to create a tenant anti-harassment ordinance in the City of Los Angeles and urges City Council to adopt Councilmember Raman's amendments to the ordinance draft.