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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(20) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Council File Number: 14-0268-S13

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Summary: Approval of a Community Impact Statement in support of Council File 14-0268-S13, regarding a report on feasibility and implementation of an anti-harassment ordinance for Los Angeles tenants.

**Community Impact Statement**  
Council File 14-0268-S13 (Anti Tenant Harassment Ordinance)

To: Honorable City Council, Los Angeles City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, room 395, Los Angeles, CA 90012 c/o Office of the City Clerk

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC) requests that this community impact statement be attached to Los Angeles City Council file 14-0268-S13.

At the board meeting on June 5, 2019, the SLNC voted by acclamation in unanimous support of submitting a CIS regarding council file 14-0268-S13.

Jane Demian of the LA Tenants Union (LATU) and Carol Cetrone, co-chair of the SLNC Housing & Tenants' Rights committee, presented this item at the June 5, 2019 SLNC board meeting.

Demian and Cetrone stressed the importance of support for Councilmember Huizar's Motion for an Ordinance, two years in the making. Landlord harassment can take many forms and is one of the most prevalent hardships tenants face. Currently, there are no standing protections against landlord harassment, but in 2017 Councilman Huizar, at the recommendation of the LA Tenants Union, produced an Anti-Tenant Harassment Ordinance Motion to define the nature of harassment and make it strictly illegal with effective fines.

This ordinance, now vetted by the Mayor's Office and the Housing Department (HCID) and soon to become law, will specifically delineate and make illegal certain harassing behaviors and impose strict penalties for those who engage in these tactics. At the Housing Committee meeting on January 23, 2019, the Housing Department presented an accompanying report, but it was deemed incomplete until strong recommendations by Tenants Rights groups could be incorporated. Councilmember Huizar's motion is based on the LATU recommendation and Ordinances already in effect in West Hollywood, Santa Monica and Berkeley. Tenant harassment is an urgent situation; LATU 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.*

Sincerely,  
SLNC Governing Board June 5, 2019  
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