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RE: CIS in support of CF 18-0610 Right to Counsel Ordinance / Program / Tenants Facing Eviction

The Central Hollywood Neighborhood council represents 17,000 resident stakeholders, and thousands more who own property and conduct business within our boundaries. According to Demographic Data provided by The Department of Neighborhood empowerment, 93% of these residents are renters, totaling nearly 16,000 people. This data also shows that 64% of Central Hollywood's residents make less the \$35,000 a year.

A report from May 2018 by [Tenants Together](#) titled "[California Evictions are Fast and Frequent](#)" found that from 2014-2016, 162,717 Unlawful Detainers were filed in LA County. Furthermore, the study demonstrates that 90% of tenants facing eviction to not have representation from an attorney. Tenants without legal representation are at a tremendous disadvantage while navigating the complex process of eviction and rulings in these cases are overwhelmingly in favor of landlords.

Therefore, the Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council strongly supports 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.

Renters, particularly low-income, devote larger portions of their income to rent. 59% of all tenants in Los Angeles pay more than 30% of their income in rent. For low-income families, a rent increase and/or eviction can be especially devastating, putting them at tremendous risk of sliding deeper into poverty and increasing the chances of them becoming homeless.

Evictions destabilize families also and have a negative impact on child development. Families are forced to abandon their established social-networks, pull their children from local schools, and possibly move to high poverty and crime neighborhoods or become homeless. A legal assistance program will help keep families in their homes and provide a check on more people falling into homelessness

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

Central Hollywood 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.