

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

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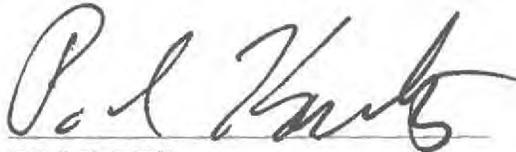
On August 22, 2018, the City Council approved a motion (CF 18-0610) calling for the creation of an "Eviction Defense" program that would provide legal and other forms of support to rental housing tenants possibly facing eviction. Subsequently, the City Council approved a total of \$2.937 million as part of the City Budget to fund the start-up of the program during the current fiscal year.

In the interim, Assembly Bill 1482 (Chiu) became law enacting statewide rent controls and eviction protections for heretofore non-rent-controlled apartment units 15 years or older effective on January 1, 2020. The period of time between enactment and the effective date provided opportunistic landlords with an incentive to raise rents in a precipitous manner, triggering an urgent need to help struggling tenants to stay housed until the new law could provide them with protections. The City Council acted to adopt the Emergency Renters Relief Program (CF 19-1239) and repurposed the \$2.937M allocated to Eviction Defense to fund temporary rent subsidies through that program.

Additionally, due to the limited nature of the initial funding provided to Eviction Defense the launch of the Eviction Defense program necessarily will be limited in scope and geography. In order for the Council to work toward expanding that program to serve more at-risk tenants around the city and to fund the program through the end of the 2020-21 fiscal year, sufficient funds should be set aside from the State's FY 2019-20 Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAPP) allocation to the City to supplement existing identified funding for Eviction Defense. According to the CAO/CLA report on the City's HHAPP application (CF-19-0914), the elements of the Eviction Defense program are eligible uses.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer to submit to the Homeless Strategy Committee for review and approval a funding request totaling \$6 million in HHAPP funds to augment the "Eviction Prevention and Homeless Prevention Services" line item in the City Budget.

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