

HOUSING

MOTION

On December 11, 2019, the Housing Committee and the chair of the Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee jointly approved a Housing and Community Investment Department report recommending the establishment of an "Eviction Defense" program (EDP) (CF 18-0610) to provide legal and other assistance to tenants at risk of being evicted from apartments in Los Angeles.

In the months since that approval, the nature of the proposed program has evolved slightly to reflect a changed approach for contracting with service providers, and adjustments made to address needs that have arisen because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Funding to launch the program included in the FY 2019-2020 City Budget is still available and doing so requires Council approval of an amended committee report to authorize taking the necessary steps.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Housing + Community Investment Department to prepare key amendments to the Eviction Defense Program (EDP) (CF 18-0610) including but not limited to the authority to enter into a sole source contract to deploy pre-eviction and legal eviction services by public legal and non-profit providers, amend the EDP program to become a citywide program to address the severe impacts due to the COVID-19 pandemic, provide required staffing and make other necessary amendments in response to the current and post COVID-19 emergency, and, per Council File 20-0401, to include the Emergency Rental Assistance program as a component of the Eviction Defense Program.

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