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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(14) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 10/06/2022

Type of NC Board Action: Against unless Amended

Impact Information

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Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 21-0042-S3

Agenda Date:

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Summary: Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council represents 39,000 people, 77% of whom are low income Renters. City Council is comprised of 15 homeowners and property owners. The city of LA is made up of over 70% renters. City Council is inherently biased and prioritizes the needs of AAGLA - who has encouraged its members to harass and illegally evict tenants throughout the pandemic and eviction moratorium. The language in the original ordinance stated that the eviction moratorium would last until Aug 2023 or if the emergency is ended sooner- vague and misleading verbiage. Now the city is just advancing that date to Feb 2023. Although there was ERAP money, The city did nothing to notify tenants of said monies for 20 months, and it was only until the city contracted with a litany of nonprofits to get the word out on Housing is Key - which happened in March- did anybody sign up. The state had its own portal yet the city made people go through their "Stay Housed LA" site. The city did not hit the streets & inform the People. The data shows that the majority of non english speaking residents of 4 million people were bypassed and didn't even get the relief. Those who did only received payment for March & April 2022 because they were never notified of the program. The nonprofits hired by the city failed to even staple flyers to telephone poles or make flyers in spanish. It was grassroots tenants orgs who hit the streets helping people sign up. There is no future relief and the city failed at outreach to properly distribute federal money in an equitable timely manner. The People of Lincoln Heights are in debt, working multiple jobs, facing eviction and landlord abuse and harassment, which the city of LA called "illegal behavior " but failed to prosecute a single landlord. The City is Confused. The city is not listening to the Majority of the residents, the Current City Council is violating the City Charter and must extend Eviction protections and Extend the Eviction Moratorium.



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October 6, 2022

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

CF 21-0042-S3

The Board Approves This Community Impact Statement Year 14, Nay (x), Abstain (x) on Oct 6, 2022
Honorable City Council
City Hall- 200 N Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: CF 21-0042-S3 EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ERAP) / WAITLIST /
EVICTION MORATORIUM / MAY 2023 RENTAL REPAYMENT / COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

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The People of Lincoln Heights are in debt, working multiple jobs, facing eviction and landlord abuse and harassment, which the city of LA called "illegal behavior " but failed to prosecute a single landlord. HCID was giving tenants incorrect information because the city employees there hadn't read Ramans private right of action amendment to the LAMC or even the Ordinance itself. HCID was telling tenants it was legal for the landlord to give the 3 day notices even though tenants provided proof of application with housing is Key and had submitted the Covid hardship papers to said landlords. The City is Confused. The city is not listening to the Majority of their residents, the Current City Council is violating the City Charter and must extend Eviction protections and Extend the Eviction Moratorium.

Sincerely, Sara Clendening, President
Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council

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MOTION

On March 4, 2020, Mayor Eric Garcetti declared a State of Emergency in Los Angeles due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Concurrently, Governor Gavin Newsom instated a State of Emergency, adding state-level protections for those suffering from the pandemic. Along with the declarations, both the State and the City enacted emergency eviction protections for renters to mitigate the effects of the housing crisis during this unprecedented time.

To prevent mass housing displacement, the City created the largest emergency rental assistance program (ERAP) in the country and has paid out over \$222 million to landlords and tenants. Since the City partnered with the State to distribute rental assistance funding, Angelenos have received an additional \$511 million in rental assistance.

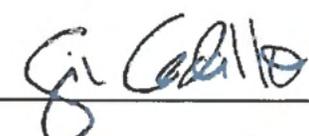
Now in 2022, Los Angeles is entering into the third year of the pandemic. The ongoing state of emergency and eviction moratorium continue to place restrictions on housing practices for landlords and tenants. Over the last two years, a number of state tenant protections have been put in place. Hundreds of millions of dollars have been allocated for rental assistance. Now, it is necessary that we reassess the eviction moratorium to suit the needs of Angelenos.

To make sure residents are not confused about upcoming changes to Los Angeles's emergency protections, the City must work back from the State's deadline of May 2023 for rental repayment during COVID-19. In alignment with the year-long repayment period, we must provide enough time for tenants to comfortably pay rent that accumulated over the pandemic.

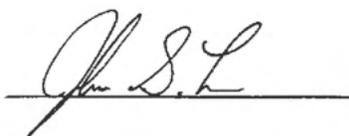
I THEREFORE MOVE, that the Housing Department, with assistance from the City Attorney, be directed to report back in 30 days on recommendations and possible amendments to the eviction moratorium.

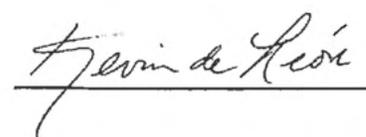
I FURTHER MOVE, that the Housing Department be directed to report back in 30 days with data on the number of Angelenos still on the ERAP waitlist, as well as residents who may qualify for rental assistance, but were unable to be captured or helped by the State and City programs.

PRESENTED BY: 
NURY MARTINEZ
Councilwoman, 6th District

SECONDED BY: 







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