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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(14) Nay(0) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: The Echo Park Neighborhood Council enthusiastically supports this motion from Councilmembers Raman, Bonin, and Harris-Dawson, instructing the City Attorney and the Housing Department to report back on the development of an ordinance to eliminate certain barriers in housing applications. As the motion outlines, the rent burden in Los Angeles and the covid pandemic have the potential to place many Angeleno tenants in debt, which hurts their chances of continuing to rent in the city with current application protocol. Prospective tenants are often screened by credit score and automated tenant screenings, both of which are based on metrics that often determine low-income and minority households to be inadequate tenants. As the demand for housing has grown, landlords across the city have been asking for extremely high standards of tenants, pushing certain populations out of their neighborhoods. We need to preserve our neighborhoods and protect low-income and minority communities from discriminatory housing practices.



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This council further appreciates that a prospective tenant's participation in rental assistance programs will not be considered in the application process. Last year, Los Angeles was provided 6,806 Emergency Housing Vouchers by the federal government, and city officials should prioritize the utilization of these vouchers by eliminating the potential for landlord denial.

While we appreciate the instruction to report back on methodology to outreach to tenants on these new procedures, we firmly believe that the city council needs to include enforcement procedures in the potential new ordinance in order to protect Angelenos against an armageddon of homelessness.

RESOLUTION

On April 26, 2022, the EPNC Board of Governors held a Brown Act noticed-meeting, at 7pm through zoom. With a quorum of 15 board members present and vote count of 14 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention, the Board resolved to write a letter of support for the application as set forth above.

Respectfully,
Echo Park Neighborhood Council

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'NM' or 'Nick Marcone', positioned above a horizontal line.

Nick Marcone
Secretary, Echo Park Neighborhood Council