

SENATOR LENA A. GONZALEZ

THIRTY-THIRD SENATE DISTRICT



November 4, 2019

Dear Mayor Garcia and Councilmembers,

I am writing in strong support of Item #20, "Temporary No-Fault Eviction Freeze," on the Long Beach City Council agenda for November 5, 2019. The item provides important protections for renters prior to the implementation of the statewide Tenant Protection Act of 2019 on January 1, 2020.

In September of this year, I was proud to vote in support of Assembly Bill 1482 (AB 1482), which provides a statewide cap on rental increases over a 12-month period, as well as just cause renter protections. This bill, signed by Governor Gavin Newsom on October 8, will not only protect tenants from wrongful eviction but also help address limitations of the City of Long Beach's Tenant Relocation Assistance policy passed earlier this year.

As a majority-renter city, Long Beach must do everything it can to support our residents and enforce the spirit of the Tenant Protection Act before goes into effect on January 1, 2020. It is critical that the Long Beach City Council approve an eviction freeze, which will allow tenants to stay in place.

Just as we passed a Tenant Relocation Assistance policy in this city, I look forward to your support of Council Item #20—to protect our residents from no-fault eviction.

All my best,

LENA A. GONZALEZ

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