

November 5, 2019

Re: Support Urgent Moratorium on No-Fault Notices and Evictions (File 19-1105)

Dear Mayor Garcia and Members of the City Council:

As members of the Everyone Home Long Beach Task Force, we thank you for your action earlier this year to adopt the Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance, an important policy to help prevent homelessness. We are writing now on another urgent matter of homelessness prevention. City Council action is needed immediately to ensure that Long Beach families facing unexpected no-fault notices to vacate and evictions can stay in their homes through the holidays.

As you know, on October 8, 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 1482, the Tenant Protection Act of 2019. This new state law, which goes into effect on January 1, 2020, will help families stay in their homes by providing critical protections against rent gouging and evictions without just cause.

Unfortunately, in anticipation of AB 1482's implementation, there has been a surge of no-fault eviction notices, threats of eviction, and evictions in Long Beach and across the state. In our majority-renter city, long-term residents—working families, seniors, and disabled households—are facing predatory no-fault notices and the prospect of becoming homeless during the holidays.

In light of these unjust notices and evictions, we urge the City Council to pass an urgency ordinance to enact a moratorium on no-fault notices and evictions to keep Long Beach families in their homes for the holidays. Many cities in our region and across the state, including Los Angeles, Pasadena, Cudahy, Bell Gardens, Torrance, Milpitas, Redwood City, Daly City, Sacramento, and Santa Cruz, have already passed or are about to vote on such moratoriums.

We hope you act immediately on this urgent matter of homelessness prevention.

Sincerely, the undersigned Everyone Home Long Beach Task Force members:

Andy Kerr, Measure H Citizens' Oversight Advisory Board
Christina Miller, Mental Health America Los Angeles
Christine Petit, Long Beach Forward
Gregory Sanders, Long Beach Ministers Alliance & The ROCK Christian Fellowship
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