

November 4, 2019

RE: SUPPORT Freeze on No-Fault Notices and Evictions Through the Holidays (Item 20, File 19-1105)

Honorable Members of the Long Beach City Council:

We thank you for your action earlier this year to adopt the Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance. We are writing now because urgent action is needed to ensure that Long Beach families facing unexpected no-fault notices 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 in no-fault eviction notices, threats of eviction, and evictions across the state, including right here in Long Beach. In our majority-renter city, long-term residents—working families, seniors, and disabled households—are facing predatory no-fault notices to vacate and the prospect of becoming homeless during the holidays.

In light of these predatory 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. Importantly, 60-day notices served on or after November 3, 2019, are legally invalid pursuant to AB 1482. Therefore, we are merely asking the City Council to protect tenants from legally invalid notices.

Thank you for acting with urgency on this pressing matter.

Sincerely,

Long Beach Residents Empowered (LiBRE)
Housing Long Beach
Long Beach Tenants Union
Best Start Central Long Beach
Black Lives Matter Long Beach
California Faculty Association - Long Beach
Democratic Socialists of America Long Beach

East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
Everyone In LA
Greater Long Beach Interfaith Community Organization
International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) District Lodge 947
Latinos in Action California
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
Long Beach Area Peace Network
Long Beach Coalition for Good Jobs and a Healthy Community
Long Beach Forward
Long Beach Gray Panthers
Long Beach Immigrant Rights Coalition
Long Beach Ministers Alliance
Long Beach Sacred Resistance
Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE)
Puente Latino Association
Teamsters Local 396
UNITE HERE Local 11
United Food and Commercial Workers Local 324