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Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 8:40 AM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Simple suggestion from victims of Hate Crime for your Tenant Harassment Ordinance to make your Tenant Harassment Ordinance much better

-EXTERNAL-

Please read any and all errors and omissions by their common sense meaning, thank you.

November 2, 2020

Honorable Council, thank you for taking up the extremely urgent matter of Tenant Harassment in the midst of this historic public health emergency in our city, our state, our country, and the world.

My wife Rachel, who is by prior medical history a vulnerable person, and I, who am a visually impaired Senior Citizen, came to Long Beach in March, and we love this community, and we as with so many Long Beachers have gained the benefit of the wisdom of this Council and the Long Beach Health Department whose prescient Eviction Moratoriums and Public Health Orders have made everyone here demonstrably much safer even as this calamitous pandemic weaves its way through our nation with increasing deadliness and destructiveness. Our very American and Californian way of life is under siege by this virus that so far eludes our best efforts at containment.

Rachel is so appreciative of Long Beach that the ISO 18184 tested 99.9% protective nanotechnology Antiviral Mask she has invented out of her many decades in the LA garment industry she has made known to various important leaders in Long Beach that Long Beach may Mask Up and protect herself and all her citizens. I am a biotechnologist who once achieved some worldwide prominence in Fortune Magazine for my central nervous system work, and I am trying my best to help stop this deadly and sophisticated coronavirus. But we are poor people, on public assistance, that is a long story for another day.

But amongst even the brightest brightness here in beautiful and bright Long Beach there still lurk darkest evils too.

My wife and I are the victims of a most ugly and deadly form of Tenant Harassment, terrible ongoing Tenant Harassment now elevated to a Hate Crime as such is defined by the FBI and the US Department of Justice, this deadly intentioned Hate Crime is being perpetrated against us based on the outwardly respectable Cal State Long Beach faculty member perpetrator's hatred of my wife's nationality, Israeli, and our religion, Judaism, I say deadly intent because she, with deadly intent, is diabolically and maliciously attempting to fraudulently abuse the eviction process amidst the highly destabilized state of the court system, to circumvent the emergency tenant and public health driven COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act of 2020 enacted by the State of California and the Temporary Halt In Residential Evictions To Prevent The Further Spread of COVID-19 ordered pursuant to Federal Law by the CDC, with the patently obvious goal thereby of passively aggressively causing my wife and myself to become homeless and thenceforth become either seriously ill or fatally ill due to this pandemic virus.

Given my visual impairment and our unfamiliarity with the eviction process, it is extremely difficult for us to defend ourselves against this fraudulent, perjurious, and outright illegal action against our very lives, not to mention how horribly stressful this is on top of the already massive stress of this pandemic that is by all expert indications getting worse and worse and more and more dangerous with winter close upon us.

To conclude, Honorable Council, I have a very constructive and definitively clarifying suggestion, in the wake of the very recent strongly worded Federal Court ruling rejecting the terrible and terrifying legal attempt by The National Apartment Association to halt and overturn that very important previously

mentioned CDC Order.

In the your proposed Ordinance, under 8.101.030, Prohibition Of Tenant Harassment, under its section A, please consider adding after the phrase "housing, health, or safety laws," the phrase "specifically including but not limited to Orders of The Centers For Disease Control And Prevention of the US Department of Health and Human Services ordered pursuant to Federal Law," as this language would make it crystal clear that the instant moment of your enactment of this Ordinance is an emergency of the highest possible seriousness and urgency, and that Tenant Harassment in Long Beach will not be tolerated.

Perhaps, to disincentivize bad actors among the propertied ones amongst us here in Long Beach, the Police should be required to be involved in cases of Tenant Harassment, and, similarly, perhaps, Tenant Harassment should be made a Crime, or at least, some of its worst aspects as delineated in 8.101.030, should be elevated to Criminal Harassment, and, perhaps, fines and punishments should be much much tougher, my wife and I urge you to do all of these things, but that must be your collective wisdom today. My wife and I have powerfully experienced the most cynical, sinister, and inexcusable harassment by this highly educated woman, no less than brazen harassment that will be forbidden henceforth in Long Beach under your proposed sections A, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, and M of 8.101.030 of your proposed Ordinance, and make no mistake, our supposedly reputable landlord who perpetrates this Hate Crime against us wishes for my wife and myself to become ill or to die from this virus.

Thank you, Honorable Council, beyond any words, thank you, my wife Rachel and I thank you for your continued local, state, and national leadership in these matters, as do all tenants here and everywhere, and let it be said by leaders in every place on this COVID-19 besieged Earth, "The City Of Long Beach in California cares about all of her people, so should we!"

Be well and stay safe, you and yours.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Evan Diamond

From: Maria Feldman [mailto:xoxijsf@aol.com]

Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 12:04 PM

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Subject: Long Beach "Harassment Policy"

-EXTERNAL-

Dear City Clerk, Mayor, and Council:

My husband and I pride ourselves on being good and responsible housing providers and our long-term tenants are proof of this. We strongly oppose this ordinance! A "harassment policy" is a material and substantive change and if the council chooses to adopt this policy based on one bad landlord, I strongly urge that it include "bad faith" language. I also ask that the language remain in English only.

The proposed "harassment policy" should be for both parties-landlords and tenants.

I am opposed to the implementation of a "harassment policy", especially since the tenant complaint is limited to one housing provider, Bradley Johnson. A policy like this, at the very least should include "bad faith" language necessitating that tenants prove in civil court that the landlord intentionally tried to deceive the tenant.

I strongly urge that the Council find out from city staff what has happened in San Francisco, Berkeley, and Oakland, all with harassment policies, all have "bad faith" clauses in their policy.

I would ask that you consider what tools city staff is currently using to deal with bad landlords in the case of Bradley Johnson. Has Mr. Johnson complied with violations issued by code enforcement?

A citywide policy targeting all housing providers is unnecessary and wrong based on one or two bad landlords.

Respectfully,

Maria Feldman

From: Wendy R. Henning [mailto:wrlenning@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 9:39 AM
To: Council District 6 <District6@longbeach.gov>
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Subject: Harrassment Policy

-EXTERNAL-

Honorable Vice Mayor Andrews:

My comment expresses my opinion as a considerate, "housing provider" for over forty years. The proposed policy should include that tenants prove in civil court that landlords intentionally tried to deceive tenants. We all know that most "housing providers" are small property owners and have good relationships with tenants, would not take advantage of tenants and nurture long term relationships with all their tenants!

Thank you,
Wendy and John Henning

-----Original Message-----

From: Genise Homan [mailto:genise3@verizon.net]

Sent: Sunday, November 1, 2020 4:08 PM

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Subject: LB City Council Harassment Policy, Nov 2, 2020

-EXTERNAL-

Mayor and City Council Members,

Please don't let one or even a few bad landlords be the reason to bring forth a policy that will effect the hundreds of good landlords trying to do the right thing and live by all the new and confusing laws. There are currently state laws that deal with harassment. This proposed policy has a multitude of issues. For example, there is no "bad faith" language in the ordinance, thus the tenant doesn't have to prove bad intent by the landlord. This is totally unfair! Please insert bad faith language into this proposed ordinance to balance out the policy . This policy is a substantive change and should be re-read at a future date if you are intent on pushing this forward. Once again, this is just another one-sided policy being forced on landlords in favor of tenants. You are creating an atmosphere where housing providers are reluctant to even talk to their tenants or are afraid to discuss matters unless they are in writing. Long Beach is gaining the reputation of being very unfriendly to housing providers.....please stop this unfair treatment.

Sincerely,

Genise and Howard Homan

From: Kevin Notrica [mailto:kevin.notrica@me.com]
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To: Council District 6 <District6@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Tenant Harassment Policy

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From: Kevin Notrica <kevin.notrica@me.com>

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Subject: LB City Council - Tenant Harassment Policy

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Number 1, the maker of the motion Vice-Mayor Dee Andrews brought the item forward because of one bad landlord that has been publicly identified - Mr. Bradley Johnson, who owns a building in Dee's district and in Councilwoman Mary Zendejas's district. Mr. Johnson has multiple PRHIP code violations that he has been cited for along with allegedly threatening to increase the rent and evict people for not paying, which as you all know you cannot do.

Unfortunately, due to it being campaign season, it has led to this agenda item. This is just sad that the council would even consider this as an agenda item. We have a multitude of laws to protect tenants and tenant rights. This is pandering and broad brushing, a waste of time and taxpayer money.

If you must move forward with this, then you need to use the word "substantive change" with any bullet point that has been left out of the proposed ordinance.

For example there is no "bad faith" language in the ordinance, thus the tenant doesn't have to prove bad intent by a landlord, which is crazy. Even liberal and socialist bastions of SF, Berkeley, and Oakland have "bad faith" in their harassment policy.

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From: Gretchen Swanson, DPT, MPH [mailto:gretchen.swanson3@gmail.com]
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To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Tenant Anti-harassment Policy

-EXTERNAL-

To the Mayor and City Council - I am in full support of each and every tool that our city government can deploy to protect housing during this health and economic crisis. The City along with other government agencies and CBO partners are stretched beyond their collective limits to provide services to those without basic resources. Housing is a foundational element of basic resources. I applaud your support of the Tenant Anti-harassment Policy that has been proposed.

Gretchen Swanson