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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(11) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Impact Information

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Summary: The Echo Park Neighborhood Council does not support the premature “phasing out” of any tenant eviction protections that were instated as a response to COVID-19. The EPNC would likely be in full support of any program intended to support Angelenos who can demonstrate an acute need of financial assistance as a result of lost rental income.



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In 2020, as California entered a state of emergency due to the spread of COVID, the Los Angeles City Council passed CF 21-0042, providing tenants with additional protections against being evicted from their homes. Many of those eviction protections were scheduled to expire only one year after the state of emergency, put into place at the state level at the beginning of the current COVID crisis, was lifted.

The state of emergency is still in place, but on June 24, the city council requested that the Housing Department provide a report back in 30 days on “recommendations and possible amendments to the eviction moratorium {sic}.”

The Echo Park Neighborhood Council does not support the premature “phasing out” of any tenant eviction protections that were instated as a response to COVID-19.

The County Board of Health has projected that Los Angeles County will enter a high level of community transmission this summer, as new variants of the COVID continue to emerge.¹ For many Angelenos, the state of emergency has only gotten worse as, one by one, the state and federal government strip away protections in accordance with a fictional narrative that COVID is now “over.” Eviction protections are, for many, the last line of defense allowing Angelenos the basic freedom to protect themselves from bringing a fatal infectious fatal disease home from their workplace.

Meanwhile, the establishment of a one-year timeline between the end of the state of emergency and the end of tenant protections implied an understanding that for the most economically vulnerable Angelenos, recovery would be a longer process that would require time.

¹ <https://www.dailynews.com/2022/06/14/ferrer-to-la-county-residents-wear-mask-indoors-before-its-mandatory-all-over-again/>

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RESOLUTION

On July 26, 2022, the EPNC Board of Governors held a Brown Act-noticed meeting, at 7pm through zoom. With a quorum of 11 board members present and vote count of 11 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions, the Board resolved to write a letter of opposition for the application as set forth above.

Respectfully,
Echo Park Neighborhood Council



Nick Marcione
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