



July 20, 2020

The Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council  
c/o Office of the City Clerk  
Los Angeles City Hall 200  
N. Spring Street, Rm 395  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org

Re: Coronavirus Outbreak / COVID-19 / Emergency Ordinance / Temporary Moratorium on Evictions / Late Fees / Rental Repayment Agreement / Ordinance / Amendment

Council File: 20-0147-S19

Dear Councilmembers,

The East Hollywood Neighborhood Council expresses deep concern for the lack of an extension on the Temporary Moratorium on Evictions that is set to expire on July 31, 2020, which could result in mass evictions, greatly increase displacement, and cause citizens of Los Angeles to become unhoused. **City council needs to extend this moratorium through Sept. 30 due to the recent closures that Governor Newsom has placed upon Los Angeles County, which is going to greatly impact the financial well-being of many of our citizens.**

We understand that the Citywide Emergency Rental Assistance Subsidy Program will help alleviate rental pressure for those who are lucky enough to receive it, however this program will not cover all of the citizens who are at risk of eviction. The HCIDLA report reviewed by City Council outlines that it will not benefit enough at risk tenant households, stating: *“HCIDLA estimates that for every \$10 million allocated, approximately 5,000 to 7,400 tenant households could be assisted for two months, or approximately 3,333 to 4,900 households for three months, depending on actual rents. According to available HUD data, 113,000 of the 862,000 renter households in Los Angeles (~13%) have incomes at or below the poverty level, demonstrating the extensive need for a subsidy program.”* This means the approved \$100 million will only help about 50,000 at risk households, less than half of the at- or below-poverty level household demographic. If the other ~63,000 households become displaced, it could more than double our population of people experiencing homelessness.

We are deeply concerned with the amount of tenants and households that could be displaced over the next few months due to the inability to pay rent. **We urge you as our representatives to extend this moratorium until Sept. 30, as Governor Newsom has authorized, to help save our citizens from facing continued hardship during this crisis.**

Sincerely,

East Hollywood Neighborhood Council

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