

November 4, 2020

General Public Comment Re: Item 13, Urgency Ordinance Establishing an Interim Moratorium on Evictions of Residential Tenancies Due To Substantial Remodeling

We were heartened to see so much support in the community and among the Councilmembers for strengthened tenant protections at the October 21, 2020 Council meeting. We appreciate the City's need to develop a durable and protective just cause ordinance, one that addresses shortfalls in AB 1482. However, we urge the City to move quickly to protect tenants. We support an ordinance to pass a 30-day moratorium on residential evictions to allow staff an additional two weeks to develop an ordinance for the Council's consideration at the November 18, 2020 Council meeting. This ensures a fair process and allows the same Council that agendized the item to vote on its adoption.

We know that eviction moratoria at the local, state and federal level are not enough to stop landlords from initiating eviction proceedings. Often, invalid eviction notices are enough to drive tenants out of their units. Tenants are at risk of eviction each month that goes by while the pandemic and recession drag on, without federal stimulus, and without robust protections in the City of South Pasadena to prevent gamesmanship by landlords.

We encourage City staff and Councilmembers to seriously consider the draft ordinance submitted with our comment for adoption at the November 18, 2020 Council meeting.

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