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

Date of NC Board Action: 04/06/2023

Type of NC Board Action: For

#### Impact Information

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Council File Number: 18-0610-s3

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: [PLEASE SEE ATTACHED PDF FOR FULL COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT]

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council (HHPNC), representing over 60,000 stakeholders support this Motion. We consider a tenant's Right to counsel a crucial component of an effort to address the housing and homelessness crisis, promote equal access to justice, prevent displacement, and strengthen communities. The city of Los Angeles has one of the highest rates of homelessness in the country, and eviction is a significant contributor to this problem. Providing legal representation to low-income tenants facing eviction is one way to prevent homelessness and keep families in their homes. By preventing evictions, cities can save money on homeless services, emergency shelters, and other related costs. Providing legal representation to tenants can lead to more favorable outcomes in eviction cases. Legal representation can help tenants negotiate settlements with landlords and prevent cases from going to trial, which is costly for the city. Keeping families in their homes helps to protect against gentrification and ensures that a neighborhood retains its character and diversity. Legal representation for tenants facing eviction promotes fairness, reduces eviction rates, prevents homelessness, and supports the community. Therefore HHPNC supports a Right to Counsel for low-income renters.

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# HISTORIC HIGHLAND PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

April 6, 2023

Attn: Los Angeles City Council Members

From: Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

RE: Right to Counsel / Low-Income Tenants / Eviction Defense Program ([Council File 18-0610-S3](#)).

Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers,

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles Blumsack', written in a cursive style.

Charles Blumsack

President

Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council