



March 26, 2020

Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 340  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: CF 20-0147-S19 – Letter of Support**

Dear Councilmembers,

Since our founding in 1975 as the nation's first LGBTQ+, feminist, and progressive political group, the Stonewall Democratic Club has served on the front lines fighting for constituencies in need. As the COVID-19 outbreak rapidly sweeps across our city, state, and country, Stonewall once again lends its support to an important cause. The Stonewall Democratic Club strongly endorses CF 20-0147-S19 and urges the adoption of an emergency ordinance to help renters in this time of great crisis.

Renters make up more than half of the population of the City of Los Angeles, and many Angelenos already live paycheck to paycheck. The COVID-19 outbreak has not only exacerbated many people's existing economic hardships; it is contributing to a growing sense of fear and uncertainty among our most vulnerable citizens. The adoption of this ordinance will help ease the economic burden and bring at least some sense of certainty to many Angelenos.

In addition to the passage of this ordinance, we also encourage the Los Angeles City Council to work in partnership with elected leaders at the state and federal levels to ensure all jurisdictions are doing their part to help our citizens through this crisis. We are all in this together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Wishon".

Jason Wishon  
Political Vice President



City Clerk Council and Public Services &lt;clerk.cps@lacity.org&gt;

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## CIS for Council File Number 20-0417-S19 from Greater Fairfax Residents Association

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### **Community Impact Statement on Los Angeles City Council motions to freeze rents and LADWP bill increases.**

#### **Re: Council File Number 20-0147-S19**

The Organizing Group of the Greater Fairfax Residential Association (GFRA) supports the two Council motions to provide relief to Los Angeles residents by issuing a freeze on rent increases and a freeze on Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) bill increases, as well as a moratorium on missed payments, during the Coronavirus public health emergency, retroactive to Mayor Garcetti's first Coronavirus (COVID-19) related Order, which went into effect March 12, 2020.

The Greater Fairfax Residents Association represents Angelenos who live in CD4 and CD5, north of Wilshire Boulevard, south of West Hollywood, east of La Cienega, and west of LaBrea. Its mission is to represent the residents of these neighborhoods on all issues impacting their quality of life.

GFRA Co-chairs: Dick Platkin and Dale Kendall



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## ITEM NO. 20-0147-S19

SUBJECT: COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to adding Article 14.6 to the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) affording tenant protections during Coronavirus COVID-19 Emergency Declaration.  
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## ITEM NO. (3) **20-0147-S44**

SUBJECT: COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to providing workers of grocery, drug retail, and food delivery platforms with added protections during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**ITEM NUMBER 20-0147-S44**

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## **ITEM NO. (4)**

### **[20-0147-S39](#)**

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST (CLA) and CITY ATTORNEY and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to providing supplemental sick leave to workers affected by COVID-19. ITEM NO. [20-0147-S39](#)

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## ITEM NO. (5)

### 20-0147-S51

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to adding Article 2-72TT to Chapter XX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to require retail food stores to dedicate one hour of customer business exclusively to the elderly and the disabled. ITEM NO. [20-0147-S51](#).

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### 20-0147-S5.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST (CLA) relative to providing the Council President with temporary authority to transfer funds in the Council Budget to respond to the local emergency. ITEM NO [20-0147-S5](#).

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