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BEVERLY HILLS CITY COUNCIL PASSES URGENCY ORDINANCE ELIMINATING NO-CAUSE EVICTIONS

Beverly Hills, CA – By a unanimous vote, the Beverly Hills City Council Thursday night passed an urgency ordinance which eliminates no-cause evictions by landlords in the City. The vote comes after months of public engagement and input on the issue of the City's Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO).

The City Council continues to explore options in an effort to develop a more balanced RSO, but conveyed an urgent need to address the no-cause eviction regulations while these discussions continue. It is anticipated that a final draft ordinance will be brought for City Council consideration before the end of the year.

The current City of Beverly Hills RSO provides protections for tenants under two Chapters – 5 and 6.

Chapter 5 requires landlords to have a just cause in order to evict a tenant. These just cause reasons include failure to pay rent; violations of obligations of a tenancy; maintenance of nuisance; illegal uses; refusal to execute leases; refusal to provide access and unapproved tenants.

Under Chapter 6, landlords are allowed to evict a tenant for no-cause, provided they pay relocation fees. The City Council voted to amend the ordinance relative to Chapter 6 and eliminate the no-cause provision.

A recent report to the Council showed more than half of the City's renter households are considered rent burdened and nearly 30% are considered severely rent burdened.

Details on the appeal process for landlords will be forthcoming at the next City Council meeting of November 6, 2018. For more information, please visit www.beverlyhills.org/bhrent

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