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April 24, 2023

Honorable Todd Gloria & San Diego City Councilmembers
202 C Street, 10th Floor
San Diego, CA 92101

RE: Residential Tenant Protections Ordinance (Item #330)

Dear Mayor Gloria, Council President Sean Elo-Rivera and
Councilmembers:

On behalf of the YIMBY Democrats of San Diego County, please accept
this letter of support for the proposed Residential Tenant Protections
Ordinance.

The YIMBY Democrats of San Diego County believe tenants have a right
to live in their home without fear of displacement if they are abiding by
their lease terms. Strengthening tenant protections is a critical step the
City can take to address San Diego's housing and homelessness crises.

The City of San Diego is behind when it comes to protecting its tenants.
The City is abiding by a 2004 ordinance that grants few protections to
those who are renting their homes. In 2019, California Assembly Bill 1482
strengthened eviction protections statewide, but the bill does not apply in
San Diego because of a provision that limits its applicability to
jurisdictions without just-cause ordinances, like San Diego's 2004
ordinance.

Mayor Todd Gloria and Council President Sean Elo-Rivera have proposed
a new tenant protection law to bring San Diego up to the standards set by
AB 1482, and in some areas exceed it. For instance, this proposed
ordinance would provide:

- Protections on the first day of the lease, with a narrow exemption
for short term leases;
- Financial assistance when a tenant's lease is terminated through
no-fault of their own (as of right now financial assistance is not required);
- Stronger safeguards for when a landlord wants to significantly
remodel or upgrade a renter's home;
- Educational materials and resources from the City when tenants
move-in; and
- Accountability measures to ensure all landlords and property
managers abide with the new regulations.



That is why we support Mayor Todd Gloria's and Council President Sean Elo-Rivera's proposed ordinance to better protect San Diegans. It is time for the City of San Diego to take measures to prevent displacement and homelessness. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Angeli Hoyos'.

Angeli Hoyos

President, YIMBY Democrats of San Diego County

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