TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Vice Mayor Magdalena Carrasco
Councilmember Raul Peralez
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DATE: May 05, 2017

SUBJECT: ACTIONS RELATED TO A TENANT PROTECTION
ORDINANCE WITH JUST CAUSE PROTECTIONS

RECOMMENDATION

Accept staff recommendations:

1. Approve Tenant Protection Ordinance to be implemented as soon as possible to restrict no-cause evictions and establish requirements for landlords to state a just cause for eviction.

2. Adopt an Urgency Ordinance to include a Tenant Protection Ordinance that restricts no-cause evictions and establishes requirements for landlords to state a just cause for eviction, effectively immediately upon approval.

ANALYSIS

Discussing the Tenant Protection Ordinance has been a long time coming, but approving it is a decision of today. The last time we discussed the Tenant Protection Ordinance was two weeks ago and since then the need to protect tenants from being arbitrarily displaced has continued to haunt us. Over 9 no-cause evictions have been filed to the Housing Department since April 18. This number may seem small, but the after effects are huge and devastating for those affected. The number of individuals and families who are now left to fend for themselves against an unsympathetic housing market demands approval of the Tenant Protection Ordinance now.