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Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

Council File #: 20-0401-S1

Title: COVID-19 Federal Relief Fund / Allocation / COVID-19 Emergency Renters Relief Program

Position: Support

Summary:

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council supports this motion to allocate \$100 million of the COVID-19 Federal Relief Fund to the COVID-19 Emergency Renters Relief Program. Loss of income resulting from the Safer at Home Order has put a significant strain on renters' ability to pay their bills. Although the council has already enacted protections to allow tenants to defer payments up to 12-months, questions still remain about the ability to make up for lost time. With unemployment at 20.3% in LA County, many residents find themselves on the brink of homelessness. It will save the city money in the long run to provide assistance now, rather than after Angelenos have fallen into homelessness. The LAHSA 2020 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count underscores the urgency of this issue.