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Mayor Gloria and Council President Elo-Rivera Introduce Draft Ordinance to Protect Renters

SAN DIEGO – Mayor Todd Gloria and Council President Sean Elo-Rivera released a draft of the **Residential Tenant Protections Ordinance to Prevent Displacement and Homelessness**. The proposed ordinance is designed to provide a high level of protection from evictions for renters to stay in their homes if they are paying their rent and complying with the terms of their lease. This is a major step in addressing our housing and homelessness crises.

“San Diegans who are paying their rent and abiding by their lease should not live in fear of eviction. Sadly, too often, San Diego renters are being evicted despite following the rules,” said Council President Sean Elo- Rivera. **“These evictions cause massive financial and emotional distress to families and can lead to displacement and put people at risk of homelessness. This ordinance provides the protections that San Diego renters need and deserve.”**

“This ordinance will help address the reality that we have people becoming newly homeless faster than we can get people housed,” Mayor Todd Gloria said. **“I’m extremely grateful to have had the active participation and input in crafting this framework by rental housing industry stakeholders to ensure it’s feasible and will meet the objective of making housing more secure for thousands of San Diegans at risk of becoming homeless.”**

The draft ordinance is the result of a collaborative process between the Council President Elo-Rivera, Mayor Gloria, tenants rights advocates and rental housing industry stakeholders.

The proposed tenant protection law would bring San Diego up to the standards set by AB 1482 and, in a few key areas, offer protection above and beyond Statewide standards, including:

- Protections apply on Day 1 of a lease, with an exemption for short-term leases.
- Financial assistance when a tenants' lease is terminated through no fault of their own. Currently, no financial assistance is required.
- Accountability measures to make sure bad actors can't get away with violating these protections.

Renters and landlords are currently operating under the 2004 Tenants Right to Know Ordinance which only provides protections for renters who have lived in their residence for at least two years.

The proposed ordinance will be heard at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, April 25.

[Click this link to see the proposed ordinance](#)

The Mayor and Council President will hold a press conference to answer questions from the media:

Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Time: 12:00pm

Location: Virtual

Please RSVP to attend by emailing chancn@sandiego.gov

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