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City of Gardena Adopts Urgency Ordinance No. 1812 to Prohibit No-Fault Evictions

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Gardena, CA – The City of Gardena City Council adopted an Urgency Ordinance on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, which prohibits no-fault evictions through December 31, 2019. The ordinance is designed to resolve a problem stemming from an extraordinary number of eviction notices that were given to tenants in the City.

The surge of eviction notices was a result of Assembly Bill 1482 (“AB 1482”), the Tenant Protections Act of 2019, that was passed to address a key cause of California’s affordable housing crisis by preventing excessive rent increases and arbitrary evictions. A number of Gardena landlords/apartment owners have sent eviction notices to some or all of their tenants in order to avoid the rent caps that would become effective on January 1, 2020,

Residents of Gardena, already experiencing a housing affordability crisis, were faced with displacement and possible homelessness at an unprecedented scale. For instance, in two buildings with an aggregate of 34 occupied units, all tenants received notices to vacate before the end of the year. These cases, as well as others, were brought to the attention of staff through the Rent Mediation Ordinance.

Now, with the adoption of Urgency Ordinance No. 1812, no-fault evictions are prohibited until the effective date of AB 1482. Mayor Tasha Cerda, Members of the City Council, and Staff are extremely pleased that Ordinance No. 1812 will provide a temporary prohibition on no-fault evictions and protect Gardena residents from being displaced.

For further information or questions, please contact the City Manager’s Office at (310) 217-9503.

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