



**CITY OF PASADENA
RENTAL HOUSING BOARD**



To: Mayor and City Council
From: Pasadena Rental Housing Board, Chair Ryan Bell *Ryan Bell*
Date: February 27, 2025
Re: Recommendation for Emergency Eviction Defense for Tenants Impacted by the Eaton Fire

At its regular meeting on February 6, the Pasadena Rental Housing Board (Board) voted unanimously to recommend that the City Council adopt a temporary, emergency ordinance providing an affirmative defense against eviction for tenants financially impacted by the Eaton Fire. This defense should be available to tenants who self-certify their financial hardship under penalty of perjury. The ordinance should remain in effect for one (1) year.

This memorandum formally transmits the Board's request to the City Council for consideration and action.