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Dear Friends,

The 11th District is facing an epidemic that threatens our neighborhoods and our quality of life. With increasing frequency, developers are converting rental units into high-priced condos, throwing renters out of their apartments and worsening the affordable housing crisis.

It is time to address this problem.

I am very excited to report that, thanks to the leadership of Councilman Herb Wesson and Councilman Ed Reyes, the City is getting to act. This morning, they announced citywide hearings to review the loss of rental and rent-controlled units to condo conversions, demolitions and new for-sale units. The hearings will be joint meetings of the Planning and Land Use Committee, chaired by Councilman Reyes, and the Housing Committee, chaired by Councilman Wesson.

Please save the date to attend a public hearing on this issue, right here in the 11th District:

6 p.m., Monday, May 22
Walgrove Elementary School
1630 Walgrove Ave
Mar Vista, CA

I am extremely grateful to my colleagues for demonstrating leadership on this issue and welcome the fact that they will be meeting in our district, where the problem is particularly acute. A majority of our residents are renters and condo conversions are skyrocketing.

I will attend the hearing May 22, and I invite you to join me.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill".

BILL ROSENDAHL
Councilman, 11th District