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RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, California's density bonus law (popularly referred to by its bill number "SB 1818") requires cities and counties to implement local ordinances to create incentives for developers to set aside affordable units in proposed developments; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the density bonus law was to increase the availability of affordable housing, but in practice it has encouraged developers to demolish large numbers of existing affordable units and replace them with the small percentage of low income units required under the law, thus reaping the benefits of the incentives while creating a net reduction of affordable units; and

WHEREAS, the density bonus law requires a covenant to preserve the new units as affordable for only 30 years; and

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2014, Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian introduced AB 2222, legislation that is intended to clean up the State Density Bonus Act; and

WHEREAS, AB 2222 would require continued affordability for 55 years or longer, for all very-low and low-income units that are required under the density bonus law; and

WHEREAS, AB 2222 would close the loophole allowing for a net reduction of affordable units in density bonus projects, and would instead (i) require a net increase of affordable units, (ii) require an applicant for density bonus to replace existing affordable units with the same number of affordable units to be made available for rent to, and occupied by, persons and families in the same or lower income category, and (iii) requires the housing development includes an additional set aside of affordable units at the percentages set forth in the density bonus law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2013-14 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 2222 (Nazarian).

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