Adopted in 1979, the City's Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) provides a variety of protections for tenants in buildings that received a certificate of occupancy before October 1978 (newer buildings are also protected in certain cases). One of these protections is that landlords are prohibited from increasing the rent more than 3 percent annually, unless approved under certain programs by the Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID). The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) is exempt from the RSO, even though the organization owns several market rate buildings. In light of the City's housing crisis, the RSO should be amended to apply to HACLA owned buildings that are market rate or otherwise not affordable covenant restricted or Section 8 project based.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) report to Council with information on each market rate building that it owns and operates that received a certificate of occupancy before October 1978 (including number of units and location); and

I FURTHER MOVE that the Housing and Community Investment Department be directed and the City Attorney be requested to prepare an ordinance that amends the Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) to apply to HACLA owned buildings that are market rate or otherwise not affordable covenant restricted or Section 8 project based.

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