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REPORT RE:

**DRAFT ORDINANCE ADOPTING RENT REGISTRY
REQUIREMENT IN THE RENT STABILIZATION ORDINANCE**

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Council File No. 14-0268-S3

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to your request, this Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration the enclosed draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality. This draft ordinance adds Subsection J to Section 151.05 of the Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) to require landlords to annually register rent amounts and tenancy information for each rental unit subject to the RSO.

Summary of Ordinance Provisions

The City Council requested this Office to prepare a draft ordinance to amend the RSO consistent with Rent Registry Option A in the Housing + Community Investment Department (HCID) report dated January 15, 2016. Rent Registry Option A requires the annual registration of current rents for all RSO units at the time of annual RSO rental unit registration. Having this information will help in obtaining more accurate and reliable data on actual rents in RSO units and assist in monitoring and enforcing the affordability of the City's rental housing stock for the benefit of tenants, landlords and policy makers.

CEQA Findings

Regarding a finding pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), HCIDLA recommends that City Council find that the adoption of this ordinance is exempt from the provisions of CEQA under Article 18, Section 15060 (c)(2) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Article II, Section 2(m) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

Council Rule 38 Referral

A copy of the draft ordinance was sent, pursuant to Council Rule 38, to HCID which approved the proposed language.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Deborah Breithaupt at (213) 978-7965. She or another member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

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