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, inclusionary housing ordinances require developers to ensure that a certain percentage of housing units in a new development be affordable to lower income households; and

WHEREAS, in June 2015, the California Supreme Court ruled in the case California Building Industry Association. v. City of San Jose that cities and counties may require developers to provide affordable housing units in developments whose units will be offered for-sale; and

WHEREAS, while this ruling permits the use of inclusionary zoning in for-sale developments, the ruling in the case Palmer v. City of Los Angeles (2009) has prevented cities from using inclusionary zoning in rental developments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles continues to face a shortage of affordable housing, which forces many of the City's residents to pay well more than 30 percent of their gross income towards rent, a tremendous financial burden; and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2011 and June 25, 2013, the Los Angeles City Council adopted resolutions in support of SB 184 (Leno) and AB 1229 (Atkins), respectively, which would have authorized the legislative body of any city or county to adopt ordinances to establish, as a condition of development, inclusionary housing requirements; and

WHEREAS, to supersede the *Palmer* ruling, the State Legislature should introduce legislation that gives cities the right to enact their own local ordinances to address their affordable housing needs; and

WHEREAS, such legislation would empower the City of Los Angeles to respond to the growing demand for affordable rental housing in an environment of increasing housing costs;

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 2015-2016 State Legislative Program SUPPORT or SPONSORSHIP of legislation which would authorize the legislative body of any city or county to establish, as a condition of development of rental housing, inclusionary housing requirements which would require the addition of affordable units to housing developments.

PRESENTED BY: **MITCH O'FARRELL**

Councilmember, 13th District

SECONDED BY: