

HOUSING

MOTION

With more than 60% of renters, Los Angeles must assure that its housing stock is safe, and healthy; ensuring residents a high quality of life. The Housing Community Investment Department (HCID) administers the Systemic Code Enforcement Program (SCEP) where staff inspects properties with two or more occupied units to ensure the units are safe and habitable.

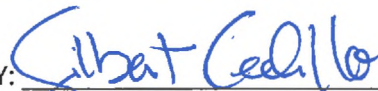
If the inspector finds that a property does not meet City and State codes, a "Notice to Comply" is issued. Property owners are given 30 days (or less depending on severity of the violations) to have the needed repairs completed. A re-inspection is done to verify that the corrective work was done.

There is a need to address repeat offenders where the same violation continues to occur, potentially due to inadequate repairs. The City should explore an enhanced repair program to ensure repairs address the cited problem fully. An enhanced repair program could help to avoid ongoing habitability violations which can affect the health and safety of the residents living in those units.

Effective long-term preservation of our housing stock is critical to meeting the City's housing needs and code compliance is a key tool for preservation.

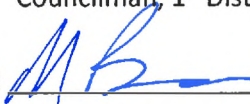
I THEREFORE MOVE, that the City Council instruct the Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID) with the assistance of the City Attorney, to report back in 90 days on the feasibility of strengthening the City's Systemic Code Enforcement Program by developing an enhanced repair program, along with recommendations on what would trigger the need to implement such enhanced repairs.

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