

**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 government 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, housing advocacy organizations have reported that some landlords are threatening to report tenants to immigration authorities in order to deflect habitability complaints and evict tenants; and

WHEREAS, threats are also made in connection with attempts to increase rents on long term tenants; and


WHEREAS, currently pending in the California State Assembly is AB 291 (Chiu), the Immigrant Tenant Protection Act of 2017, which would establish numerous legal protections against the disclosure of tenants' immigration or citizenship status to federal immigration authorities, namely prohibiting a landlord from threatening to disclose the immigration status of a tenant for the purpose of influencing a tenant to vacate a dwelling; and

WHEREAS, the bill proposes many safeguards against potential harassment, retaliation, or discrimination against tenants based on their immigration or citizenship status, real or perceived; and

WHEREAS, California renters should not have to fear intimidation and retaliation in their homes and the City of Los Angeles should support AB 291;

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 2017-2018 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 291 (Chiu), which would establish numerous legal protections against the disclosure of tenants' immigration or citizenship status to federal immigration authorities, namely prohibiting a landlord from threatening to disclose the immigration status of a tenant for the purpose of influencing a tenant to vacate a dwelling.

PRESENTED BY:

  
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