

RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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, the City is currently experiencing an affordable housing crisis that has been compounded by stagnant wages; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles spends millions of dollars on affordable housing development projects to assist the large number of residents in need of reduced rent; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2018, Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson proposed the "Making Affordable Housing Work Act of 2018," which would raise rents for a multitude of low income residents and impose work requirements to receive affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, raising rents and requiring affordable housing recipients to obtain work may contribute to the City's homelessness crisis; and

WHEREAS, the American Civil Liberties Union along with a coalition of civil rights law firms has recently filed a lawsuit against Secretary Carson as part of this recent policy because it undermines the Fair Housing Act of 1968; and

WHEREAS, the City has a long history of promoting inclusionary zoning policies to spur construction of new affordable dwelling units;

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 Federal Legislative Program OPPOSITION to the "Making Affordable Housing Work Act," proposed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and any similar legislation or administrative action, which would increase the monthly rent for some affordable housing families and allow public housing authorities to impose work requirements.

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