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REPORT RE:

ORDINANCE ADDING ARTICLE 5.6.1 TO CHAPTER IV OF THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROTECT AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS USING RENTAL ASSISTANCE OR OTHER SOURCES OF INCOME SUCH AS SECTION 8 VOUCHERS AS PAYMENT

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. 18-0462

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to your request, this Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration, approved as to form and legality, the enclosed draft ordinance adding Article 5.6.1 to Chapter IV of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC).

The draft ordinance protects affordable housing opportunities by prohibiting discrimination against persons based upon their source of income. The draft ordinance: (1) defines "Source of Income" to include rental assistance from any federal, state, local, or non-profit administrated benefit or subsidy program, including but not limited to, the Section 8 voucher program, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's Rapid Re-Housing program or any other subsidy program, homeless prevention program or security deposit assistance program, whether paid directly to the program participant or to the landlord or landlord's representative; and (2) provides remedies for violations of its provisions.

CEQA Findings

We recommend that City Council find that the adoption of this ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article 5, Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15378(b)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Article II, Section 2(m) of the City CEQA Guidelines on the grounds that adoption will not result in a significant impact or effect upon or direct or indirect physical change to the environment. If you concur, you should adopt this finding prior to or concurrent with taking action on this ordinance.

Council Rule 38 Referral

Pursuant to Council Rule 38, a copy of the draft ordinance was sent to the Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department with a request that any comments be transmitted directly to Council or its Committees when this matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Mei-Mei Cheng at (213) 922-8374. She or another member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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