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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(18) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: Through our representation of a neighborhood of majority renters, the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council (“LFNC”) has become acutely familiar with the difficulties faced by our rent-burdened and housing-insecure stakeholders. We view the Rent Relief Act of 2019 (S. 1106 / H.R. 2169), which would allow a refundable tax credit for individuals who pay rent for a principal residence that exceeds 30% of their gross income for the taxable year, as a proactive—and necessary—first step in ensuring that our severely rent-burdened neighbors do not end up living on our streets by the time we are preparing for next year’s Homeless Count. PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT FOR FULL CIS



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## - COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

Council File: [19-0002-S109](#)

Title: Refundable Tax Credit / Individual Rent Payers / Exceeds 30 Percent Taxable Year Gross Income

Position: Support

Summary:

The housing and homelessness crisis in our city is spiraling out of control. The Los Angeles Housing Authority's 2019 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count recently showed a 16% increase in homelessness from 2018 to 2019 in the City of Los Angeles. City Council District 4, which contains Los Feliz, saw the greatest per-district increase of any part of the City, with the number of homeless Angelenos sleeping on our streets growing by 53% over the last year.

The Homeless Count's data also establishes that, in large part, this crisis is economic in nature. More than half of unsheltered adults are experiencing their first episode of homelessness, roughly a quarter of unsheltered adults lost their housing in 2018, and 53% of those experiencing homelessness for the first time cited "economic hardship" as a leading factor.

As a City—and as a State—we must take immediate action to stem the growth of this crisis through economic interventions. Chief among those interventions must be significant relief for our severely rent-burdened neighbors who are one hospital bill or missed paycheck away from falling into homelessness.

As this Resolution aptly notes, "approximately 721,000 Angelenos are severely rent burdened, spending more than 50 percent of their income on housing – since 2000, the median rent in Los Angeles County has increased 32 percent while the median renter's income has fallen 3 percent." This status quo is simply unacceptable.

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income for the taxable year, as a proactive—and necessary—first step in ensuring that our severely rent-burdened neighbors do not end up living on our streets by the time we are preparing for next year's Homeless Count.

For these reasons, the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council strongly supports this Resolution and urges the City of Los Angeles to include sponsorship and/or support in its 2018-2019 State Legislative Program for the Rent Relief Act of 2019 and, more broadly, further legislative or administrative action to expand California's Renter's Credit.

**APPROVED**

July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

18 Yay 0 Nay 0 Abstention 1 Absent