

HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT relative to requesting an ordinance to mandate seismic retrofits of soft-story and concrete buildings within the City of Los Angeles.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. APPROVE the Department of Building and Safety report dated August 26, 2015 relative to the number of licensed contractors licensed to do the necessary construction work required for the proposed Soft Story Retrofit Program.
2. REQUEST the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Department of Building and Safety, to prepare an ordinance to mandate seismic retrofits of soft-story and concrete buildings within the City of Los Angeles as outlined in the Resiliency by Design Report.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Department of Building and Safety. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.


Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

### SUMMARY

In a report to the Housing Committee dated August 26, 2015, the Department of Building and Safety states that in the Southern California region there are 52,482 general contractors able to do seismic retrofit work. There are additional contractors to which work can be sub-contracted.

At its meeting held September 16, 2015, the Housing Committee discussed this matter with a representative of the Department of Building and Safety. The Department representative stated that wood-frame, soft-story buildings are particularly at risk during earthquakes. It was stated that there are approximately 13,500 such buildings, mostly apartment buildings and condominiums, in the City of Los Angeles for which the requirements of a seismic mandate would apply.

In conjunction with the consideration of other reports related to the seismic retrofitting of wood-frame, soft-story buildings, members of the Housing Committee expressed that public safety and the protection of life and property are the primary concerns of the City Council. It was further stated that taking no action at this time was not an option. The Committee recommended that Council approve the Department's report and request that the City Attorney prepare an ordinance to mandate seismic retrofits of soft-story and concrete buildings within the City of Los Angeles.

  
Respectfully Submitted,

HOUSING COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
CEDILLO:	YES
FUENTES:	YES
HUIZAR:	YES
PRICE:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES

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