

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 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, federal housing assistance programs, such as the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program, more commonly known as "Section 8 vouchers," provides assistance in the form of vouchers that can be used to acquire housing on the private market to provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing to low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled; and

WHEREAS, recipients of federal, state, or local housing assistance or subsidies may face challenges finding landlords willing to accept housing assistance payments in their communities; and

WHEREAS, SB 1053 (Leno) would amend the definition of "source of income" from the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) to also include specified federal, state, or local housing assistance or subsidies paid either to the tenant or directly to the landlord on behalf of the tenant; and

WHEREAS, the FEHA prohibits housing discrimination with respect to various personal characteristics, including race, color, religion, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, ancestry, familial status, source of income, disability, or genetic information; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of this bill will add "source of income" as an area of protection and result in additional submittals for Restrictive Covenant Modifications for review and approval; and

WHEREAS, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program that would allow for the reimbursement to local agencies certain costs mandated by the state, upon approval by the Commission on State Mandates; and

WHEREAS, this bill aims to ensure that landlords do not deny low-income families and other vulnerable populations the opportunity to apply for available housing by expanding protections against housing discrimination under the FEHA;

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 2015-16 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 1053 (Leno) which would amend the definition of "source of income" from the Fair Employment and Housing Act to also include specified federal, state, or local housing assistance or subsidies.

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