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In the context of the citywide affordability crisis, we must seek to protect tenants as much as possible. One of the most critical issues facing Angelenos is the availability and affordability of housing, and this Council Office and the City are taking steps to address these concerns through new and stronger housing policies and through a tenants' rights awareness campaign in CD14.

Housing affordability is challenging for many communities, including artists, who have historically gravitated to industrial areas where larger spaces have sometimes been accessible at lower costs. For example, the Arts District in Downtown Los Angeles was established as an affordable enclave for artists decades ago, and many artists have continued to hold live/work lofts that were converted to residential spaces under the Artists in Residence ordinance or Adaptive Reuse Ordinance.


Currently, as we continue to face both a housing crisis and a development boom, development pressures in industrial areas have begun to price artists out of their longtime neighborhoods. Because residential conversions under AIR or ARO are not typically subject to the Rent Stabilization Ordinance, there are limited tools the city can use to protect tenants who may be priced out.

It is crucial that we, as a City, seek opportunities to support and make sustainable the pursuits of artists and the many creative industries that drive Los Angeles and make it a magnet for creative projects and people.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Housing and Community Investment Department, in consultation with the City Attorney, report on whether artists may be considered an eligible category for targeted affordable housing policies;

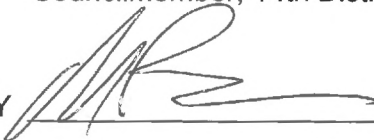
I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the Housing and Community Investment Department, in consultation with City Planning and the City Attorney, report back on the feasibility of an artists' affordable housing program, and the steps and department needs required to establish such a program.

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