

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, like many other jurisdictions in California, Los Angeles is in the midst of a severe housing affordability crisis, where the current median rent for a two bedroom is \$3,200 a month, while the median household income is only \$51,538; and

WHEREAS, the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act signed into law by Governor Pete Wilson in 1995 places significant limits on the ability of cities in California to implement rent control for any single family home or condominium, and any apartment constructed after February 1995; and

WHEREAS, Costa-Hawkins prohibits cities that established rent control laws prior to the Act's passage in 1995 from expanding rent control, and consequently, the City of Los Angeles cannot place rent control on apartments built after 1978; and

WHEREAS, Costa-Hawkins also prohibits cities from implementing "strict" rent control, known as "vacancy control," which enables landlords to raise the rental price to any amount following a tenant vacating a unit; and


WHEREAS, Proposition 10 is an initiative on the November 6, 2018 statewide ballot known as the Affordable Housing Act, which would repeal the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act and enable a return to local control by allowing cities and counties to have more flexibility in governing the affordable housing needs specific to their communities; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 10 would provide cities and counties with the option to adopt reasonable rent control and vacancy control ordinances, specifically tailored towards the unique housing needs of their local jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, local governments throughout the California have the greatest amount of influence in solving the housing affordability crisis, and Proposition 10 provides the tools necessary to make the greatest impact;

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 2017-2018 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for Proposition 10, the Affordable Housing Act, which would, if approved, repeal the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act to allow cities and counties to have more flexibility in governing the affordable housing needs specific to their communities.

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