

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, by all accounts, California is experiencing a housing affordability crisis; and

WHEREAS, according the California Legislative Analyst Office, the average rent in the State is approximately 50 percent higher than the rest of the country; and

WHEREAS, earlier this month, the Daily News reported that average rent increases in Los Angeles County over the past eight years were 34 percent; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these high and continually increasing rents, over half of California residents are "rent burdened," meaning that they are spending over 30 percent of their income on rent, and one quarter of residents are "severely rent burdened" and are spending more than half of their income on rent; and

WHEREAS, dramatically rising rents can create significant financial pressure on tenants and contribute to homelessness, Assemblymember Friedman has introduced AB 1110, which would require landlords to provide earlier notice of rent increases of 10 percent or more; and

WHEREAS, AB 1110 would require landlords to provide notice of rent increases between 10 and 15 percent 90 days in advance, and rent increases over 15 percent should be noticed 120 days in advance; and

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Friedman further states that, although this bill does not alter a landlord's ability to raise rents, the goal of the bill is to keep rent noticing requirements proportional with the frequency and amounts of rent increases; and

WHEREAS the City should support this legislation as unexpected expenses can cause immediate strain and financial hardship on households, and this bill would ensure California renters have more time to make the necessary adjustments to remain housed;

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 2019-20 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1110 (Friedman) which would require landlords to provide earlier notice of rent increases of 10 percent or more.

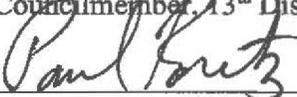
PRESENTED BY:



MITCH O'FARRELL

Councilmember, 13th District

SECONDED BY:



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