

RESOLUTION  
RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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, despite efforts to increase the development of affordable housing units, the City of Los Angeles continues to face a housing crisis, with nearly 60 percent of renters spending more than 30 percent of their income toward housing and nearly 1/3 of all renters spending more than 50 percent; and

WHEREAS, California voters recently turned down Proposition 10, which would have repealed the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act of 1995, a State law that limits the City's ability to expand the Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) to protect more tenants; and

WHEREAS, Motion (O'Farrell-Wesson C.F. 14-0268-S14) calls on the City to evaluate the RSO and look for creative solutions to the affordability problem that, left unchecked, will become an even greater issue; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Times Editorial Board affirmed that in light of the defeat of Proposition 10, Governor Newsom and the Legislature should take on the issue that Proposition 10 sought to address-namely how to ease existing State restrictions on rent control in order to protect tenants while also encouraging the construction of market and affordable units; and

WHEREAS, given the degree of unaffordability that continues to impact the City, the failure of Proposition 10 cannot be the end of discussion on the issue, rather, this is the time to start a new discussion to forge creative solutions to the crisis; and

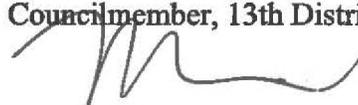
WHEREAS, creative solutions to housing affordability might include "rolling rent control" whereby buildings would be subject to rent control once they reach a certain age; and

WHEREAS, with the majority of Los Angeles renters burdened with the high cost of housing, the status quo is unacceptable and the City of Los Angeles should seek legislation that would allow for moderate rent control provisions adopted at the local level, that focus on helping tenants live in clean, safe housing while maintaining landowners right to reasonable profit;

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 2019-2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT or SPONSORSHIP of legislation which would reform the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act to give cities options to enact local housing policies.

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