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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(16) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Date: 05/20/2021

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Summary: The LFNC supports the motion requesting the Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID) to present an ordinance that would grant the City of Los Angeles, affordable housing developers, non-profit entities, and tenants first right-of-refusal to purchase apartment buildings for which Ellis Act proceedings are initiated. According to the Los Angeles Tenants Union (LATU), more than 20,000 rent-stabilized apartments have been lost to Ellis Act evictions since 2001. By and large, these rent-controlled properties are purchased by private parties and replaced with market-rate or luxury developments. These actions are a corruption of the original intent of the Ellis Act, which was designed as an outlet for overburdened small-scale property owners. Furthermore, this rapid replacement of rent-stabilized buildings in favor of upscale luxury developments compounds our simultaneous housing and affordability crises and adds to the number of Angelenos at risk of slipping into homelessness. By giving the City of Los Angeles as well as the aforementioned parties a first right-of-refusal to purchase these buildings, this ordinance would help the city retain its quickly diminishing affordable housing stock. According to the Los Angeles City Clerk's records, on June 25, 2020, City Council received a confidential report from the City Attorney regarding this ordinance but has not pursued any further action since. In that time, nearly 300 Ellis Act evictions have been filed in the Los Angeles area. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the LFNC SUPPORTS CF 19-1127 and urges City Council to move quickly on this action. Further, we ask that the report from the City Attorney be made public so residents may better understand why City Council has not moved forward on this motion.