

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, many shopping centers have struggled to remain viable as large anchor stores have closed or gone out of business, unable to keep up with major online retailers, causing commercial centers to become vacant; and

WHEREAS, with retail vacancies growing, the State's housing crisis continues to worsen; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the State Senate, is a bill, SB 1385 (Caballero); and

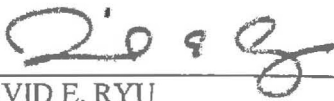
WHEREAS, SB 1385 (Caballero) would establish a housing development project as an authorized use on a neighborhood lot, defined as a lot zoned for office or retail commercial use under a local agency's zoning code or general plan; and

WHEREAS, SB 1385 (Caballero) would also allow housing developments to be proposed for sites zoned for office or retail commercial use and 50 percent or more of its total square footage has been vacant or a period of at least three years prior to the submission of the application; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles should SUPPORT SB 1385 (Caballero) because it would open up previously developed land to be converted into residential or mixed-use purposes and expand California's housing supply.

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 of SB 1385 (Caballero), which would allow for cities to approve residential development in commercially zoned retail and office spaces that are vacant or no longer viable.

PRESENTED BY: _____


DAVID E. RYU
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SECONDED BY: _____

BOB BLUMENFIELD (verbal)
Councilmember, 3rd District

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