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Summary: The Los Feliz Neighborhood Council strongly supports this Motion's proposed exploration of forgiving Angelenos' rent and utility debt by means of applying for loan assistance from the U.S. Federal Reserve's Municipal Liquidity Facility. We also would encourage the City to explore pursuing rent and utility debt forgiveness by other means and via other potential lenders. As a neighborhood of majority renters, we are sensitive to the difficulties faced by our rent-burdened and housing-insecure stakeholders. According to the Los Angeles Housing Authority's 2020 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, the City of Los Angeles saw a 16.1% rise in homelessness from 2019 to 2020. City Council Districts 4 and 13, which contain Los Feliz, saw 15% and 22% increases in the number of homeless Angelenos sleeping on our streets, respectively. The economic fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic will only make matters worse. To stem an explosion of evictions and a resulting spike in homelessness, the City must take bold, aggressive action—like the borrowing outlined in this Motion. Above all, we must recognize that it will be more cost-effective for the City to pay to keep Angelenos in their homes rather than allowing them to fall into homelessness and trying to provide services and housing after the fact. One way or another, we will be shouldering the economic burdens of this crisis together. We should do so in the most proactive, efficient, and compassionate way possible. This Motion provides a potential path forward. It should be vigorously—and quickly—pursued.