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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(9) Nay(4) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Date: 02/15/2022

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Council File Number: 20-0200

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: In service of keeping housing affordable, the North Westwood Neighborhood Council supports this motion to reform how allowable rent increases are calculated for rent-stabilized units. As Los Angeles is among the most rent-burdened cities in the country, this motion will help keep renters in their homes, make rent increases fairer, and bring them more in line with changes in other costs of living. Currently, the City's Rent Stabilization Ordinance allows rents to increase at least 3% each year, even if inflation is less than 3%. However, since 1994, inflation (as measured by the Consumer Price Index) has been under 3% almost 70% of the time. In other words, most years, rent has been allowed to rise faster than other prices, worsening the burden of rent. To help rectify this, the motion would 1) eliminate the 3% floor and 2) peg rent increases to a fairer metric (60% of the Consumer Price Index) for the future. Taking these steps would put Los Angeles in line with other cities in California. Particularly during the ongoing pandemic, if the economy slows, inflation could rise by less than 3%. Yet—at a time when many renters are least able to pay—rents will still be allowed to increase by a full 3%. The emergency rent freeze currently in place has delayed this from happening, but as soon as it is lifted, the issue will arise again. In our city, almost two-thirds of households rent. Many have lost income and now worry about making rent each month. Making rent increases fairer is a small but vital step to help. The NWWNC urges you to pass this motion and adopt a subsequent ordinance to implement it without delay.



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Council File: [20-0200](#)

Title: Rent Stabilization Ordinance / Consumer Price Index / Rent Increases / Rent Freeze / Amendment

Position: Support

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