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REPORT RE:

**DRAFT ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 190 TO DIVISION 5 OF THE
LOS ANGELES ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO CREATE THE EMERGENCY RENTAL
ASSISTANCE SUBSIDY PROGRAM TRUST FUND FOR THE RECEIPT AND
DISBURSEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND DONATIONS TO SUPPORT THE
COVID-19 EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE SUBSIDY PROGRAM**

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395 City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Council File No. 20-0401

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to the request of the City Council, this Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration, the enclosed draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality. The draft ordinance adds Chapter 190 to the Los Angeles Administrative Code for the receipt and disbursement of monies to provide emergency rental assistance to low income residential tenants in the City that are unable to pay rent due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The draft ordinance also includes an urgency clause that would cause it to become effective upon publication.

Background and Summary of Ordinance Provisions

On March 4, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles declared the existence of a Local Emergency due to the introduction of the novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) and directed City departments to take immediate action to alleviate the effects of COVID-19. In response to the declaration of a Local Emergency and the effect that

COVID-19 has and is continuing to have on the City's residents, the City Council has taken numerous actions to preserve the health and safety of the residents of Los Angeles.

This Office was requested been directed to prepare a draft ordinance establishing the Emergency rental Assistance Subsidy Program Trust Fund to be administered by the Housing and Community Investment Department. The subsidy will be available to tenants citywide with incomes at or below 80% of Area Median Income, depending on household size. The rent subsidy would be a grant paid directly to the landlord on behalf of the tenant for up to 50% of the monthly rent, with a maximum of \$1,000 per month for up to three months through the expiration of the declaration of emergency, with a maximum grant of \$3,000 per household.

Council Rule 38 Referral

A copy of the draft ordinance was sent, pursuant to Council Rule 38, to the Housing and Community Investment Department, and its comments have been incorporated.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Senior Assistant City Attorney Noreen Vincent at (213) 978-7730. She or another member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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