

HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the feasibility of allowing the installation or use of air conditioning units by tenants in apartments without air conditioning, classifying air conditioning as a service requiring urgent repair and incentives for property owners.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Ryu - Blumenfield):

1. REQUEST that the Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department (HCIDLA), City Attorney, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety report on the feasibility of allowing tenants in apartments without air conditioning to install window air conditioners and/or use mobile air conditioning units in their homes, as long as no damage or structural changes to the property occur.
2. REQUEST that the HCIDLA and City Attorney report on the feasibility of amending the habitability classification of air conditioning, so that air conditioning, which is currently considered a reduction of service not requiring an urgent repair, received the same level of priority service as if a heater/furnace breaks down.
3. REQUEST that the HCIDLA, Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and City Administrative Officer (CAO) be instructed to report back with recommendations for the use of City, State and/or Federal funding and any other mechanisms that could be used to incentivize and assist property owners with the costs of installing air conditioning in multi-family buildings for vulnerable residents in underserved areas of the City.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY:

At a regular meeting held on August 12, 2020 the Housing Committee telephonically considered a Motion (Ryu - Blumenfield) relative to the feasibility of allowing tenants in apartments without air conditioning to install window air conditioners or use mobile air conditioning units, classifying air conditioning as a service requiring urgent repair, and incentives for property owners who install air conditioning. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee approved as amended the recommendations in the Motion to add Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety and the CAO to the list of departments requested to report back, as detailed above. This matter is now transmitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

HOUSING COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
CEDILLO:	YES
KREKORIAN:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES

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