

RESOLUTION

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, regulatory covenants, also known as affordability covenants, are recorded on a property to ensure affordability of housing units for an extended period of time, often in return for a public subsidy or density bonus; and

WHEREAS, many affordability covenants throughout the City are now reaching an expiration date, which would effectively remove affordability requirements and allow an owner to raise the affordable rents on these units to market-rate levels; and

WHEREAS, preservation of affordability covenants is an effective way to maintain and increase the number of affordable units in the City and to ensure that people are not displaced due to excessive rent increases:

WHEREAS, any program to preserve expiring covenants will require a significant funding commitment to provide financial incentives to owners and make other strategic investments to extend affordability covenants; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the State Budget will have an estimated \$38 billion surplus, of which a portion should be proposed for innovative housing preservation strategies; and

WHEREAS, the State should ensure that funding is available for local jurisdictions to preserve affordable housing for its low income residents, especially during these challenging times;

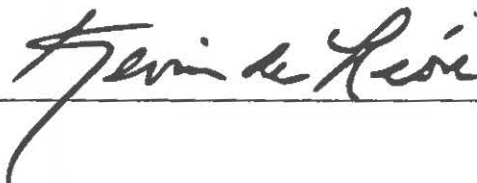
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 State Legislative Program SUPPORT and/or SPONSORSHIP of legislation or administrative action that would provide funding to preserve affordable housing covenants.

PRESENTED BY:



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SECONDED BY:



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