

EXEMPTION, HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to adding Article 6 to Chapter XVI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to establish a Right to Counsel Program.

Recommendation for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. FIND that the adoption of the accompanying VERSION A ORDINANCE dated May 30, 2025, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) through Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Article II, Section 1 of the City CEQA Guidelines, and that none of the exceptions under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply; and, DIRECT the Los Angeles Housing Department to file Notices of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office following the adoption of said Ordinance.
2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying VERSION A ORDINANCE dated May 30, 2025, relative to adding Article 6 to Chapter XVI of the LAMC to establish a Right to Counsel Program.
3. NOT PRESENT and ORDER FILE the following draft ordinances:
 - a. Version B Draft Ordinance dated May 30, 2025
 - b. Revised Draft Ordinance dated May 12, 2025

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the City Attorney. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on June 11, 2025, your Housing and Homelessness Committee considered City Attorney reports and Ordinances relative to adding Article 6 to Chapter XVI of the LAMC to establish a Right to Counsel Program.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee recommended to move forward Ordinance Version A, as well as the CEQA recommendations from the City Attorney report dated May 30, 2025, as detailed above. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
RAMAN:	YES
JURADO:	ABSENT
BLUMENFIELD:	YES