



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney  
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**REPORT RE:**

**REVISED DRAFT ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 165.09 TO ARTICLE 5,  
CHAPTER XVI OF THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE TO REQUIRE PAYMENT  
OF SPECIFIED RELOCATION ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN TENANTS WHEN THE  
TENANT ELECTS TO RELINQUISH THEIR RENTAL UNIT DUE TO INABILITY TO  
PAY RENT INCREASES AS SPECIFIED**

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

Honorable Members:

On January 23, 2023, this Office transmitted a draft ordinance that would require payment of relocation assistance to a tenant, residing in a rental property that is not subject to the Rent Stabilization Ordinance, who is unable to pay a rental increase that exceeds the lesser of: 1) the Consumer Price Index, plus five percent; or 2) ten percent. Pursuant to your request through Amending Motions 13A (Raman-Blumenfield) and 13B (Blumenfield-McCosker-Raman), we now transmit the enclosed revised draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality, with the following changes:

- In Section 165.09.A., the phrase "due to their inability to pay" is replaced with "following."
- Section 165.09.A has been clarified so that the rent increase that would trigger the relocation provisions would be calculated based on the highest legal monthly rate of rent established as of the date of the notice of rent increase, not any temporary, promotional, or discounted rent;



- Section 165.09.E is stricken; and
- Section 165.10 is added to include a severability clause.

CEQA Findings

This Office recommends that the City Council find that the adoption of this revised draft ordinance 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. If you concur, you should adopt this finding prior to or concurrent with taking action on this revised draft ordinance.

Council Rule 38 Referral

Concurrently with this transmittal, a copy of the revised draft ordinance will be sent, pursuant to Council Rule 38, to the Los Angeles Housing Department with a request that all comments, if any, be presented to the City Council when this matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Elaine Zhong at (213) 922-7715. A member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Transmittal