

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, the State of California is currently experiencing an unprecedented housing crisis due to decades of insufficient housing development that has not kept up with population growth and intense demand that continues to drive up housing prices; and

WHEREAS, California has the largest homeless population and second lowest rate of home ownership in the nation; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, California had an estimated 161,548 people experiencing homelessness in 2020; and

WHEREAS, according to the California Legislative Analyst's Office, home prices in California have consistently been much higher than they are in other large states since 1970 and were about two-and-a-half times the average national home price in 2015; and

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2022, California Senator Lena Gonzalez introduced Senate Constitutional Amendment (SCA) 9 to declare housing a fundamental human right in the State of California; and

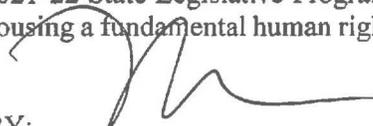
WHEREAS, the California Constitution enumerates various personal rights, including the right to enjoy and defend life and liberty; acquiring, possessing, and protecting property; and pursuing and obtaining safety, happiness, and privacy; and

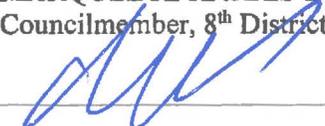
WHEREAS, if passed, SCA 9 would amend the California Constitution to also include the right to housing and ensure access to adequate housing for all Californians; and

WHEREAS, SCA 9 states that it is the "shared obligation of state and local jurisdictions to respect, protect, and fulfill this right through progressively implemented measures, consistent with available resources, and within an aggressive but reasonable timeframe;" and

WHEREAS, SCA 9 would prioritize the development of adequate housing and the responsibility of state and local jurisdictions to address the housing crisis in the State of California;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-22 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SCA 9 to amend the California Constitution and declare housing a fundamental human right in the State of California.

PRESENTED BY:   
MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON  
Councilmember, 8<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY: 

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