

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Regarding the RUBS implementation, it would be important to include some language at the very least that RUBS implementation in RSO units circumvents rent limits which the City's RSO establishes, and therefore should be prohibited in RSO buildings and units in the City. This would be consistent with the RUBS regulations and prohibitions already in place at the City of West Hollywood and City of Santa Monica, the latter of which is prohibited City wide. It is important for our City to have these protections as well. In my opinion it should be prohibited City wide, as it is not transparent, does not reflect an individual tenants usage, and circumvents state rent increase limits; ultimately it is not in the interest of Los Angeles residents to say the least. It is not a utility or proper billing, rather it is a passthrough. For example, a person in a RUBS contract can be out of town for 3 months, but because of the terms of RUBS, would still be responsible proportionally for the building's costs which their neighbors incurred, not themselves, unlike metered utilities. RUBS does not reflect actual usage, rather it is a passthrough of shared services which are normally Housing Services (i.e. communal trash, communal area janitorial, landscaping, etc.), which are already part of base rent or even code required of the owner. Would you please consider adding something like this to the recommendations, to make this explicit, otherwise interpretations would vary, thank you -David