

MOTION

AD HCC ULA

In November 2022, nearly 60% of City of Los Angeles voters approved United to House LA, commonly referred to as Measure ULA. Since taking effect on April 1, 2023, the measure has generated more than \$1 billion in revenue to fund affordable housing production and homelessness prevention efforts. Measure ULA has helped fund 5,600 affordable housing units, provided \$54 million in direct financial assistance, reduced street homelessness by 17.5%, and decreased eviction filings by 16 percent overall between 2024 and 2025. Measure ULA has also supported the creation of thousands of jobs tied to affordable housing development and construction. However, constraints on the housing market, such as labor shortages, high insurance rates, rising building material costs, and more, have impacted the delivery of new units in the City and across the country.

Currently, numerous efforts are underway to assess the potential economic, market, and social impacts of measures similar to Measure ULA, including state legislative action that could affect its future. Furthermore, the City of Los Angeles is actively reviewing Measure ULA to identify opportunities to improve efficiency and streamline implementation, while mitigating any unintended impacts on housing production. As the discussion on potential amendments to Measure ULA continues, careful consideration and evaluation is necessary to ensure that any such changes do not undermine the spirit and purpose of the voter-adopted initiative.

Over the past several months, hundreds of Angelenos have participated in numerous meetings of the City Council Ad Hoc Committee on Measure ULA, offering public comment, listening to deliberations, and presenting testimony. While perspectives on the measure's impacts have varied, several consistent themes have emerged. There is broad recognition of the need for careful stewardship of this funding source to ensure its long-term effectiveness. Leading with transparent, good governance and ensuring these resources are expedited into our communities is the starting point for moving forward, while we simultaneously develop a long-term analysis of the initiative's impact.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Los Angeles Housing Department, in coordination with the ULA Citizen Oversight Committee, to negotiate and enter into a contract with a consultant to conduct an assessment of Measure ULA that would examine economic impacts, housing production, service delivery, and programmatic outcomes since ULA's inception.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer to identify potential funding sources for the assessment, including the ULA Administration fund.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer to report on the feasibility of issuing bonds secured by future ULA tax revenues in order to expand the pool of funding available for affordable housing development.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council request the City Attorney, in consultation with the Los Angeles Housing Department, to prepare and present an Ordinance that would effectuate an amendment to ULA to specify that all recommendations made by the ULA Citizen Oversight Committee to the City Council shall be transmitted to the Council as an official document by the Los Angeles Housing Department in order to provide greater clarity on the actions taken by the Citizen Oversight Committee.

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