

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed or pending before a local, state or federal government body or agency must have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Palisades Fire and recent windstorm conditions have resulted in a state of emergency being proclaimed by the Governor on January 7, 2025, significantly impacting residents of the County of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the economic strain caused by these disasters has left many residents vulnerable to displacement and financial instability, making it imperative to prevent excessive rent increases that could further exacerbate the crisis; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 246 (Bryan), introduced in the California State Assembly, seeks to prohibit residential property owners in the County of Los Angeles from increasing rent beyond the rate charged on January 7, 2025, during the state of emergency and for a period of 12 months after its termination; and

WHEREAS, this bill is a critical measure to prevent price gouging in the rental market and ensure housing stability for affected residents during a time of crisis; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles recognizes the importance of maintaining affordable housing and protecting vulnerable communities from potential displacement in the aftermath of natural disasters; and

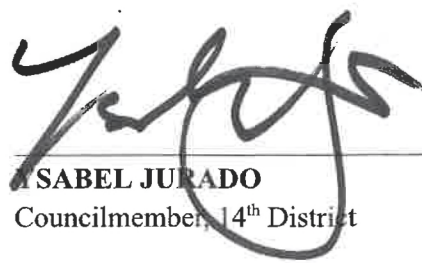
WHEREAS, the enactment of AB 246 aligns with the City's ongoing commitment to housing justice and the protection of renters' rights in times of emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025-2026 State Legislative Program SUPPORT support for AB 246 (Bryan) and urges the California State Legislature and Governor to swiftly enact this critical legislation to protect Los Angeles County residents from rent gouging during the declared state of emergency.

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