

Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
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REPORT NO. **R25-0393**
August 7, 2025

REPORT RE:

**DRAFT ORDINANCE DISSOLVING THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION
AND AMENDING CERTAIN LOS ANGELES ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND
MUNICIPAL CODE PROVISIONS TO TRANSFER THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING
COMMISSION'S FORMER FUNCTIONS TO THE RENT ADJUSTMENT
COMMISSION AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL CHANGES**

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

Council File No. 25-0600

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to your request in Exhibit H of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Adopted City Budget, this Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration, approved as to form and legality, the enclosed draft ordinance. The draft ordinance dissolves the Affordable Housing Commission, consolidates its functions with the Rent Adjustment Commission, and makes other technical amendments to the Los Angeles Municipal Code and Administrative Code to implement the consolidation.

This draft ordinance responds to the Resolution Adopting the Budget of the City of Los Angeles for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2025 and Ending June 30, 2026 (Resolution) requesting that this Office to prepare and present a draft ordinance "to effectuate the deletion of the Affordable Housing Commission and consolidate the responsibilities of this commission under the Rent Adjustment Commission." (Council File. No. 25-0600; City Attorney Report No. R25-0726, Exhibit H, Item 9; Resolution [City Council adopted May 30, 2025, Mayor concurrence Jun. 6, 2025], p. R-127.)

The enclosed draft ordinance transfers the Affordable Housing Commission's codified responsibilities, along with its annual and biennial reviews, to the Rent Adjustment Commission as a resource-conserving measure. This Office is informed by the Los Angeles Housing Department that City Council could conserve additional department resources by electing to change any annual reviews to a review period of "at least every two years," or by changing the reviews to an action that is done "periodically" without a specified review period.

CEQA Findings

This Office recommends that the City Council determine based on the whole record that the adoption of this draft ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Article II, Section 1 of the City CEQA Guidelines, because "it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment." If the City Council concurs, it should adopt this determination prior to or concurrent with any adoption of this draft ordinance.

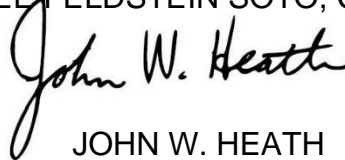
Council Rule 38 Referral

Pursuant to Council Rule 38, a copy of the draft ordinance was sent to the Los Angeles Housing Department and Chief Legislative Analyst, with a request that any comments be transmitted directly to the City Council or its Committees when this matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Elaine Zhong at elaine.zhong@lacity.org or (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