

Communication from Public

Name: Stephany Cartney

Date Submitted: 12/02/2025 10:35 AM

Council File No: 25-1036

Comments for Public Posting: Good Afternoon, My name is Stephany Cartney and I am the Environmental Justice Program Coordinator at Black Women for Wellness (BWW). BWW is a community-based organization that fights for the reproductive justice, health and wellbeing of Black women and girls. My team and I work specifically on environmental issues that affect Black folks in South LA. I'm here to voice our organization's support for the maximum indoor temperature ordinance. Extreme heat should not be treated as an inconvenience but rather as a public health crisis. In neighborhoods like south LA affected by decades of underinvestment, this means many marginalized people live in older buildings with inadequate cooling apparatuses. These communities already suffer from many other symptoms of environmental racism, such as poor air quality, which can be exacerbated by high indoor heat. As a result of climate change, extreme heat is not an anomaly in Los Angeles. Summers are only getting hotter and policy is only now beginning to catch up with the realities many residents are experiencing. People cannot just "turn on a fan" to avoid this heat. It is crucial now more than ever that we implement policies that are consistent with the climate that we are living in. This motion is one way that we can ensure that we are supporting marginalized groups who have had to fend for themselves for far too long. It helps ensure that we are keeping our communities safe from the compounding consequences of climate change. It helps to create accountability. Extreme heat is already a public health crisis. By passing this motion, we can get closer to making sure homes are cool and habitable. Please vote yes on agenda item #3. Sincerely, Stephany Cartney
Environmental Justice Program Coordinator Black Women for Wellness



December 2, 2025

RE: Extreme Indoor Heat Policy – AGENDA ITEM 3

Good Afternoon,

My name is Stephany Cartney and I am the Environmental Justice Program Coordinator at Black Women for Wellness (BWW). BWW is a community-based organization that fights for the reproductive justice, health and wellbeing of Black women and girls. My team and I work specifically on environmental issues that affect Black folks in South LA.

I'm here to voice our organization's support for the maximum indoor temperature ordinance. Extreme heat should not be treated as an inconvenience but rather as a public health crisis. In neighborhoods like south LA affected by decades of underinvestment, this means many marginalized people live in older buildings with inadequate cooling apparatuses. These communities already suffer from many other symptoms of environmental racism, such as poor air quality, which can be exacerbated by high indoor heat.

As a result of climate change, extreme heat is not an anomaly in Los Angeles. Summers are only getting hotter and policy is only now beginning to catch up with the realities many residents are experiencing. People cannot just "turn on a fan" to avoid this heat. It is crucial now more than ever that we implement policies that are consistent with the climate that we are living in.

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Extreme heat is already a public health crisis. By passing this motion, we can get closer to making sure homes are cool and habitable. Please vote yes on agenda item #3.

Sincerely,

Stephany Cartney
Environmental Justice Program Coordinator
Black Women for Wellness

Communication from Public

Name: Tara Yarlagadda

Date Submitted: 12/02/2025 11:01 AM

Council File No: 25-1036

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Tara Yarlagadda, and I am a tenant in Council District 14. I support the maximum indoor temperature ordinance. Extreme heat is the most deadly weather condition we face. As our climate warms, there will be more days every year where we will be exposed to dangerous and life-threatening conditions in our homes. I live in a neighborhood with a lot of children and seniors, who are disproportionately impacted by extreme heat. I worry for my neighbors, who may not have central a/c like I do (or cannot afford to turn on the a/c due to exorbitant costs). It's not an option to say we aren't going to protect the lives of tenants because it's too taxing on the electrical grid. No one uses this argument when it comes to higher-income Angelenos and homeowners. The maximum indoor temperature motion also allows for landlords to opt for active and passive cooling strategies, lessening the impacts on the grid. Adequate cooling should be a habitability requirement in all homes just like heating is. This is not just a matter of comfort, this is a matter of health and safety. Please vote yes on Agenda Item #3. Thank you, Tara

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/02/2025 11:29 AM

Council File No: 25-1036

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Nash Holcomb, and I am a tenant in Council District #2. I support the maximum indoor temperature ordinance. Extreme heat is the most deadly weather condition we face. As our climate warms, there will be more days every year where we will be exposed to dangerous and life-threatening conditions in our homes. My apartment thankfully has a couple wall-installed AC units but are less efficient on hot days. It'd be much much worse if our windows faced regular sunlight which was the case in my previous LA apartment with 1 AC unit, and it wasn't even in the same room as the one with sun-facing windows, making half the apartment noticeably warmer than the other half. I know there are apartments out there, especially in unincorporated communities of LA County (I'm aware they are not within the City of LA jurisdiction) with little to no AC in buildings built decades ago that severely need to be upgraded or retrofitted somehow. However, landlords are unwilling to spend money upgrading their buildings, at least not without trying to hike rent and forcing tenants to leave. You can see how this issue can spiral into a housing crisis of its own especially in Southern California in the age of rising temperatures. There are alternative options to heating and cooling buildings other than standard AC units too, like heat pumps which are much more energy efficient and can help save stress on the power grid. Just a side note that regulating the cooling of LA apartments doesn't necessarily have to put additional stress on the grid. Adequate cooling should be a habitability requirement in all homes just like heating is. This is not just a matter of comfort, this is a matter of health and safety. Please vote yes on Agenda Item #3.

Communication from Public

Name: Catherine Baltazar

Date Submitted: 12/02/2025 03:08 PM

Council File No: 25-1036

Comments for Public Posting: Please see attached public comment letter submitted.

December 1, 2025

Energy and Environment Committee
Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Sent via: cityclerk.lacity.org

RE: Support for the Maximum Indoor Temperature Motion, Council File No. 25-1036

Dear Chair and Members of the Energy & Environment Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to support the City's Safe Indoor Temperature Standard for rental housing. We appreciate the Committee's commitment to a smooth implementation. However, we are concerned that the directive recently added, requiring LADWP to conduct a 'thorough grid analysis' prior to adopting an ordinance, may introduce unforeseen delays and complexity into the process.

Climate Resolve is a Los Angeles-based nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing equitable, community-centered climate solutions that protect Angelenos from the intensifying impacts of extreme heat. For more than a decade, our organization has played a leading role in shaping extreme heat policy at the local and statewide levels. Climate Resolve supported the passage of LA County's Safe Indoor Temperature Ordinance; co-designed the statewide Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Grant Program; and played a central role in advocating for California's updated Extreme Heat Action Plan. Most recently, we partnered with the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) to co-design the state's new heat-ranking tool, CalHeatScore — an innovative system that helps Californians understand their risk during dangerous heat events and take lifesaving actions to stay safe.

Los Angeles already possesses robust grid modeling through the LADWP's LA100 and LA100 Equity Strategies studies, which extensively cover future cooling needs and grid capacity. Supported by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, this comprehensive existing body of work should be relied upon, making a new, undefined analysis unnecessary. Extreme indoor heat is a documented public health emergency linked to serious and potentially fatal health impacts for vulnerable residents. The urgency of this issue is underscored by Los Angeles County, which has already adopted its Safe Indoor Temperature Ordinance with full enforcement set for 2027.

In the meantime, delaying tenant protections has life-or-death implications.

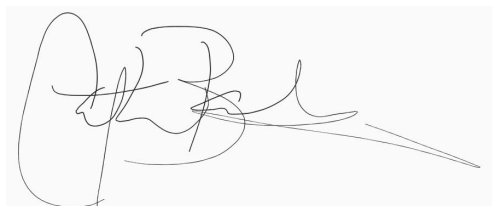
Extreme indoor heat has been linked to respiratory distress, cardiovascular strain, heat exhaustion, insomnia, kidney stress, and other serious health impacts. For seniors, infants, people with disabilities, and medically vulnerable residents, prolonged exposure to indoor heat can be fatal. The urgency is well-documented: Los Angeles County has already adopted its Safe Indoor Temperature Ordinance, with enforcement beginning in 2027 to allow adequate time for upgrades while ensuring timely protection for tenants.

The City of Los Angeles must not fall behind. The renters who make up nearly two-thirds of the city's households deserve the same protections as those already approved in unincorporated areas.

The proposed ordinance allows for a mix of passive and active cooling strategies, many of which place minimal demand on the grid, and the motion already directs LADWP to report on existing load-reducing incentives. Extreme heat is a public health emergency, and renters deserve the same basic protection afforded to homeowners: a safe home during a heat wave. Establishing a safe indoor temperature standard is a long-overdue extension of basic habitability requirements essential for public health and safety. For these reasons, Climate Resolve respectfully urges the Energy & Environment Committee to refine the directive to LADWP so it does not delay or complicate the adoption of the Safe Indoor Temperature Standard.

Thank you for your ongoing leadership, and for your commitment to advancing a safer, healthier, and more climate-resilient Los Angeles. Climate Resolve stands ready to support the City as it advances this urgently needed policy. If you would like to reach out, please contact Catherine Baltazar, Associate Director, Advocacy & Organizing at cbaltazar@climateresolve.org.

Sincerely,



Catherine Baltazar
Associate Director, Advocacy & Organizing

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren Ahkiam

Date Submitted: 12/02/2025 03:33 PM

Council File No: 25-1036

Comments for Public Posting: We are in strong support of the maximum indoor temperature ordinance. Extreme heat is one of the most deadly consequences of climate change and overwhelmingly impacts communities of color and working class communities. LAUSD just passed an extensive resolution to mitigate indoor and outdoor extreme heat at schools and we urge the City of Los Angeles to do likewise in protecting tenants. Indoor cooling can be addressed through a variety of interventions including ones that have little to no grid impact. Additionally, in terms of mechanical cooling, LADWP has already modeled increased energy demand and is working diligently to modernize our city's utility infrastructure, and has and can expand on energy efficiency retrofit programs. This is a matter of survival - renters must have access to safe temperatures in their dwellings. Thank you for consideration of this critical measure.