

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a revised draft Ordinance adding Article 6 to Chapter XVI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to establish a Right to Counsel program.

Recommendation for Council action:

REQUEST the City Attorney PREPARE and PRESENT a revised Ordinance to amend the draft Ordinance dated October 31, 2024, attached to Council file No. 18-0610-S3, related to adding Article 6 to Chapter XVI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to establish a Right to Counsel program as follows:

- a. Amend to strike the following sentence in Section 166.01: ~~"This ordinance does not establish a right to counsel in eviction proceedings or in administrative proceedings that may result in the termination of a tenant's rental housing subsidy but rather codifies the Right to Counsel Program subject to the availability of funding and annual appropriations."~~
- b. Amend Section 166.03 B. to clarify that a responsible agency must provide a notice in the case of a rental housing subsidy termination as follows:
 - i. A landlord, **housing authority, or other responsible agency** shall also serve a copy of the RTCP Notice on the tenant in any of the following situations:
 - (1) ~~along with~~ **attached to** a copy of any Eviction Notice served on the tenant;
 - (2) ~~along with~~ **attached to** any notice of termination of a rental housing subsidy if such notice is served by the landlord; and
 - (3) ~~along with~~ **attached to** any correspondence served by the landlord on the tenant concerning an administrative proceeding that may result in the termination of the tenant's rental housing subsidy.

In each of the situations (1) through (3) described above, the landlord, **housing authority, or responsible agency** shall provide a copy of the RTCP Notice in the tenant's primary language. If the tenant's primary language is not known or a translation of the RTCP Notice into the tenant's primary language is not available from the Department's website, the landlord, **housing authority, or responsible agency** shall provide a copy of the RTCP Notice in English plus a copy of each RTCP Notice that the Department has translated and made available on its website in the languages included in Tiers 1, 2, and 3 of the CIFD's LAP. A landlord shall also post and maintain a copy of the RTCP Notice in a conspicuous common area of the residential building where the tenant resides.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the City Attorney. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For if Amended:
Mid City West Neighborhood Council

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on November 20, 2024, your Housing and Homelessness Committee considered a City Attorney report and draft Ordinance relative to a revised draft Ordinance adding Article 6 to Chapter XVI of the LAMC to establish a Right to Counsel program.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendation, as amended, as stated above. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
RAMAN:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
PADILLA:	YES
DE LEÓN:	ABSENT
RODRIGUEZ:	YES

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