

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: The Los Angeles Renters' Right to Counsel Coalition submits this letter in support of the most recent amendments to the Right to Counsel Ordinance, CF 18-0610-S3. We believe the ordinance, as currently drafted, lives up to the promise that a right to counsel holds for maintaining housing stability in a time of rising unaffordability and homelessness. We recommend that the City Council adopt this ordinance without further changes or delay in order to assist renters throughout the City of Los Angeles.



March 28, 2025
Los Angeles City Council
200 N Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: Letter of Support for the Latest Amendments to the Right to Counsel Ordinance
(CF 18-0610-S3)**

Dear Councilmembers,

The Los Angeles Renters' Right to Counsel Coalition submits this letter in support of the most recent amendments to the Right to Counsel Ordinance, CF 18-0610-S3. The Los Angeles Renters' Right to Counsel Coalition is a collection of tenants, tenant organizing groups, homeless advocates, academics, and legal services organizations. Our goal is to make a right to counsel for all low-income tenants facing eviction a reality here in Los Angeles. Providing an attorney to individuals facing the threat of eviction will uphold tenants' rights, and prevent more renters from falling into homelessness during the housing and homelessness crisis.

On December 10, 2024, the City Council directed the City Attorney's Office to amend the proposed ordinance.¹ These amendments clarified the statement of purpose of the Right to Counsel Ordinance, by removing a statement that this ordinance did not create a Right to Counsel for tenants.² Additionally, the previous ordinance required only landlords to provide the Right to Counsel Program (RTCP) Notice to tenants facing eviction or the loss of their subsidized housing. Now, the ordinance requires a "housing authority, or other responsible agency" to also provide the RTCP Notice to these tenants.³ On March, 14, 2025, the City Attorney's Office returned the revised ordinance to the Los Angeles City Council.⁴ On March 19, 2025, the Housing and Homelessness Committee voted in favor of approving the revised Ordinance.⁵

The Los Angeles Renters' Right to Counsel Coalition supports the latest amendments to the Right to Counsel Ordinance. We believe the ordinance, as currently drafted, lives up to the promise that a right to counsel holds for maintaining housing stability in a time of rising unaffordability and homelessness. We recommend that the City Council adopt this ordinance without further changes or delay in order to assist renters throughout the City of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

The Los Angeles Renters' Right to Counsel Coalition

¹ See L.A. Council File 18-0610-S3.

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*