

RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2025, a wildfire and windstorm event unprecedented in scope wreaked destruction across Los Angeles, with the Pacific Palisades, Eaton Canyon, Hurst, and the Hughes Fires burning over 50,000 acres combined throughout the County of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal government enacted legislation to allow mortgage borrowers to enter into forbearance; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 238 (Harabedian), introduced on January 13, 2025, provides mortgage relief to victims of the wildfires; and

WHEREAS, this bill would authorize a borrower who is experiencing financial hardship due to the wildfire disaster to request forbearance on their mortgage loan; and

WHEREAS, this bill would require a mortgage servicer to provide the forbearance for up to 180 days, which may be extended for an additional period of up to 180 days at the request of the borrower, with no fees, penalties, or interest, and would not require documentation from the borrower other than attestation to financial hardship caused by the wildfire disaster; and

WHEREAS, this bill would also prohibit a mortgage servicer from initiating any foreclosure process, moving for a foreclosure judgment or order of sale, or executing a foreclosure-related eviction or sale; and

WHEREAS, this bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025-2026 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 238 (Harabedian) which would provide mortgage forbearance to victims of Southern California's recent wildfires that experienced affirmed financial hardship due to those fires.

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