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**RESOLUTION**

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

**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 have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, in April 2025, the Los Angeles City Council adopted Council File (CF:) 25-0427, directing the Department of Building and Safety (DBS) to report back in 90 days modifications to the City's Building Code in order to allow for single-exit, single-stairway, multifamily unit residential buildings up to six stories; and

**WHEREAS**, legalizing single-stairway buildings will reduce building costs, create more family-sized, affordable, and well-ventilated units on smaller parcels of land across the city while not jeopardizing the safety of tenants; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Los Angeles adopted aggressive carbon neutrality goals and has been at the forefront of addressing climate change through legislative actions, including through building code amendments;

**WHEREAS**, the City is also pursuing a number of ambitious climate policies around our built environment, including CF: 23-1391, directing DBS to identify embodied carbon limits in new construction and incentivize construction waste reductions and CF: 21-1463 which addresses existing building emissions by targeting a relatively small number of buildings while achieving an outsized share of greenhouse gas emissions reductions; and

**WHEREAS**, currently pending before the Legislature is Assembly Bill (AB) 306 (Schultz), which will prohibit cities and counties from making changes to residential building codes between June 1, 2025 and June 1, 2031, with limited exceptions; and

**WHEREAS**, AB 306, as currently written, will restrict the City's ability to move forward with its legislatively-approved efforts to swiftly legalize single stairwell multifamily buildings, a key policy initiative to increase affordable, family-sized units in Los Angeles; and whereas

**WHEREAS**, AB 306, as currently written, will also preclude the City from pursuing building code changes that could reduce tenant exposure to dangerous indoor temperature conditions, likely resulting in health harms and potentially deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, the City should oppose AB 306 because it will impede the City's ability to address an array of critical housing and environmental-related issues facing Angelenos;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025-26 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION for Assembly Bill 306 (Schultz).

PRESENTED BY:

  
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