



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
Hydee Feldstein Soto

REPORT NO. R24-0492
Oct. 11, 2024

REPORT RE:

DRAFT ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 45.33, 45.34, AND 45.35 OF ARTICLE 5.3 OF CHAPTER IV OF THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPDATING THE TENANT ANTI-HARASSMENT ORDINANCE

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Council File No. 14-0268-S18

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to your request, this Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration, approved as to form and legality, the enclosed draft ordinance. The draft ordinance, if adopted, would: (a) amend the Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance (TAHO); (b) update TAHO's definition of "Tenant Harassment" (Los Angeles Municipal Code Section (LAMC) 45.33); and (c) add to and update the examples of tenant harassment.

The draft ordinance implements 16 amendments set forth in the Housing and Homelessness Committee's August 28, 2024 report, and two additional amendments approved at the Council meeting on September 24, 2024 (Amending Motion 30A Hernandez - Soto-Martinez).

This Office notes that it has made minor edits to the amendments to TAHO set forth in the August 28, 2024 report (as amended by Motion 30A) for clarity, and also made minor edits to LAMC Section 45.33 to eliminate redundancies.

CEQA Findings

This Office recommends that the City Council find that the adoption of this ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) through Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Article II, Section 1 of the City CEQA Guidelines. If you concur, you should adopt this finding prior to or concurrent with taking action on this ordinance.

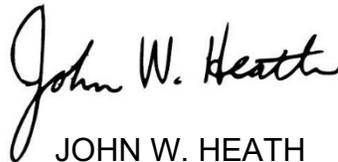
Council Rule 38 Referral

Pursuant to Council Rule 38, concurrently with this transmittal, a copy of the draft ordinance will be sent to the Los Angeles Housing Department, with a request that any comments be transmitted directly to Council or its Committees when this matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Peter Walford at (213) 922-8374. A member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Transmittal