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Summary: CIS in Support of Transparency in the Billing of Utilities to Residential and Commercial Tenants WHEREAS numerous residential and commercial tenants in the City of Los Angeles, particularly in multi-unit properties, pay utility bills through their landlords without knowing the factual basis for the amount paid because landlords purport to pass through these bills without providing the information necessary for tenants to confirm that the pass-through calculation is correct; WHEREAS the solution to this issue is the principle of transparency — a requirement that all landlords who wish to pass a utility bill through to their tenants must provide the tenants with enough information, such as the underlying meter readings, the underlying billing rates, and the calculation used to divide bills among tenants and between the tenants and the landlord, to allow the tenants to confirm that the calculation of their utility bill is accurate; and WHEREAS the solution of transparency has been adopted by ordinance in the City of Seattle and by law in the State of Oregon; and has been supported by multiple other NCs including Herman, North Westwood, and Echo Park. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Palms Neighborhood Council urges the Los Angeles City Council to adopt these principles by tying the recoverability of utility bills through leasing contracts to the provision of sufficient information to tenants to allow them to confirm the accuracy of their bills.