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Item Number:

Summary: On April 13, 2022 at a Brown Act Compliant Meeting, NoHo Neighborhood Council voted to SUPPORT CF 22-0178, a motion to create an ordinance requiring greater transparency for tenants' utility bills. Please see the attached statement for further details.

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Council File: [22-0178](#)

Title: Tenant Utility Bills / Third-Party Billing Agencies / Landlords / Ratio Utility Billing System (RUBS) / Transparent Process Implementation

Position: SUPPORT

Summary:

On April 13, 2022 at a Brown Act Compliant Meeting, NoHo Neighborhood Council voted to SUPPORT CF 22-0178, a motion to create an ordinance requiring greater transparency for tenants' utility bills.

Currently, many residential and commercial tenants in multi-unit buildings in Los Angeles pay their landlords or third-party billing services for utilities without seeing any documentation as to the basis of the charges. This leaves tenants with no way of validating that they are being billed accurately and fairly.

An ordinance modeled after the one enacted by the City of Seattle in 2003—which requires third-party billing companies to provide detailed statements disclosing charges, meter readings, and contact information for disputing charges to tenants in properties with three or more units—would help ensure equitable billing practices. Additionally, we strongly support any measures to ensure that low-income tenants whose utility bills are processed by private companies can take advantage of low-income utility services, as currently this is not

always the case.

In light of this, NoHo Neighborhood Council supports Council File 22-0178 and encourages the City to adopt and implement such an ordinance as soon as possible.