



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney  
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**REPORT RE:**

**REVISED DRAFT ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 151.09 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER XV AND SECTION 165.03 OF ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER XVI OF THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO AVOID FORFEITURE, LIMIT DISPLACEMENT AND HOMELESSNESS, AND RESTRICT EVICTIONS FOR NONPAYMENT OF RENT THAT IS NOT MATERIAL AS SPECIFIED; AND ADDING SECTION 165.10 TO ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER XVI OF THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCORPORATE A SEVERANCE CLAUSE**

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

Honorable Members:

On January 23, 2023, this Office transmitted a draft ordinance to prohibit evictions for nonpayment of rent until the tenant's rent debt exceeds a monetary threshold of one month of fair market rent. Pursuant to your request, we now transmit the enclosed revised draft ordinance to incorporate a severance clause into Article 5, Chapter XVI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

CEQA Findings

This Office recommends that the City Council find that the adoption of this revised draft 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 revised draft ordinance.



Council Rule 38 Referral


Concurrently with this transmittal, a copy of the revised draft ordinance will be sent, pursuant to Council Rule 38, to the Los Angeles Housing Department with a request that all comments, if any, be presented to the City Council when this matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Elaine Zhong at (213) 922-7715. 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