

RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, people with disabilities disproportionately experience poverty, homelessness, and housing discrimination; and

WHEREAS, certain mobility-related disabilities may make it challenging or impossible for tenants to climb stairs in buildings that do not have accessibility features like elevators or wheelchair ramps; and

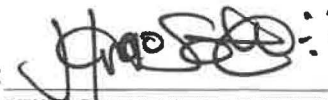
WHEREAS, a rent-controlled tenant in this situation may have to choose between keeping their protected rental rate in a difficult-to-access unit, or losing their established rent by moving to a different unit that is accessible but with a new rent as a result of vacancy decontrol; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the State Assembly is a bill, AB 1620 (Zbur), which would authorize a jurisdiction with rent control to require an owner of a rent-controlled unit to allow a tenant with a permanent physical disability to relocate to an available comparable or smaller unit located on an accessible floor of the property and retain their same rental rate; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles should support AB 1620 (Zbur) in order to promote housing stability for renters with disabilities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-2024 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1620 (Zbur), which would authorize a jurisdiction to require an owner of a rent-controlled unit to allow a permanently physically disabled tenant to relocate to a comparable accessible unit and retain their same rental rate.

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