

[POLICY] [PLUM] [Renters’] – Discussion and possible action about a Request for Action from the MVCC asking LA City councilmembers and local California Assembly-members and Senators to lobby Governor Newsom to invoke the California State Rainy Day Fund for rent and mortgage relief

The Motion

Whereas In 2018, nearly 600,000 Los Angeles County residents were not only in poverty, but were also in households spending 90% or more of their income on housing according to the Economic Roundtable,

And

Whereas in 2019 homelessness in Los Angeles County rose by 12% before the pandemic began and the lack of adequate income to pay rapidly in-creasing rent was already the leading cause of homelessness in Los Angeles County,

And

Whereas UCLA Luskin estimated in May that over 365,000 households and families in LA County are at risk of eviction due to the economic crisis precipitated by the COVID-19 pandemic,

And

Whereas housing insecurity disproportionately affects Black and Hispanic Angelenos which worsens LA’s persistent struggle with racial inequity and exclusion,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Renters’ Subcommittee of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee of the Mar Vista Community Council respectfully requests that LA City Council and local state assembly-members and senators ask Governor Newsom to declare a state of housing emergency in order to use the \$16.5 billion in Rainy Day Fund reserves for rent and mortgage relief. In order to provide a just and equitable economic recovery, it is essential that California protect its residents and prevent homelessness among its most vulnerable community members.