

**[POLICY] [PLUM] [Renters'] [CF 21-0062]** – Discussion and possible action concerning Los Angeles City Council motion to establish a Renter Relief Registry

The Motion

Whereas the Los Angeles City Council created in July 2020 an Emergency Renters Assistance Subsidy (ERAS) Program of \$103.9 million to provide up to \$2000 per eligible household of rent relief paid directly to landlords of eligible tenants,

And

Whereas 49,133 families were assisted by this program in 2020,<sup>1</sup>

And

Whereas the Los Angeles City Council has introduced a motion to revitalize some version of this program using the City's portion of the \$2.6 billion allocated to the state of California by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021,

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Whereas many of the households that took part in the original ERAS program and that are likely to participate in the new rent relief program were vulnerable or in need before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic,

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Whereas it behooves the City of Los Angeles to create aid systems that are consistent and persistent during crises and between crises,

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Whereas there is no single and consistent source of information regarding the total number of Los Angeles City households considered income- or resource-vulnerable that reports more than once per year,

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Whereas, the City should be attempting to create relief systems that prioritize the neediest households first when allocating cash or in-kind relief during times of economic hardship,

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<sup>1</sup> "LA Council president introduces motion for expanded renters relief program." City News Service, ABC 7. 13 January 2021. <<https://abc7.com/los-angeles-rent-relief-la-help-for-tenants-landlords/9627396/>>.

And

Whereas, the City and all levels of government should be establishing systems both for reporting and as automatic stabilizers that can be deployed ministerially during times of economic hardship,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Mar Vista Community Council Board of Directors issue a community impact statement supporting the LA City Council's pursuit Renter Relief Registry which identifies and prioritizes those Angeleno households most in need of public assistance during and between crises.

Therefore, be it further resolved that the Mar Vista Community Council Board of Directors request the LA City Council also consider including those landlords participating in any system of public subsidy for households in need and who are in receipt of public monies in this registry system.