

[POLICY] [PLUM] [Renters’] – Discussion and possible action concerning the creation of a permanent Rent Registry for the entire state of California.

The Motion

Whereas there currently exists no comprehensive statewide registry or record on rent stabilization ordinance (RSO) units,

And

Whereas some rent registries, such as that operated by the City of Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department, only creates records upon receipt of a complaint,

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Whereas some cities only have information on rental units built before the passage of the Costa-Hawkins Act of 1995,

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Whereas the establishment of a comprehensive statewide rent registry for RSO units could help establish a more comprehensive view of the total number of RSO units statewide and provide data for future changes to state and regional housing policy,

And

Whereas the people of the State of California have attempted the passage of similar registries under AB 724 (2019), which would have created a general rent registry, and AB 2406, which would have created a registry for landlords in receipt of COVID-19-related state and federal aid fund,

And,

Whereas the creation of a statewide registry of this kind would empower both renters and landlords in terms of price and quality competitiveness,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Mar Vista Community Council Board of Directors issue a community impact statement urging the Los Angeles City Council to support efforts to create a statewide registry for rental units subject to rent stabilization ordinance and the landlords that own and manage those units.