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Report Back on the Review of Local Homeless Emergency Order and Tenant Protections

Tenant protections in Los Angeles County have kept families housed throughout the pandemic are set to end March 30, meaning more than 30,000 households could face eviction by the end of the year, according to UCLA researchers' estimates based on county Superior Court records. Furthermore, according to a Department of Consumer of Business Affairs report, 3200 unlawful detainers are filed per month.

On January 10, the Board approved the Homeless Emergency Order to address the homeless and housing crisis in Los Angeles County. County may proclaim a local emergency when there is the “existence of conditions of disaster, or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of the County,” and when these conditions “are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat.”

Homelessness and the lack of affordable housing meet these requirements for a

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local emergency. Conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons exist on the basis of pervasive homelessness and lack of affordable housing in Los Angeles County. In this regard, 69,000 individuals are presently unhoused in the County, and critically 2,000 of those unhoused individuals die each year.

Homelessness is a complicated and multifaceted issue that requires, among other things, the development of new affordable housing, including protections for tenant and landlords. For these reasons it is necessary for Los Angeles County to analyze other vehicles to prevent any further displacement of tenants from their homes.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Chief Executive Officer – Homeless Initiative and Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, in consultation with County Counsel, to report back within 45 days with recommendations for measures to protect tenants from falling into homelessness based on the Local Emergency for Homelessness.

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