



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS  
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
4.		Favor	Emmanuel Estrada	
			Enrique Huerta	<p>RE: Support for Item No. 4: Establishing a Safe Maximum Temperature Threshold for Residential Units</p> <p>Dear Chair Horvath and members of the Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>Climate Resolve applauds Supervisor Horvath's leadership exploring how best to establish a safe maximum indoor residential temperature threshold for the County of Los Angeles. Climate Resolve supports this work. As a member of the AB 209 indoor residential heat standard working group, we're delighted to see the County address indoor cooling in an equitable manner, including the various safeguards to protect renters from possible displacement.</p> <p>Climate Resolve has been elevating an appreciation for extreme heat adaptation measures locally and statewide for the past decade. We recognize that many of the residential homes in the County are unprepared for extreme heat. Statewide, the issue is no better. That's why we are participating in the development of a statewide indoor residential standard, with the California Department of Housing and Community Development. We appreciate your leadership on this topic and have some clarifying questions to assist the due diligence process.</p> <p>There are some areas in the motion that could be improved with some additional clarity. For example:</p> <p>Provide additional clarification on the motion's recommendation: Is it recommending a single 82-degree maximum temperature or requesting that staff make a recommendation?</p> <p>Further align this motion's recommendation for a single maximum temperature and a prior LA County report recommending a temperature range.</p> <p>Need to be clear that all new residential buildings must comply.</p> <p>The tiered approach to application for existing buildings should be more clear.</p> <p>Based on the California Department of Public Health's Interim Guide to Health Equity-Centered Local Heat Planning, we'd like to offer the following additional policy and financing information to assist your research:</p> <p>Long-term Planning and Policy</p> <p>Assess how many structures in your jurisdiction have air conditioning – and how many do not; consider also assessing more broadly homes with vulnerabilities such as with poor construction and pre-code poor insulation.</p> <p>Consider funding mechanisms for cooling strategies, such as cool roofs</p>



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Genevieve M Clavreul	
Illece Buckley	
Kiana Martinez	<p>Dear Chair Horvath and Members of the Board: As a representative of the city of Baldwin Park, an LA county resident, and a co-founder of SGV Casita, we would like to express our support for Supervisor Hilda Solis and Chair Lindsey Horvath's motion "Establishing a Safe Maximum Temperature Threshold for Residential Units," item 4 on the agenda of January 23, 2023. As stewards of our community, we are dedicated to protecting the safety and health of all our residents. We understand that extreme heat claims more lives than any other weather or climate risk in Los Angeles County and support the County in taking these critical steps to address this issue. As heat waves grow in frequency and intensity, the County must adapt to meet these new threats. An ordinance to establish a safe maximum indoor temperature, coupled with tenant protections, ensures healthy living standards for all Los Angeles County residents, especially the most vulnerable populations. We would also like to applaud this motion's commitment to stakeholder</p>

			engagement in the design and implication of policies moving forward. Adapting to climate change takes cross-sectoral collaboration, and the County is taking a monumental step towards building a safer and more resilient County. For these reasons, the city of Baldwin Park is in support of the Motion to Establish a Safe Maximum Temperature Threshold for Residential Units. We look forward to continued involvement on this matter.
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		<b>Oppose</b>	Monisha Parker Lindsey P. Horvath, you can't tell residents how to control the temperature in their house. You can take your Establishing a Safe Maximum Temperature Threshold for Residential Units, and shove it up your a\$\$.
			V Citizen Nonsense. People must gain common sense. Next it will be requiring door openers and closers.
		<b>Other</b>	Fred Sutton
		<b>Item Total</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>10</b>

**From:** [Fred Sutton](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Item 4: Temperature Threshold Letter  
**Date:** Friday, January 19, 2024 10:35:14 AM  
**Attachments:** [Item\\_4\\_Maximum\\_Tempature.pdf](#)

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Hello Honorable Supervisors,

Attached, please find a letter from the California Apartment Association (CAA) regarding item 4, a motion to establish a maximum temperature threshold for residential units on the 1/23 agenda.

We respectfully ask that a thorough and holistic study be conducted on the issue before an ordinance is directed.

A report should include:

1. State building code interaction and adoption process.
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5. Regional energy load review and assessment.
6. Alternative cooling strategies.
7. Safety considerations of installation.
8. Impacts on the County's climate goals & energy reduction plans.
9. Cost assessment associated with retrofitting older dwelling units for air conditioning.
10. Capital expenditure funding sources.
11. Impacts on housing affordability and utility bills.

Thank you for your review and consideration.

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**California Apartment Association**  
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January 19, 2024

The Honorable Chair Horvath  
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
500 W. Temple St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
VIA Email

**Re: (Item 4) Establishing a Safe Maximum Temperature Threshold for Residential Units**

Dear Board Chair Horvath and Supervisors,

The California Apartment Association (CAA) represents local housing providers who are involved with a range of rental properties from those that offer a single unit to large apartment communities as well as businesses that provide goods, services, and support to the housing industry. Our members touch on the everyday lives of many county residents. We have a keen interest in the pursuit of fair and equitable housing policies.

**We respectfully request that a comprehensive study be conducted prior to any ordinance direction.** CAA has long requested the county conduct appropriate engagement, and analysis before requesting specific ordinance outcomes. Housing and climate issues are often complex and need to be informed by relevant fact gathering and considerations.

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CAA appreciates the direction to include stakeholder feedback, but the motion does not appear to request an analysis and study of the issue nor its intersecting parts. This item should be reviewed holistically to determine appropriate action and ensure policies are not in conflict with its own housing and climate goals while also potentially creating an unfunded mandate. The types of upgrades discussed in the motion potentially require significant capital expenditure, building rehabilitation and will have a financial impact on residents.

Apartment buildings were built to code at the time and operators find themselves facing changing climate conditions through no fault of their own. There could be unintended consequences which departments and the Board of Supervisors should be aware of prior to ordinance creation. We respectfully ask that a thorough and holistic study be conducted in concurrence with stakeholder feedback and before an ordinance is directed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fred Sutton". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Fred Sutton  
California Apartment Association

January 22, 2024

Chair Lindsey P. Horvath  
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 W. Temple Street, Room 383  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: Support for Item No. 4: Establishing a Safe Maximum Temperature Threshold for Residential Units**

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### Additional Available State Funding Programs

- The [Low-Income Weatherization Program](#) (LIWP) can provide low income households with energy efficiency upgrades at no cost to residents.
- The [Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program](#) at the Office of Planning and Research can fund the cost of preparing a local Extreme Heat Action Plan. The Notice of Funding Availability is slated to be released February 2024.

Thank you for the opportunity to support Item No. 4. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Enrique Huerta, Legislative Director at [ehuerta@climateresolve.org](mailto:ehuerta@climateresolve.org).

Sincerely,



Jonathan Parfrey  
Executive Director





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January 22, 2024

The Honorable Chair Lindsey P. Horvath and Members of the Board  
821 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: – MOTION ESTABLISHING A SAFE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE THRESHOLD FOR RESIDENTIAL UNITS-SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Horvath and Members of the Board

On behalf of Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County (NLSLA), we thank you for your request to comment on the Motion Establishing a Safe Maximum Temperature Threshold for Residential Units.

As California heat waves become longer, hotter, and more deadly,<sup>1</sup> current heat-related illness and deaths are increasing in dramatic fashion. Although heat related deaths too often go unreported as such, it has finally become recognized that more people die as a result of excessive heat events than any other natural disaster<sup>2</sup>. Despite rising temperatures and unsafe conditions in rental units with any form of cooling, approximately 20% of households in Los Angeles do not a form of cooling in their unit or home<sup>3</sup>. Unsurprisingly, low-income communities and communities of color are disproportionately impacted by rising heat and its effects. Establishing a maximum temperature threshold for residential units is a much needed step to address the impact the climate crisis on these communities.

The establishment of a single maximum indoor temperature threshold for residential units will eliminate confusion for both the landlord and the tenant. By providing a funding source, again for both landlords and tenants, will help make this effort more successful and provide the relief the underserved communities within the County so clearly need.

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As one of the partner legal aid providers in Stay Housed, our housing advocates work with tenants throughout the County in an effort to prevent evictions and displacement. Given our perspective as a one of the larger provider of free legal services to tenants throughout the County, we fully support the inclusion of the anti-displacement provisions. The Board's recognition of the vulnerability and impact additional regulations and requirements can have on tenants is appreciated.

Thank you for your leadership in advancing this important issue, and for taking steps to ensure the well-being of the communities we serve. We appreciate the opportunity to comment.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Skip Koenig, the supervisor of our Disaster Assistance Team at (818) 834-7572 or [skipkoenig@nlsla.org](mailto:skipkoenig@nlsla.org).

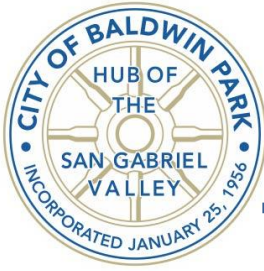
Sincerely,

/s/

Skip Koenig

Director of Pro Bono

Disaster Assistance Team Supervisor



**Mayor**  
**Emmanuel J. Estrada**  
City of Baldwin Park

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821 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: Support for Establishing a Safe Maximum Temperature Threshold  
for Residential Units**

Dear Chair Horvath and Members of the Board:

As the Mayor of the City of Baldwin Park, I would like to express support for Supervisor Hilda Solis and Chair Lindsey Horvath's motion "Establishing a Safe Maximum Temperature Threshold for Residential Units," item 4 on the agenda of January 23, 2023.

Baldwin Park has a large population of people living with health vulnerabilities, and a large population of people living <50% of the area median income, according to the Southern California Association of Governments. As stewards of our community, Baldwin Park is dedicated to protecting the safety and health of all our residents. We understand that extreme heat claims more lives than any other weather or climate risk in Los Angeles County and support the County in taking these critical steps to address this issue.

As heat waves grow in frequency and intensity, the County must provide tools for cities to provide livable conditions for our residents. An ordinance to establish a safe maximum indoor temperature, coupled with tenant protections, ensures healthy living standards for all Los Angeles County residents, especially the most vulnerable populations. We also urge you to consider more robust assistance programs and creative solutions, such as automatic enrollment, so that the residents of our great city have equitable access to cooling.

For these reasons, the City of Baldwin Park is in support of the Motion to Establish a Safe Maximum Temperature Threshold for Residential Units, which we feel is a step in the right direction. We look forward to continued involvement on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Emmanuel J. Estrada  
Mayor  
City of Baldwin Park



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*"Gateway to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area"*

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January 22, 2024

Subject: Letter of Support for the SD1/SD3 Motion on Maximum Indoor Temperature Regulation

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

We are writing this letter to express our support for the SD1/SD3 motion aimed at establishing a maximum indoor temperature for dwelling units in Los Angeles County. The City of Agoura Hills are advocates for environmental justice and believe that this motion is a crucial step in addressing one of our region's most pressing climate risks – extreme heat.

The impact of extreme heat on vulnerable communities, particularly those already facing socio-economic challenges, cannot be overstated. This motion not only recognizes the urgency of the issue but also takes concrete steps towards creating a policy that can make a real difference in the lives of our fellow residents.

We appreciate the motion's commitment to launching a comprehensive public engagement process. Public input is vital to ensuring that the regulation reflects the diverse needs and concerns of our community. By incorporating the perspectives of residents, community organizations, and experts, we can develop a policy that is both effective and equitable.

The proposal to request the County Council to prepare an ordinance based on the outcomes of the public engagement process is a commendable approach. This ensures that the regulation is well-informed, transparent, and legally sound. We believe that such a collaborative effort will result in a policy that can serve as a model for other regions facing similar challenges.

Furthermore, the decision to utilize the County's Health Code for regulation and enforcement is a strategic and impactful choice. The Health Code's applicability throughout Los Angeles County ensures a comprehensive and uniform approach to addressing indoor temperature concerns. This motion recognizes that the health and well-being of our residents are interconnected with the quality of their living conditions.

In conclusion, we urge you to support and prioritize the SD1/SD3 motion, recognizing it as a major environmental justice policy that has the potential to significantly improve the resilience of our community in the face of extreme heat. By taking decisive action on this critical issue, Los Angeles County can lead the way in creating policies that prioritize the health and safety of all residents.

Sincerely,

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Illece Buckley Weber  
Mayor, City of Agoura Hills



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