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July 15, 2024

Honorable Board Chair Lindsey Horvath
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SUBJECT: LAACC Item 4 – Tenant Right to Counsel (TRTC)

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On behalf of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce representing more than 1,400 companies and small business owners in Los Angeles, I write to respectfully request the Board consider an amendment requiring annual reporting to the draft ordinance in agenda item 4, “County Code, Title 8 - Consumer Protection, Business and Wage Regulations, Adding Chapter 8.60 - Tenant Right to Counsel.”

To tackle the existing needs of our communities and address the housing crisis, the Chamber supports opportunities to cultivate healthier neighborhoods and increase safety in our communities to make the region a more commuter-friendly place to live and work. The Chamber honors the goals of this draft ordinance, but respectfully urges the Board to consider an amendment requiring annual reporting to inform strategic planning and allocate funding effectively. The following information and data points should be considered in annual reporting:

- The number of tenant-households served.
- The basis for eviction.
- Outcomes following the case in an unlawful detainer proceeding, including, but not limited to, the number of households that:
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- Average and median cost per case.

The Chamber believes homelessness and housing affordability is a critical issue that must be addressed urgently. Accountability measures and opportunities for improvement are vital to assess policies and programs.

The Chamber respectfully requests that you include this amendment. Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Elissa Diaz, Senior Policy Manager, at ediaz@lachamber.com.

Sincerely,



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President & CEO