

Resolution No. 21 – 003

A resolution of the Rent Control Board of the City of Santa Monica in support of extending the eviction moratorium, and authorizing the Administrator to sign onto a letter of support on the Board's behalf.

The Rent Control Board of the City of Santa Monica ("The Board") resolves as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board is a government agency; and

WHEREAS, as a local government agency, the Board is empowered to exercise its right to free speech, which includes the right to take positions on state legislation affecting its regulatory subject matter and its regulatory function; and

WHEREAS, the Board's regulatory subject matter and regulatory function, as stated in Santa Monica City Charter ("SMCC") Article XVIII—commonly known as the Rent Control Law—include providing "relief to persons facing particular hardship," which persons may include, "especially the poor, minorities, students, young families, and senior citizens," by helping them to remain in their rent-controlled units, and also to limit displacement of tenants from rent-controlled units regardless of economic status; and

WHEREAS, SB 91 implemented critical protections for renters, including an extension of the eviction moratorium until June 30, 2021 as well as rental assistance for qualified tenants. Most tenants are having difficulty navigating the complicated process for obtaining the rental assistance this legislation authorized while staring down the looming expiration of the eviction moratorium at the end of June. As a result, very little of the available funds have been distributed; and

WHEREAS, it is critical for the state legislature to pass legislation to further extend the eviction moratorium to a date that guarantees that tenants will have been able to access all funds available to assist with rental payments to avoid mass evictions due solely to a cumbersome bureaucracy and an unnecessarily complex application process.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rent Control Board of the City of Santa Monica supports the extension of the eviction moratorium until such time as the rental

assistance to which tenants are entitled has been more extensively distributed, and authorizes the Administrator to sign on to letters of support.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 14th day of June 2021.

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Steve Duron
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Steven Duron, Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

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Alvin Ho
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Alvin Ho,
Board Secretary