



LEGISLATIVE ALERT

TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2007 – ELLIS ITEM FULL CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO CONSIDER EXTENDING RENT CONTROL TO NEW CONSTRUCTION

Tomorrow, May 22, 2007, the Los Angeles City Council will consider extending rent control to newly-constructed rental buildings constructed on sites that within the last five years included demolished rent controlled apartment units (“Ellis Item”). **If this measure succeeds, it would be the first time rent control would extend to new construction (the RSO does not currently regulate newly constructed units built after 1978).**

Also in consideration is Councilmember Garcetti’s proposed amendment to the Ellis Item, which would give the developer the option of constructing a new, rent stabilized building (where rent control would extend to every new unit, regardless of size of demolished building), or replacing the lost rent stabilized units one for one with units that would be affordable to those making 80% of AMI or less, up to 20% of the total building units (“Amendment”).

The amendment was passed by the City’s Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee (HCED). Therefore, the Ellis Item and Councilmember Garcetti’s Amendment **will be debated in tomorrow’s full City Council meeting.** Tomorrow’s hearing will likely be the final hearing on this matter.

These motions appear as items (2) and (3) on tomorrow’s agenda. Hence, please arrive on time if you plan on attending or testifying.

**Tuesday, May 22 at 10:00 am
City Council Chambers
200 N. Spring Street, Room 340
Los Angeles, CA 90012**

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Veronica Perez Becker at (213) 624-1213, ext. 217.