



LEGISLATIVE ALERT

MAY 8 HCED MEETING TO DISCUSS ELLIS ITEM CANCELLED MEETING TO CONSIDER EXTENDING RENT CONTROL TO NEW CONSTRUCTION TO BE RESCHEDULED FOR MAY 15

In the coming weeks, 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 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).**

In addition, Councilmember Garcetti introduced an 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”).

Although the Amendment was originally scheduled to be heard by the City’s Housing, Community, and Economic Development Committee (“HCED”) on May 8, THE MAY 8 MEETING HAS BEN CANCELLED and the new hearing date for the Amendment is as follows:

**Tuesday, May 15 at 8:30 am
City Hall, Room 1010
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012**

The Councilmembers on the HCED Committee are Councilmembers Wesson, Reyes, Cardenas, Garcetti and Perry. Whether the Amendment passes or not, the Ellis Item will be before the full Council in the coming weeks (date not yet set).

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT AND TESTIMONY AT THE MAY 15 HCED MEETING, AS WELL AS THE FULL COUNCIL HEARING ON THE ISSUE WHEN IT IS SCHEDULED. IF YOU CANNONT MAKE IT, PLEASE CONSIDER WRITING A LETTER TO THE COUNCILMEMBERS EXPRESSING YOUR CONCERNS.

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