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Exploring Options for an Eviction Moratorium

During Operations Cluster on September 10, 2025, numerous stakeholders provided feedback in person and online relating to a motion to implement an emergency rent relief program, asking for rent assistance to be paired with an eviction moratorium to protect our vulnerable communities from falling into homelessness, during times of unprecedented actions by the federal government that are impacting the ability of individuals to earn enough money to pay rent.

Beginning June 7th, 2025, increased federal immigration enforcement actions targeting Los Angeles County have resulted in U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids that have kidnapped thousands of people, disrupted workplaces, schools, and neighborhoods, and spread fear in communities throughout the region.

These actions are happening during an ongoing affordability and homelessness crisis, a declared emergency in Los Angeles County (County), which was exacerbated by the Palisades, Eaton, and other January wildfires (January Wildfires) that destroyed more than 12,000 homes pushing those families into the rental market.

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During the COVID-19 crisis, multiples levels of government including federal, state, and local municipalities including the County provided protection for tenants via eviction moratoria and eviction protections through affirmative defenses to ensure people could shelter in place and not fall into homelessness during a time of crisis. In February 2025, the County provided a 6-month eviction protection for people impacted economically from the January Wildfires.

With federal enforcement actions likely to continue, emboldened by the September 8th Supreme Court decision that seemingly allows for continued racial profiling, the County must do everything it can to protect our vulnerable families.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that County Counsel:

- 1) Report back to the Board in writing within 14 days with options for an eviction moratorium or other similar protections, for those that have been impacted by federal immigration actions, including but not limited to individuals or households that have been financially impacted, lost employment, or had family members taken by federal agents; and
- 2) Return to the next regular Board meeting on September 30, 2025, to provide a verbal report of the findings.

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