

Resolution No. 23 – 002

A resolution of the Rent Control Board of the City of Santa Monica in support of SB 466, legislation pending in the California Legislature to amend Costa-Hawkins, and authorizing the Administrator to submit this resolution 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 466 would modify the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act to establish a rolling date that permits the application of rent stabilization policies to newly constructed housing 15 years after it was first constructed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rent Control Board of the City of Santa Monica supports the enactment of Senate Bill 466 (Wahab), an act amending the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act and authorizes the Administrator to submit this resolution to the bill's author.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 13th day of April 2023.



Anastasia Foster, Chair