

Resolution No. 23 – 003

A resolution of the Rent Control Board of the City of Santa Monica in support of AB 1505, legislation pending in the California Legislature, 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

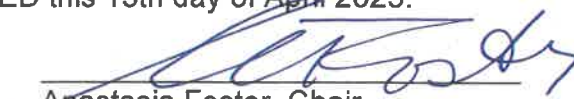
WHEREAS, as a local government agency, the Board is empowered to exercise its right to free speech, which includes the right to take positions on state legislation affecting its regulatory subject matter and its regulatory function; and

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, AB 1505 would appropriate \$250 million from the general fund for immediate use by the existing Seismic Retrofitting Program for Soft Story Multi-family Housing. Existing law requires that these funds be allocated as part of the 2023-24 Budget Act; this bill would speed up that process and call for immediate appropriation of those funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rent Control Board of the City of Santa Monica supports the enactment of Assembly Bill 1505 (Rodriguez), an act appropriating funding for seismic retrofitting 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