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## Re: Community Impact Statement in SUPPORT of Council File 18-0002-S98 (Proposition 10/ The Affordable Housing Act)

Dear Mayor Eric Garcetti, LA City Council Members, and Commission:

The Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council (BHNC) represents over 95,000 Los Angeles Stakeholders who reside, own property, or conduct business in our neighborhood.

Los Angeles is currently facing a housing and homelessness crisis. Families in Boyle Heights and throughout the city are facing displacement, homelessness, and financial hardships due to extremely high rents. Proposition 10 would allow local leaders the flexibility to alter rent control laws in order to alleviate the significant rental cost burden placed on tenants and reduce related homelessness. At our neighborhood council, we routinely get requests from developers to provide statements of support for new developments which range from replacing rent stabilized ordinance units to new market rate units with only 10% - 30% allocated to very low income & affordable housing. In order to protect families from the increase in rent that these new development often bring, it is crucial that we protect the community from displacement from large rent increases.

The BHNC supports the repeal of the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act of 1995 which limits the scope of municipal rent-control policies. The repeal would give the city the option to control rental rates when tenants change, instead of permitting units to move to market rate, and would allow rental controls for new construction and single-family homes. The repeal would protect tenants from massive rent increases, enable people to stay in their homes, and prevent more Angelenos from becoming displaced and homeless.

Therefore, the BHNC affirms support of AB 1506 (Proposition 10), the repeal of the Costa-Hawkins Act and supports our City Council in doing the same.

Sincerely, The Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council

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