

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Agenda Item # 9

Ordinance to Regulate Indoor Temperature for Rental Housing Units

The Westwood Neighborhood Council hereby moves to request that Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky advocate for the creation of a City of Los Angeles ordinance to establish a safe maximum indoor temperature for rental housing units in the City.

WHEREAS, Los Angeles will face increasing extreme heat due to climate change, and public health evidence shows that sustained indoor temperatures above 82° F are linked to excess emergency-room visits and mortality;

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has mandated that landlords in unincorporated areas maintain habitable rooms at or below 82°;

WHEREAS, the county ordinance prohibits landlords from retaliating against renters who install plug-in air-conditioning or other cooling devices;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Westwood Neighborhood Council urges Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky support and adopt a citywide cooling ordinance providing that:

(i) **Maximum indoor temperature** – All habitable rooms in rental units shall be maintained at or below 82 degrees Fahrenheit using any code-compliant combination of insulation, ventilation, shading, air-conditioning, or other cooling methods;

(ii) **Tenant protections** – Renters shall have the right to install safe portable air-conditioning or other plug-in cooling devices upon reasonable notice to the landlord, and landlords shall be prohibited from evicting tenants or passing through