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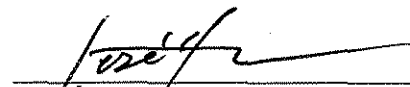
The City Systematic Code Enforcement Program (SCEP) requires the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) to inspect multi-family residential units on a scheduled basis. Approximately 30 days prior to the inspection, a Notice of Inspection is mailed to the property owner. Although a secondary notice is posted on the property before the inspection, tenants are not directly notified of the inspection. Instead, they often first learn of it when City inspectors arrive, leading to confusion among tenants. This confusion is compounded by the fact that while many tenants do not speak English, these notices are not posted in multiple languages. Lack of sufficient tenant notification also makes it necessary for City inspectors to visit units multiple times when tenants are not available to allow inspectors access to their units.

In order to ensure that tenants of units subject to inspection pursuant to the City's Systematic Code Enforcement Program are sufficiently notified, the City Council should instruct the LAHD, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst to report to Council in 30 days with recommendations and estimated costs to require direct tenant notification of SCEP inspections five to seven days before inspection, and require that these notices be provided in multiple languages. The report should also provide the cost of direct notification and identify funds to address this cost.


I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Los Angeles Housing Department and Chief Legislative Analyst to report to Council in 30 days with recommendations and estimated costs to:

1. Require that each unit subject to the Systematic Code Enforcement Program (SCEP) directly receives a Notice of Inspection;
2. Require that tenant Notices of Inspection are provided five to seven days before the date of inspection;
3. Require that these notices be written in multiple languages; and
4. Identify funds to address the estimated cost of direct tenant notification of SCEP inspections.

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