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RESOLUTION RULES & GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body of agency must have been first adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, over 88,000 people are homeless on any given night in Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, 39.3% of renters in the City of Los Angeles pay more than 35% of their income toward housing costs, which is considered unaffordable according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, with so many families struggling to afford housing, the City must maximize the availability of Federal rental assistance to Los Angeles families; and

WHEREAS, the Section 8 program funded by HUD, provides rental subsidy vouchers to more than 1.7 million low-income families nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) administers the second largest Section 8 Program in the United States; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 168 (Rothman), the Housing Opportunities Made Easier (HOME) Act would provide 150,000 additional Section 8 vouchers to Housing Authorities nationwide, subject to appropriation of funds, and renew these vouchers annually; and

WHEREAS, the additional Section 8 vouchers authorized by H.R. 168 will allow HACLA to assist more low-income and homeless households to secure affordable, decent housing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2009-2010 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for H.R. 168 (Rothman), the Housing Opportunities Made Easier (HOME) Act, which would authorize 150,000 additional Section 8 vouchers for tenant-based rental assistance to help meet the housing needs of low-income families.

PRESENTED BY

JOSE HUIZAR
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SECONDED BY

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