

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the District of Columbia Housing Authority Act of 1999 to allow applicants for local rent supplement vouchers to self-certify eligibility factors and to prohibit the District of Columbia Housing Authority from inquiring into an applicant’s immigration status, prior criminal arrests or convictions, or pending criminal matters.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Local Rent Supplement Program Eligibility Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2023”.

Sec. 2. (a) On July 12, 2022, the Council unanimously approved the “Local Rent Supplement Program Eligibility Emergency Amendment Act of 2022.” The Act became law on July 27, 2022 and expired on October 25, 2022.

(b) On September 20, 2022, the Council unanimously approved the “Local Rent Supplement Program Eligibility Temporary Amendment Act of 2022.” The Temporary Act became law on December 13, 2022 and expires on July 26, 2023.

(c) A permanent bill, the Local Rent Supplement Program Eligibility Amendment Act of 2023 (Bill 25-49) was introduced on January 19, 2023 and is pending in the Committee on Housing. A second emergency enactment is necessary now to prevent a gap in the law.

33 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
34 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the “Local
35 Rent Supplement Program Eligibility Emergency Amendment Act of 2023” be adopted after a
36 single reading.

37 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.