

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 2024”.

Sec. 2. (a) On July 12, 2022, the Council unanimously approved the “Local Rent Supplement Program Eligibility Emergency Amendment Act of 2022” and on September 20, 2022, the Council unanimously approved the “Local Rent Supplement Program Eligibility Temporary Amendment Act of 2022.”

(b) On June 20, 2023, the Council unanimously approved the “Local Rent Supplement Program Eligibility Emergency Amendment Act of 2023.” The Act became law on July 10, 2023 and expired on October 8, 2023.

(c) On July 11, 2023, the Council unanimously approved the “Local Rent Supplement Program Eligibility Temporary Amendment Act of 2023.” The Temporary Act became law on July 31, 2023 and expires on April 28, 2024.

34 (d) A permanent bill, the Local Rent Supplement Program Eligibility Amendment Act of
35 2023 (Bill 25-49) was introduced on January 19, 2023 and is pending in the Committee on
36 Housing. A third emergency enactment is necessary now to prevent a gap in the law.

37 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
38 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the “Local
39 Rent Supplement Program Eligibility Emergency Amendment Act of 2024” be adopted after a
40 single reading.

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