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WHEREAS, there is a pressing need to increase the stock $^{1.00}$ of housing in our community at the least possible cost, in order to be affordable by people of low or medium income; and

WHEREAS, there is evidence that construction costs can be lowered for some residential buildings and the feasibility of enlarging some existing residential buildings enhanced if some State and local building requirements for natural light and ventilation through windows and ducts leading to the exterior for some rooms in residential buildings are deleted; and

WHEREAS, the effectiveness of present electric lighting is recognized while the effectiveness of ventilation ducts leading to the outside is often questionable, so the elimination of requirements for windows and ducts from certain rooms would not be detrimental to the health or welfare of occupants; and

WHEREAS, Sections 1304, 1305, 1404, 1405 of the 1976
Uniform Building Code, and Section 504 of the 1976 Uniform
Housing Code, both as incorporated in the State Housing Law
regulations, require windows in all living and sleeping rooms
for light and ventilation and in sleeping rooms for emergency
escape; and

WHEREAS, Sections 1305 and 1405 of the 1976 Uniform
Building Code and Section 504 of the 1976 Uniform Housing Code
require ventilation of bathrooms, toilet rooms, and laundry
rooms by windows or ducts leading to the outside; and

WHEREAS, Sections 17922 and 17958 of the California Health and Safety Code provide that the governing body of every city or county shall adopt ordinances or regulations imposing the same requirements as those contained in the State Housing Law regulations; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of The City of San Diego does hereby recommend and request that the State Commission of Housing and Community Development amend the State Housing Law regulations, codified in Subchapter 1, Chapter 1, Title 25, California Administrative Code, to eliminate these requirements of the Uniform Building Code and Uniform Housing Code for windows in habitable rooms except those intended for sleeping, if electric lighting and mechanical ventilation are provided in such rooms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of The City of
San Diego does hereby recommend and request that the State
Commission of Housing and Community Development also amend said
State Housing Law regulations by changing the requirements of
the Uniform Building Code and Uniform Housing Code to allow
only mechanical recirculation of air as the means of ventilating
bathrooms, toilet rooms, and laundry rooms, instead of requiring
an openable window or a duct leading directly to the outside air.

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