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Controller Kenneth Mejia Announces New Audit of the City of Los Angeles Housing Department's Affordable Housing Efforts

LA City Controller Kenneth Mejia today announced that the **Controller's Audit Services Division** will conduct a performance audit of the **Los Angeles Housing Department's** (LAHD's) work to ensure affordable housing throughout the city is livable and is occupied by those who qualify..

Affordable housing in the City of Los Angeles is more important than ever given the ever-increasing cost of living in the region. It is crucial for the City to develop and preserve as much affordable housing as possible, to ensure that the housing is available for those who qualify, and for this housing to be safe and suitable for living, and with access to resources. This audit will provide important information on the state of affordable housing in the City, so that the public and policymakers can make informed decisions on the future of this vital resource.

Specifically, the Controller will audit the efforts by LAHD and its contractor to monitor the occupancy and physical habitability of affordable housing units in the City of LA. As part of the audit, the Controller's Office audit team will evaluate the effectiveness of LAHD monitoring protocols for income and rent verification, unit vacancies, and the physical conditions of units.

The audit seeks to determine whether LAHD's occupancy monitoring program and code inspection program are effectively enforcing affordability restrictions, as well as ensuring safe and habitable environments for occupants.

The Controller's Office previously conducted audits in 2007 and [2017](#) on activities related to affordable housing production, tenant income eligibility, and preservation of existing affordable housing stock.

The current audit will build on past work and answer the following:

- How thoroughly do LAHD and its contractor verify tenant income eligibility, monitor unit vacancies, and ensure that other occupancy requirements are being fulfilled?

- How well does LAHD ensure the contractor is carrying out its contractual responsibilities?
- How effective are LAHD's enforcement actions against property owners who are found to be not in compliance with regulatory/covenant restrictions?
- How effective is LAHD's plan and process for physically inspecting affordable housing units to ensure that they are decent, safe, and sanitary?

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