Item 11.2

Notices of Motion

Protecting Traditional Boarding Houses

By Councillor Ellsmore

It is resolved that:

(A) Council endorse the community campaign for the protection of traditional boarding houses, which are an important form of private, relatively affordable housing in the inner city, and note that the campaign is calling for private boarding houses to be converted into permanent, protected affordable housing;

(B) Council agree to:

(i) support an immediate ban on all rent increases in all boarding houses in the city so that residents cannot be removed due to loss of affordability;

(ii) immediately enforce tighter controls on adherence to safety, security and amenity standards so that residents cannot be removed due to loss of habitability; and

(iii) directly fund, or support the funding by a selected Community Housing Provider of the purchase of the boarding houses at 58-60 and 62-64 Selwyn Street Paddington, with the use of affordable housing contributions from development; and

(C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to provide advice to Council about potential amendments to the Council's affordable housing contribution schemes to encourage permanent protection of boarding houses.

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