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## **YES ON ULA STATEMENT ON GOV. NEWSOM'S REJECTION OF LOCAL HOMELESSNESS PLANS**

**Governor's action reinforces the case for voting YES on ULA on the Nov 8th City of Los Angeles ballot: only sustained, ambitious innovative effort can address the problem of homelessness at scale**

LOS ANGELES, CA — In response to Governor Newsom's action Thursday rejecting every local homelessness plan, **Laura Raymond**, co-chair of the YES ON ULA Coalition and executive director of the Alliance for Community Transit-Los Angeles, released the following statement:

"Governor Newsom is right to demand more from every locality in California when it comes to homelessness, which is why the experts and service providers behind United to House LA put Measure ULA on the ballot. A YES on ULA can provide more than \$900 million annually to finally put the resources that can do the job behind creating affordable housing and preventing homelessness. We're not settling for the status quo — we're supporting innovative, time-and-money saving approaches and stopping people from falling into homelessness in the first place."

Measure ULA is estimated to raise approximately \$900 million per year through a one-time real estate transfer tax on sales of properties over \$5 million, funds that could be used for direct rental assistance to low-income seniors, purchase of hotels for transitional housing, and legal

assistance for tenants threatened with eviction. It would affect roughly 4% of annual sales in the City of Los Angeles.

Measure ULA would:

- Invest in innovative solutions that will create housing faster and at a lower cost than what has been tried before
- Provide income assistance to low-income seniors and people with disabilities who are at risk of homelessness, and provide legal aid and outreach services to renters at risk of losing their homes — assisting 475,000 Angelenos each year
- Immediately buy existing and build new affordable housing for 69,000 people (in the first ten years) experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness
- Leverage real estate transactions of \$5 million or more so that only millionaires and billionaires pay

It also includes the most robust citizens oversight and transparency in LA City history; the fund would be overseen by a Citizens Committee with specific expertise and lived experience on housing and homelessness & supported by paid staff led by an Inspector General.

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### ***About the United to House LA Coalition***

*Not-for-profit neighborhood organizations, labor unions, and community members who live in Los Angeles have come together, with the assistance of homeless service providers — not politicians — to support a ballot initiative that will ask millionaires and billionaires to pay their fair share to dramatically reduce homelessness and help those at risk of homelessness with tenant protections, assistance for people facing evictions, emergency income assistance to seniors, and housing for veterans and families in need. Our growing coalition ([full list here](#)) includes:*

- *ACLU of Southern California*
- *ACCE*
- *ACT-LA*
- *Dolores Huerta Foundation*
- *Downtown Women's Center*
- *LA CAN*
- *LA County Democratic Party*
- *LA Family Housing*
- *LA/OC Building and Construction Trades Council*
- *Move LA*
- *PATH*
- *SAJE*
- *SEIU 2015*
- *Southern California Association of Nonprofit Housing*
- *Southwest Conference of Carpenters*

- *Sunrise Movement Los Angeles*
- *UNITE HERE Local 11*
- *United Way*