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**YES ON ULA STATEMENT ON LAWSUIT FILED BY
HOWARD JARVIS TAXPAYERS ASSN AND
APARTMENT ASSN OF GREATER LA**

LOS ANGELES, CA — In response to a lawsuit filed by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association and the Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles seeking to prevent the city of Los Angeles from implementing Measure ULA, Laura Raymond, co-chair of the YES ON ULA Coalition and director of the Alliance for Community Transit-Los Angeles (ACT-LA), released the following statement:

“Los Angeles is in a homelessness state of emergency. The coalition behind Measure ULA—which includes over 230 community and labor organizations—along with the voters who overwhelmingly passed Measure ULA just delivered a comprehensive set of solutions to address this crisis.

We are disappointed—but not surprised—that real estate and corporate interests are fighting to preserve the status quo and perpetuate our homelessness and housing crisis, after unsuccessfully spending more than \$8 million to scare city voters. The California Supreme Court has made it clear that our power as citizens to place the measure on the ballot is broad, and at least four recent decisions of the Court of Appeal have made it clear that City Charters cannot limit the initiative power to propose special taxes. We’re confident that this will ultimately be true for Measure ULA as it has for other similar measures.”

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Yes on ULA is over 230 non-profit neighborhood organizations, labor unions, homeless service providers and community members—not politicians—who came together to support a ballot initiative that asks 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 coalition ([full list here](#)) includes:

- *Alliance for Community Transit - Los Angeles (ACT-LA)*
- *IBEW Local 11*
- *Inner City Law Center*
- *Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance (KIWA)*
- *LA Family Housing*
- *Los Angeles Community Action Network (LA CAN)*
- *Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO*
- *Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council*
- *Move LA*
- *Service Employees International Union Local 2015*
- *Strategic Actions for a Just Economy (SAJE)*
- *Southern California Association of Non Profit Housing (SCANPH)*
- *T.R.U.S.T. South LA*
- *UNITE HERE Local 11*