

March 21, 2016

Dear Mayor Garcetti,

We want to thank you for your commitment to spend an additional \$100 million annually to address homelessness in Los Angeles. Your leadership on this issue could truly be the pivot point for Los Angeles to address this issue. This \$100 million is the minimum level of funding needed to dramatically decrease the number of children, youth and adults living on our streets. As nonprofit housing developers and service providers on the front lines of this crisis, our organizations are committed to working with you to implement real solutions.

In recent polling, homelessness ranks as the top issue that residents of Los Angeles want to see City government address. The \$100 million committed to resolving homelessness will be seen by many voters as the centerpiece of your forthcoming Fiscal Year 2016-17 budget.

As you are aware, the City Council has unanimously approved a Comprehensive Homeless Strategy for Los Angeles, in coordination with a similar initiative by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. These plans build on existing investments like housing development programs, the Coordinated Entry System and Housing for Health program. The next essential step is to invest the \$100 million that you pledged at the beginning of this process. This funding should constitute new money in addition to the clearly insufficient amount that is already being spent on homelessness.

Without adequate resources, none of the new strategies approved by the City Council will help people get off the streets and into more stable lives. We are grateful for the strong leadership you have shown on this issue and urge you to follow through with your commitment of preventing and ending homelessness in Los Angeles. We stand ready to support your efforts.

Sincerely,

A Community of Friends
Ascencia
Bet Tzedek Legal Services
Bridge to Home
The Center at Blessed Sacrament
Children of the Night
Chrysalis
Covenant House California
Dolores Mission
Door of Hope
Downtown Women's Center
First Place for Youth
Good Seed Community Development Corporation

Hillsides Youth Moving On
Harbor Interfaith Services, Inc.
Homeless Health Care Los Angeles
Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission
SSG/HOPICS
House of Ruth, Inc.
Housing Works
Imagine LA
Inner City Law Center
Jenesse Center, Inc.
Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles
Jovenes, Inc.
L.A. Family Housing
L.A. Kitchen
Little Tokyo Service Center
Los Angeles LGBT Center
Los Angeles Mission
Los Angeles Youth Network
Mental Health Advocacy Services, Inc.
The Midnight Mission
My Friend's Place
Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County
New Directions for Veterans
OPCC & Lamp Community
PATH
Project New Hope
Proyecto Pastoral
Public Counsel
Rainbow Services
Reach For The Top
Safe Place for Youth
San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission
Sanctuary of Hope
1736 Family Crisis Center
Skid Row Housing Trust
SRO Housing Corporation
St. Joseph Center
Step Up on Second
Su Casa ~ Ending Domestic Violence
The Teen Project, Inc.
Union Rescue Mission
Union Station Homeless Services
Upward Bound House
Valley Oasis
The Village Family Services
Volunteers of America
The Weingart Center