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Summary: In The City of Los Angeles, there is a housing affordability and homelessness crisis that is exacerbated . There has been some progress searching for solutions but nothing that compares to the aggressive action necessary to solve the issue. A vacancy tax would be a small push for individuals At this point in time, the housing committee suggested a potential ballot initiative and funds collected would be redirected to affordable housing initiatives. Other urban cities have advocated for a vacancy tax or empty homes penalty. It doesn't make sense that there are some individuals with 2-3 homes sitting empty while we have a crisis of the unhoused on our streets. There is no time for speculation. No bed in this city should be empty when people are being forced to sleep on pavement. Empty-home penalties encourage landlords to keep people housed, and they help raise needed funds to create more affordable housing. This is an important tool for addressing one of the root causes of homelessness in L.A.