

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge you to oppose placing ULA amendments on the ballot, commit to a transparent and thorough evaluation with genuine stakeholder input, and protect funding for permanent housing and homelessness prevention. ULA is already delivering real housing stability. In its first years, Measure ULA has generated over \$1 billion to fund eviction defense, rent relief, and deeply affordable housing — helping thousands of Angelenos stay housed and preventing homelessness. We are open to improving ULA — but changes must be grounded in real data and a real process. We welcome thorough, data-driven evaluation and are committed to strengthening ULA over time. But that work must be done transparently, with full analysis and stakeholder input — not rushed through an unprincipled and irresponsible ad hoc process. ULA was built through a broad community process and deserves the same level of care before any changes are made. Tenant leaders, community organizations, labor, and housing experts spent years designing this measure. The Community Oversight Committee was created by voters to guide implementation and evaluation — and has not been meaningfully engaged in this process. The data being used to justify changes is incomplete and shaped by market behavior. The Lewis Center report acknowledges key limitations, and other researchers have raised concerns. We have also never seen ULA operate in a stable environment — ongoing political attacks and speculation about weakening the policy have influenced market behavior and the data itself. Developers are exaggerating ULA's impact in order to protect profits — and shaping the very conditions they point to. When the real estate industry signals that ULA may be weakened, it creates incentives to delay projects. That self-fulfilling dynamic distorts the market and is then used to justify rolling back the policy. We should not forget what the market produced before ULA. Just a few years ago — before ULA — market-rate development was not solving our housing crisis. Rents were rising and homelessness was increasing. There is no evidence that weakening ULA will suddenly make housing more affordable. ULA is working. Since ULA passed, Los Angeles has seen its first sustained drop in homelessness in years — a clear sign that investments in tenant protection and affordable housing make a real difference.