

MOTION


In November 2024, Los Angeles County voters approved Measure A, a half-cent sales tax to fund renter protection and support programs, as well as programs to advance the preservation and production of affordable housing. Measure A requires that 35.75 percent of the tax revenue collected be allocated to the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHS), an organization established by State law that is dedicated to increasing the supply of affordable housing in the County. Of the funds LACAHS receives, 70 percent will be passed through to local jurisdictions, including the City of Los Angeles. The City is expected to receive approximately half of the pass-through dollars. All revenue spent or distributed by LACAHS is required to be used on the construction of new affordable housing, affordable housing preservation, tenant protection and support programs, and other uses consistent with goals set forth by Measure A.

The ongoing housing crisis in the City presents great difficulties for older renters. Over 700,000 residents in the City are aged 60 or older. According to a City Controller report, this population is projected to exceed 1 million by 2030. Older adults often live on fixed incomes, which makes it difficult for this population to keep up with the rising costs of housing. In 2025, the maximum Supplemental Security Income (SSI) grant in California for one person living alone is \$944 per month, whereas the fair market value for a studio in Los Angeles County is \$1,856. Additionally, as older renters age, they face an increased likelihood that they have depleted their savings or lost a spouse, resulting in older renter households age 75 or older facing even higher cost burdens. Older adults often do not qualify for homeless housing programs that require employment, or more severe behavioral health or substance abuse diagnoses. Moreover, existing programs do not fully address older adults' more complex medical and support needs to remain stably housed.

The City has an opportunity to shape funding priorities for the substantial amount of Measure A dollars it will potentially receive from LACAHS. A dedicated source of revenue could be an invaluable tool to help provide housing and prevent homelessness for older renters. The City should seek to prioritize programs that would provide assistance to this vulnerable, often overlooked population.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Los Angeles Housing Department to report with recommendations for using Measure A/LACAHS funds for affordable housing and homelessness prevention efforts for older adults, including the feasibility of establishing a funding set aside or priority in scoring of funding for such programs.

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