

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: For nearly 50 years, The Downtown Women's Center has led Los Angeles in providing women-and-survivor-centered housing and care that has ended homelessness for thousands of people. We oppose the motion to reduce Measure ULA revenues, create a new bonding structure, and redirect funds away from their intended purpose: creating and preserving permanent affordable and supportive housing. Evidenced by the recent Homes for LA NOFA being oversubscribed five to one, Measure ULA is essential. Reducing these revenues will result in fewer homes built, fewer preserved, and fewer people able to access the housing stability they need. We are particularly concerned that this proposal diverts resources from permanent housing to other uses. Permanent housing solves homelessness. While interim housing has an important role, this funding source was approved by LA voters for permanent housing solutions. Measure ULA was designed to increase the supply of permanent housing. Diluting its focus undermines its effectiveness and delays real solutions. For these reasons, we respectfully urge a “no” vote on this motion.