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Los Angeles City Council

200 N Spring St. Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Support Development of Strategic Financing Tools and Paths to Ownership

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The ACT-LA coalition respectfully submits this letter in support of the proposal for the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) – along with Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) and community organizations – to report on the financial tools necessary to deliver a large scale social housing program that includes options for Angelenos, including lower income residents, to collectively own some social housing developments.

ACT-LA is a county-wide coalition of over 40 organizations working on the forefront of economic, racial, and environmental justice. Our coalition members represent tenants' rights organizations, affordable housing developers, workers' centers, public interest law firms, and environmental justice advocates, among many others. ACT-LA helped lead the campaign to pass Measure ULA and, as a member of the United to House LA coalition, is now supporting the implementation of the measure so that the City can greatly increase its affordable housing supply, implement social housing models, and address our crisis of housing and homelessness.

In the midst of an unprecedented affordable housing crisis that is felt most acutely by people in lower income communities and communities of color, our city must deliver critically needed affordable housing solutions. With dedicated Measure ULA funds, social housing can be the city's transformative model of affordable housing that is permanently affordable to residents, that operates outside the speculative market, and that is designed with and run by building residents sustainably for the long run. In a time when home ownership feels incredibly out of reach for Angelenos, creating creative alternatives such as cooperative forms of ownership would usher in a new age of housing security for everyone including the city's most housing vulnerable Angelenos. Community groups, affordable housing developers, and CDFIs understand the gaps that perpetuate today's crises and this motion wisely brings those stakeholders to partner with LAHD to define new and specific process and policy strategies across multiple sectors necessary to deliver social housing for the long run.

We commend this action to develop the necessary infrastructure and utilize creative solutions to the speedy creation of social housing in the City of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,
ACT-LA