

MOTION

HOUSING

In June 2022, the City Council voted to send the United to House LA measure to the ballot, so that Angelenos have the opportunity to cast their vote on a potential tax on high-end property transfers.

The United to House LA ballot measure aims to create a tax on the ultra-wealthy in order to fund the development of new affordable housing units and reduce homelessness in the City. The measure was put forth by housing and homelessness experts with the intent of protecting renters from illegal harassment and unwarranted rent increases.

The ballot measure will serve to enhance the impact of the Anti-Tenant Harassment ordinance approved by the City Council in June 2021. The oversight, legal aid, and emergency assistance for high risk Angelenos will not only help keep individuals safe and off the streets, but will also ensure that renters are being treated fairly and with transparency.

Even more, United to House LA would work to reduce homelessness by creating a one-time tax for millionaires, billionaires, and corporations during property sale transactions of over \$5 million. The funding is intended to provide immediate housing to those living on the streets, send emergency assistance to low-income seniors on the verge of homelessness, and assist with legal aid for renters in LA.

The funding provided by United to House LA will be vital to the protection of Angelenos who are at risk of falling into homelessness or remaining on the streets. As such, the Council needs to be prepared for the necessary next steps to implement and enforce the United to House LA measure upon passage.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct that the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) and the City Administrative Officer, with assistance from any relevant departments, to report back with a plan and resource needs for the implementation of the United to House LA ballot measure, in the case that it passes in November.

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