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Creation of Framework for LACAHSAs Unincorporated Funds Allocation

The Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHSAs) was created in 2022 through state legislation (SB679) sponsored by then-California Senator Sydney Kamlager. LACAHSAs is modeled after similar initiatives across the globe to scale up housing production and preservation from New York, San Francisco, and Singapore. This Agency was created to make housing more affordable, help people stay in their homes, and increase housing options for people experiencing homelessness. It is a regional organization focused on all of Los Angeles County (County) with leaders represented from across the County. On November 5, 2024, voters supported Measure A, a half-cent sales tax that will sunset Measure H, which is a quarter-cent sales tax passed by the voters in 2017 to address Homelessness.

Measure A specifies five primary goals: increase the number of people moving from encampments into permanent housing; reduce the number of unhoused people with mental illness and/or substance use disorders; increase the number of people permanently leaving homelessness; prevent people from falling into homelessness; and increase the number of affordable housing units in Los Angeles County. Measure A is

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anticipated to raise over one billion dollars with three hundred eighty-five million going to support LACAHSAs. Measure A requires that, until June 30, 2035, LACAHSAs use 60% of funding from Measure A for affordable housing creation, preservation, and ownership. Funds shall be allocated for each Council of Governments (COG), excluding Unincorporated Los Angeles County and the cities of Los Angeles, Long Beach, Glendale, and Santa Clarita.

Unincorporated Areas are those communities that are outside the jurisdiction of incorporated cities. The County government and the Board of Supervisors serves as “City” and “City Council” with each Supervisor representing an area acting as “Mayor” for the community in their Supervisorial District. The current revenue projections include fourteen million for Unincorporated Los Angeles County for Production, Preservation and Ownership of Housing. The projections include an additional five million seven hundred thousand for Renter Protections and nine hundred fifty-four thousand for Technical Assistance. It is essential that the Board of Supervisors set a framework to effectively utilize the funds allocation to address housing and homelessness in Unincorporated Los Angeles County.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or her designee, to enter into, execute, and deliver to LACAHSAs any and all agreements and documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to secure the Unincorporated Los Angeles County Funds for Renter Protections, Technical Assistance, and Production, Preservation and Ownership funds;
2. Direct the CEO Homeless Initiative, Director of the Los Angeles Development Authority (LACDA), and the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business

Affairs, in consultation with Chief Executive Officer of LACAHSAs, to report back in 60 days with a framework and distribution plan for the Production, Preservation and Ownership Funds;

3. Direct the CEO Homeless Initiative, in consultation with the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs and the Chief Executive Officer of LACAHSAs, to report back in 60 days with a framework for the protection funds to support existing and/or new programs including but not limited to rental assistance, right to counsel, and Stay Housed LA for Unincorporated Residents; and
4. Direct the CEO Homeless Initiative, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer of LACAHSAs and the Executive Director of LACDA, to report back in 60 days with a proposal to utilize Technical Assistance Funding. The report back shall include a proposal to create an Unincorporated Team within the CEO Homeless Initiative that will only focus in addressing homelessness and housing insecurity within the Unincorporated Communities of Los Angeles County. The team within the CEO Homeless Initiative will be required to have a Senior Manager level position. The report back shall also include a proposal for a position within LACDA to address and streamline housing needs in Unincorporated Los Angeles County.

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