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**Supporting the Lawsuit to Challenge the Housing and Urban Development’s  
Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity**

The causes of homelessness are rooted in this nation’s history of racism, misogyny, wealth inequality, limited affordable housing development, insufficient investments in health care, and unreliable social safety nets built by underfunded systems of care. No single jurisdiction caused this humanitarian crisis, and no single jurisdiction will be able to end it. The effective multi-jurisdictional network of care and funding that has been developed over years of cooperation between the County, City, Continuum of Care, State, and Federal governments has grown into a homeless response system with an understanding of best practices and commitment to the real solution: housing.

The Trump Administration’s Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently released the 2025 Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). The rules imposed by this NOFO are arbitrary, discriminatory, and based on the inaccurate, biased assumptions about the causes of, and solutions for, homelessness.

This new HUD NOFO imposes a 30% cap on funding for permanent supportive housing that will result in thousands of people losing housing subsidies, limiting the

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current local investment of \$193 million in permanent housing to approximately \$60 million, and that only if the Los Angeles Continuum of Care receives the full award. HUD has added additional barriers to Los Angeles' potential success in the competition by changing HUD's homeless policy priorities; demanding enforcement, mandating that Trump's ill-informed policy priorities replace proven solutions, and including the addition of new priorities, "advancing public safety" and "improving self-sufficiency."

This NOFO will also cause untold disruption to existing programs, putting the systems of support and the lives of people long stabilized in permanent housing into chaos. After years of advocacy from Continuums of Care across the country, including coordinated legislative requests from the LA CoC, HUD agreed to a two-year funding cycle for CoC grants. This NOFO's destructive cuts come in the middle of this two-year funding stream, illegally putting at risk funding previously authorized by Congress. Los Angeles County cannot sit idly by as the Trump Administration attempts to destroy the carefully crafted investments made with CoC funding. Governor Newsom organized a multistate coalition to sue the Trump Administration, providing Los Angeles County the opportunity to make clear our commitment to ending homelessness through its only solution: housing.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

Direct County Counsel to join as a party, or join or file an amicus in support of, or otherwise support, the State of California and other states' challenge in *State of Washington, et al. v. United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, et al.*, Case No. 1:25-cv-00626 (D.R.I.) to the Administration's funding restrictions recently placed on Continuum of Care grant funds.

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