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Declaring Housing Insecurity in Los Angeles County a Public Health Crisis

Los Angeles County (County) is home to more than ten million residents across over three million households, with fifty-three percent of those households living in rental housing. Every resident deserves safe, healthy, and affordable housing, which is essential to physical, mental, and social well-being. Studies¹ have shown that housing insecurity is a significant public-health determinant that contributes to chronic disease, toxic stress, exposure to violence, respiratory illness, behavioral health crises, negative birth outcomes, preventable emergency medical use, and premature mortality.

In 2022, the Department of Housing and Urban Development accepted a report recommending a standardized set of questions to measure the continuum of housing insecurity. These questions are intended to support alignment across agencies and can be used by County departments in their local work to address housing insecurity.² The County should align its definitions with relevant agencies whenever possible. For the purposes of this motion and the corresponding resolution, the definition of ‘housing insecurity’ will align with the California Housing Element Law.

¹ <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC10728029/>

² [Measuring Housing Insecurity: Index Development Using American Housing Survey Data | HUD USER](#)

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The following resolution declares housing insecurity a public health crisis and affirms that all County departments and the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) must treat housing stability as fundamental to the health, safety, and prosperity of County residents, consistent with the County's emergency declaration on homelessness. It directs departments and LACDA to coordinate cross-sector action plans to address housing preservation, expand housing stability, and address the health consequences of housing insecurity. As part of this coordination, the resolution directs the Department of Homeless Services and Housing (HSH) to host a County department and LACDA intradepartmental housing summit at least every two (2) years for collective data review, analysis, and strategy planning, aligning the timing with the latest annual Los Angeles Housing Outcomes Report. Outcomes of the summit may include policy analysis, funding investment analysis, and recommendations. HSH should also consider expanding the summit in subsequent years to include additional partners, such as the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency, service providers, housing developers, and other relevant stakeholders. The timing of the housing summit should take into consideration the release of the latest Los Angeles County Annual Affordable Housing Outcomes Report, other key housing and health data releases, as well as each respective department's programs and budget, as appropriate. This is an important step to ensure that County departments and LACDA continue to collaborate on strategies and align on data that support the health and housing of all Angelenos.

I-WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ALSO ACTING AS THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

1. Adopt the attached resolution declaring housing insecurity a public health crisis.
2. Direct the Directors of the Departments of Homeless Services and Housing (HSH), Public Health, Health Services, Mental Health, and Consumer and Business Affairs, Regional Planning, the Acting Chief Executive Officer, and other relevant department heads such as Public Social Services and Children and Family Services, along with the Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA), to coordinate cross-sector action

plans to prevent housing loss, expand housing stability interventions, and address the health consequences of housing insecurity, by strategically aligning existing funding and delegated authorities to deploy resources more efficiently.

3. Direct the Director of HSH to convene ~~an intradepartmental~~ the above-referenced County departments and LACDA for a housing summit at least every two (2) years, beginning in the first quarter of 2027 for collective data review, analysis, and strategy planning, aligning the timing with the annual Los Angeles County Housing Outcomes Report. The timing of the summit should align with the release of the annual Los Angeles County Housing Outcomes Report.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PROCLAIMING HOUSING INSECURITY AS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS**

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County is home to over ten million residents, and stable, safe, and affordable housing is essential to the physical, mental, and social well-being of every individual; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of this resolution, 'housing insecurity' is defined as a condition in which individuals or households lack stable, safe, and affordable housing, including but not limited to circumstances of severe rent burden, overcrowding, substandard housing conditions, or risk of eviction or displacement, consistent with the housing needs and constraints framework established under California Government Code §§ 65580–65589.11."

WHEREAS, housing insecurity — including rent burden, overcrowding, substandard housing, displacement, eviction risk, frequent moves, and homelessness — has reached crisis levels, disproportionately impacting low-income residents, working families, older adults, people with disabilities, immigrants, women-led households, and Black, Indigenous, and other people of color; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, of the Los Angeles County households that are extremely low-income, 79% of them were paying more than half their income on housing costs; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count shows that over 72,000 residents are unhoused on any given night, while hundreds of thousands more are one missed paycheck, illness, or rent increase away from losing housing; and

WHEREAS, decades of inadequate housing production, income inequality, rising rents, a shortage of deeply affordable units, and structural inequities have made housing insecurity a widespread and chronic condition in Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, housing insecurity is a recognized social determinant of health that contributes to chronic disease, toxic stress, exposure to violence, respiratory illness, behavioral health crises, negative birth outcomes, preventable emergency medical use, and premature mortality; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Department of Health Services, and Department of Mental Health consistently identify housing instability as a major cause of avoidable illness, crisis episodes, and health disparities; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County has pioneered nationally recognized health-and-housing programs — including Housing for Health, recuperative care, sustained street-based medicine, and behavioral health housing — demonstrating that access to stable housing is among the most effective health interventions; and

WHEREAS, the lack of stable housing undermines community safety, family stability, educational attainment, economic mobility, and the County's ability to advance racial equity and health equity; and

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WHEREAS, addressing homelessness alone is insufficient without upstream efforts to stabilize households facing rent burden, displacement, eviction, habitability issues, and economic shocks; and

WHEREAS, proclaiming housing insecurity as a public health crisis will expand the County's ability to align health, housing, planning, legal, economic, and community-based strategies, mobilize cross-sector partnerships, and elevate prevention as a core component of the regional response; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County is committed to ensuring that all residents — regardless of income, background, age, or circumstance — have access to safe, healthy, and stable homes as a foundation for well-being and dignity; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County established the Department of Homeless Services and Housing in January 2026 with its purpose including coordinating with other County departments and community partners to serve people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, and to optimize all available resources for homeless services and housing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby declares housing insecurity a public health crisis and affirms that all County departments and the Los Angeles County Development Authority shall treat housing stability as fundamental to the health, safety, and prosperity of the County's residents;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Los Angeles County commits to advancing evidence-based, equity-centered, and community-informed strategies to ensure that every resident has the opportunity to thrive in safe, stable, and affordable housing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles directs the Directors of the Departments of Homeless Services and Housing, Public Health, Health Services, Mental Health, and Consumer and Business Affairs, Regional Planning, the Acting Chief Executive Officer, and relevant department heads such as Public Social Services and Children and Family Services, along with the Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Development Authority, to coordinate a cross-sector action plan to prevent housing loss, expand housing stability interventions, and address the health consequences of housing insecurity; and to explore the use of existing funding and delegated authorities to rapidly advance and coordinate cross-sector action plans addressing housing insecurity as a public health crisis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Department of Homeless Services and Housing will ~~host an intradepartmental~~ convene the above-referenced County departments and the Los Angeles County Development Authority for a housing summit at least every two (2) years for collective data review, analysis, and strategy planning, which may include the development of policy analysis, funding investment analysis, and recommendations. The first housing summit shall take place no later than the first quarter of 2027, and the timing of subsequent summits shall align with key housing and health data releases, such as aligning the timing with the annual Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Outcomes report.

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