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Measure H Fact Sheet

VOTE YES ON MARCH 7th!

What is Measure H?

Measure H, the “Los Angeles County Plan to Prevent and Combat Homelessness” is the **March 7 ballot measure** that will end homelessness for 45,000 people across Los Angeles County, including **women and children, veterans, seniors, foster youth, and the disabled.**

The average consumer would pay a little more than a dollar a month to help end homelessness in Los Angeles County.

Why Do We Need Measure H?

The number of individuals and families estimated to be experiencing homelessness in LA County in January 2016 was 46,874, an overall increase of 2,515 people (6%) from 2015 (44,359) and **19% more than in 2013.** The number of people living in encampments, tents and vehicles increased by 20% from 2015 to 2016 and a staggering 123% from 2013 to 2016.

How Will Measure H Work?

Measure H will invest **\$350 million a year for 10 years** in the solutions that have been **proven** to prevent and end homelessness, including:

- Homelessness prevention services
- Comprehensive supportive services, like mental health care and **job training**
- Long term solutions like **permanent housing**

How is This Different than Proposition HHH?

Proposition HHH passed in the City of Los Angeles in November 2016 and builds housing for chronically homeless people. Measure H will primarily fund services—and cover the entire County of Los Angeles.

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Who Will Receive **Measure H** funding?

90% of individuals and families experiencing homelessness do not live on “Skid Row”. Measure H funds will therefore be **allocated equitably** across the County.

Measure H will support both **non-profit homeless service providers**, like LA Family Housing in the San Fernando Valley, Union Station Homeless Services in the San Gabriel Valley, Harbor Interfaith Services in San Pedro, just to name a few—as well as public sector agencies like the L.A. County **Department of Mental Health**.

Is **Measure H** Funding Guaranteed to Help People Who are Homeless?

Yes, Measure H is a “special” $\frac{1}{4}$ cent sales tax, which means it can **only be used** for the specific purposes of funding homeless services and housing.

Who Will Monitor the Use of **Measure H** Funds?

The County will establish a citizens’ advisory committee to ensure that the funding is effectively spent. There will be specific performance standards for each strategy funded through this measure, and an independent evaluation every year by an outside expert.

Who Supports **Measure H**? *(partial list)*

A Community of Friends
American Academy of Social Work
Bend the Arc
Beverly Hills/Greater LA Association of Realtors
California Community Foundation
Children’s Defense Fund
Chrysalis
Climate Resolve
Community Corporation of SM
Corporation for Supportive Housing
Diverse Strategies for Organizing
Downtown Women’s Center
EAH Housing
Enterprise Community Partners
Epath
FAST
Good Seed Community Development Corporation
IBEW Local 11
Inner City Law
Integrated Recovery Network
Jovenes, Inc
LACCD
LA Family Housing
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce

Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO
Mental Health America of Los Angeles
National Center of Excellence in Homeless Services
New Direction for Veterans
One LA
The People Concern
Pacoima Beautiful
PATH
River LA
Safe Place for Youth
SEIU 721
Skid Row Housing Trust
So Cal Health & Rehab Program
South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness
Special Service for Groups/HOPICS
St. Anne’s
St. Joseph Center
UFCW Local 1442
UFCW Local 770
Union Station Homeless Services
United Way of Greater Los Angeles
Upward Bound House
US Vets Inc
Worksite Wellness LA

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