



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

May 31, 2016

The Honorable Kevin de León
Senate President pro Tempore
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, California 95814

The Honorable Anthony Rendon
Speaker of the California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 219
Sacramento, California 95814

The Honorable Mark Leno
Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review
Committee
State Capitol, Room 5100
Sacramento, California 95814

The Honorable Philip Ting,
Chair, Assembly Budget Committee
State Capitol, Room 6026
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Budget proposal to help counties combat homelessness: City of Los Angeles:
Support

Dear President pro Tempore de León, Speaker Rendon, Senator Leno, and
Assemblymember Ting:

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, I write in support of providing counties with the legal authority to impose a special tax, with voter approval, on personal annual incomes of more than \$1 million in the California Budget Act. If approved, this provision would provide local governments with an option for revenue sources dedicated toward housing and services for homeless individuals and families.

In February of this year, the City of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County took unprecedented action by approving comprehensive and coordinated plans to address homelessness. To address the housing and homelessness crisis, these plans identified a need for dedicated long-term funding source.

This proposal empowers voters and local governments to maintain and improve the supply of affordable housing and homelessness services. It will also provide funding for

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the production and preservation of affordable housing without impacting the state budget.

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, I strongly urge your support for the inclusion of this proposal in the final California Budget Act of 2016-17.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Garcetti". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent "E" and "G".

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cc: Governor Jerry Brown