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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 families and individuals** across Los Angeles County within five years. It will also **prevent homelessness for 30,000 individuals and families over the same time period**, including women and children, veterans, seniors, foster youth, and survivors of domestic violence.

### 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 **\$355 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?

Measure H funding will have an immediate impact and it will bring quick relief to those suffering on our streets.

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 shorter term housing to help people get back on their feet—and cover the entire County of Los Angeles. The two initiatives work in cooperation with each other, but focus on different strategies that prevent and end homelessness.

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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” ¼ cent sales tax, which means it can only be used for the specific purposes of funding homeless services and housing. The Measure specifically lists the strategies that can be funded, and resources can only be allocated to those strategies.

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

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

The bond will create a five-member Citizens’ Oversight Advisory Board to review all expenditures from the special sales tax and evaluate the effectiveness of the funded programs. There will also be an annual independent audit on the collection and use of funds.

## 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 Santa Monica  
Corporation for Supportive Housing  
Diverse Strategies for Organizing  
Downtown Women’s Center  
EAH Housing  
Enterprise Community Partners  
Epath  
FAST  
Good Seed Community Development Corporation  
Heal the Bay  
Hospital Association of Southern California  
IBEW Local 11  
Inner City Law  
Integrated Recovery Network  
Jovenes, Inc  
L.A. County Democratic Party  
LA Family Housing  
LA Voice - PICO  
LACCD  
Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed)

Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO  
League of California Cities, Los Angeles County Division  
League of Women Voters of Los Angeles County  
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  
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  
Upward Bound House  
US Vets Inc  
Valley Industry & Commerce Association (VICA)  
Worksite Wellness LA

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