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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(12) Nay(0) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 07/20/2022

Type of NC Board Action: For

#### Impact Information

Date: 08/18/2022

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 22-1100-S2

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: On July 20, 2022 NoHo NC voted 12-0-1 to support the United to House Los Angeles Citizens' Initiative on the November 2022 Ballot. Please see the attached statement for further details.

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**PASSED 12-0-1 on 7/20/22**

Council File: 22-1100-S2

Title: Affordable Housing and Tenant Assistance Programs / Real Property Transfer Special Tax / Ordinance Initiative Petition / Certification of Sufficiency

Position: SUPPORT

Summary:

**Resolution by NoHo Neighborhood Council Supporting the United to House Los Angeles Citizens' Initiative on the November 2022 Ballot (Council File #: 22-1100-S2)**

**WHEREAS** rising rents, widespread tenant evictions and a lack of affordable housing have made Los Angeles the city with the worst housing and homelessness crisis in the country; **WHEREAS** in 2019, the City of Los Angeles ("the City" or "City") had a higher percentage of cost-burdened renter households (59%) than any other major American city. About 32% of City renters are severely cost-burdened, meaning they spend over 50% of their income on rent;

**WHEREAS** the two age groups in the City with the highest rates of rent burden are young people aged 18-24 years and seniors aged 65 years and older. Among the 42% of City seniors who rent, 65% are cost burdened; among the 58% of seniors who own their homes, more than 38% are cost burdened;

**WHEREAS** regular public transit riders primarily in the City tend to be Acutely, Extremely and Very Low Income; half of bus riders surveyed onboard LA Metro's buses earned less than \$18,000 per year before the COVID-19 pandemic. Displacement of transit rider households from the City's transit-rich urban areas negatively impacts the City's air quality and traffic congestion and is a major obstacle in addressing our region's carbon emissions;

**WHEREAS** an estimated 30,000 formal evictions are filed in the City of Los Angeles each year and the vast majority of tenants who receive an eviction notice do not have access to an attorney and do not know how to exercise their rights;

**WHEREAS** there has been a sustained increase in effectively housing people who are unhoused in the City, in 2020, there was a 16.1% increase (to 41,290) homeless persons, largely because of the economic pressures of lost jobs, evictions or rising rents. Effective preventative interventions, including significantly increasing the production of affordable and supportive housing and strengthening tenant protections, could dramatically reverse this pattern and reduce the number of persons who are experiencing homelessness on our streets;

**WHEREAS** the COVID-19 pandemic has further exacerbated housing instability among the City's lowest wage earners and makes them more susceptible to falling into homelessness;

**WHEREAS** imposing a "Homelessness and Housing Solutions" real property transfer tax on the highest priced properties in the City will generate an ongoing revenue source which will allow the City to employ robust tenant stabilization policies and practices to proactively keep vulnerable households from losing their homes and significantly increase the number of homes that are affordable to the City's Lower Income Households, thereby directly preventing and reducing homelessness across the City and lowering the City's housing costs;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the NoHo Neighborhood Council supports the Los Angeles Program to Prevent Homelessness and Fund Affordable Housing ("House LA") ballot initiative and submits this resolution as a Community Impact Statement to Council File #22-1100-S2