

September 2, 2025

The Honorable Rex Richardson Chair, Los Angeles County Housing Solutions Agency Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street, Room B50-b Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: <u>Concerns Regarding Renter Protection and Homelessness Prevention (RPHP)</u>
Guidelines

Dear Chair Richardson, LACAHSA Board, and Staff:

We write to express our strong opposition to the revised Renter Protection and Homelessness Prevention (RPHP) guidelines issued on August 29, 2025—specifically the new requirement that 20% of an Eligible Jurisdiction's RPHP funds be directed to "legal services." This mandate directly conflicts with LACAHSA's stated commitment to flexibility as a core principle of the RPHP program and represents a step backward in effectively addressing our homelessness crisis. The City of Glendora is particularly concerned that this change does not reflect demonstrated community needs; based on the COG's experience, more than 90% of renters do not require legal services.

This new funding floor ties the hands of sub-regional and local jurisdictions. We believe that a rigid, one-size-fits-all mandate is premature and counterproductive. Instead of predetermining the role of any single intervention, LACAHSA should empower jurisdictions to implement a comprehensive suite of services—including legal assistance, case management, and various forms of financial aid—that they know will be most impactful for their unique communities.

The passage of Measure A presents unique opportunity to fundamentally rethink our approach to homelessness prevention. Our focus should not be shoring up existing programs but on identifying and scaling the most impactful and cost-effective interventions. We must use these critical first-year funds to gather data and evaluate what truly works. By partnering with jurisdictions, LACAHSA can help establish best practices and build a robust, data-driven foundation for its future Integrated Services Model for fiscal year 2026-27.





With over 60,000 people falling into homelessness each year, we simply cannot afford to rely on "business-as-usual." Let's seize this opportunity to work collaboratively, embrace flexibility, and ensure every dollar from Measure A is used to its maximum potential.

We appreciate LACAHSA's ongoing efforts to prevent homelessness and look forward to the opportunity to discuss a more flexible and data-informed approach. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

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