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**\*\*STATEMENT\*\***

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## **Councilmember Ridley-Thomas Statement in Response to Judge Carter's Order to Stay the LA Human Rights Case**

“I hope the stay is not being interpreted as a withdrawal of urgency that is needed to address this crisis.

What we don't want to do is spend the next couple of years debating the merits of our homelessness response in a courtroom.

We need to resolve it on the streets - and we need to spend the next few weeks strengthening the partnership with our colleagues at the County - because at the end of the day, the only thing that will make a dent in this crisis is if both entities lean in and double down.

The State gave us a lifeline earlier this week with unprecedented resources. We must match that level of commitment with unprecedented resolve.”

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Mark Ridley-Thomas serves as Los Angeles' City Council Chair of Homelessness and Poverty Committee and served as Co-Chair of Governor Newsom's Homeless and Supportive Housing Advisory Task Force.