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****STATEMENT****

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Councilmember Ridley-Thomas' Statement on Committee for Greater LA's Report on Homelessness Governance

“At a time when residents and voters are registering the topic of homelessness as their top-tier concern, unprecedented State and federal dollars are being aimed at the moral crisis on our streets, and a Federal Judge threatens to upend our response system, a slew of reports on governance are indicative of the general discontent with the status quo.

Dr. Sonenshein's report, on behalf of the Committee for Greater LA, provides a clear-eyed analysis of the factors that complicate our collective response to the most compelling crisis confronting Los Angeles namely, homelessness.

The lack of established consensus among multiple institutions around a common mission, goals and outcomes is identified as a major barrier to progress. These will be the thorny discussions that must be tackled with urgency and political will. It will require leadership and facilitated dialogue among all stakeholders, and especially those with lived experience who have the most to lose or gain. The proof is in the pudding, as they say, and I look forward to rolling up my sleeves and getting to work. Indeed, there is no going back.”

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