

## **L.A. COUNTY MEASURE H- HOMELESS SERVICES QUARTER CENT SALES TAX INCREASE PROPOSAL**

### **Background**

In early 2016, LA County and City of LA crafted a joint comprehensive plan to reduce homelessness. The first step was City of LA Measure HHH, passed last November, which allows for the sale of bonds to fund the construction of permanent supportive housing for the homeless.

The joint plan, with 47 strategies, will subsidize housing, provide case management and services, create a coordinated system and increase affordable/homeless housing. The County already approved \$100 million as a one-time funding for the first year. The ultimate goal was to identify a permanent income stream to support these efforts.

### **The Proposal**

The proposed quarter cent sales tax with a 10-year sunset will provide auxiliary services and affordable housing for the homeless or those at risk of becoming homeless (foster youth, victims of domestic abuse, veterans). Services include mental health care, drug and alcohol treatment and other related services.

As you know, the sales tax is paid countywide, and the proceeds will be targeted to cities and areas that lack sufficient funding to effectively service the homeless in their community.

### **Supporters**

The BizFed Advocacy Committee recently voted to support the tax measure, indicating the funding for services is essential for the effective use of Measure HHH bond proceeds. The measure now goes to their Board for approval. The LA Area Chamber and Central City Association also support the measure.

Action: The BOMA/GLA Government Affairs Committee recommends that the BOMA/GLA Board of Directors support Measure H on the March ballot.

## **CITY OF L.A. MEASURE S- NEIGHBORHOOD INTEGRITY INITIATIVE**

The Neighborhood Integrity Initiative (NII) is a building moratorium on the Los Angeles City March 2017 ballot. If passed, the NII would halt virtually all local development which will have profound adverse impacts on specific economic sectors and the broader economy of Los Angeles. Below are a few key facts of the NII and its impacts on Los Angeles:

- NII is a two-year building moratorium on any real estate development that requires a general plan amendment, a zoning change, or a height district change. However, the language of the initiative as well as its practical effects will extend the building moratorium for up to ten years.
- There is no exemption to the building moratorium for hospitals, schools, or government buildings.
- There is no exemption to the building moratorium for affordable housing or shelters for the homeless, if such housing or shelters require a general plan amendment.
- According to the "Stop the Housing Ban" coalition, the building moratorium will result in more than \$60 billion dollars in lost revenue and will cause more than 120,000 lost jobs in the construction industry alone.

**Supporters:** Coalition to Preserve Los Angeles, Michael Weinstein

**Opposition:** LA Area Chamber, Central City Association, BizFed, NAIOP

**ACTION:** The BOMA/GLA Government Affairs Committee recommends that the BOMA/GLA Board of Directors OPPOSE the Neighborhood Integrity Initiative.