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

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**Councilmember Ridley-Thomas Statement in Response to the 9th Circuit  
Vacating Judge Carter's Preliminary Injunction in the LA Alliance for  
Human Rights Case**

You don't solve homelessness in a courtroom, you solve it on the streets. The City Council is demonstrating unprecedented leadership to surmount the status quo. Last week, we unanimously adopted a Citywide Street Engagement Strategy, increasing our investment in dedicated street engagement teams that will connect our unhoused neighbors to housing and services. On Tuesday, the Council took the first step to establish a "Housing Now Fund", which proposes to fund 10,000 additional rental subsidies and intensive services for unhoused individuals with complex medical and behavioral health needs. In partnership with the County - not the courts - we can and should make housing a right, not a privilege."

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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.