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## **\*\*STATEMENT\*\***

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### **Councilmember Mark Ridley-Thomas Statement On The Need For Prompt City Council Action to Approve Street Engagement Strategy**

The Street Engagement Strategy must be implemented in tandem with Section 41.18 taking effect. The full City Council should act swiftly to adopt the [Street Engagement Strategy](#), as time is of the essence.

With appreciation for the urgency of the matter, the Homelessness and Poverty Committee approved the Street Engagement Strategy on August 12, 2021. On Thursday, September 2, 2021, the Energy, Climate Change, Environmental Justice, and River Committee also discussed the Street Engagement Strategy and unanimously approved the item to move forward to the full council for adoption forthwith.

Since June 29, 2021, when the motion was approved to implement the Street Engagement Strategy as a predicate to the 41.18 ordinance, I have worked diligently with

my colleagues to create a pathway for the Council to adopt the Street Engagement Strategy before the 41.18 ordinance went into effect today. A full Council hearing is the order of the day.

Without a Street Engagement Strategy in place, we will not make a difference on our streets. We will simply shuffle unhoused residents throughout the city, from one neighborhood to another. I believe the City Council's top priority should be to approve the Street Engagement Strategy at its next meeting.

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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.