

Provider Alliance to End Homelessness hosts L.A. Mayoral Candidates Forum on March 8

Bass, Buscaino, de León, Feuer to address Los Angeles voter's number one issue at Provider Alliance's virtual event

[LOS ANGELES] -- The Provider Alliance to End Homelessness will host its first public Los Angeles Mayoral Candidates Forum on Homelessness on March 8, 2022 from 5 to 7 p.m. Representative Karen Bass, City Councilmember Joe Buscaino, City Councilmember Kevin de León, and City Attorney Mike Feuer have committed to participate in this virtual forum.

Homelessness ranked as the number one issue in Los Angeles, with 94 percent of individuals selecting it as a serious or very serious problem, according to the poll published on December 1, 2021 by the *Los Angeles Times* and Los Angeles Business Council. The Provider Alliance Mayoral Candidate Forum will be a critical moment for candidates to communicate directly with homeless service providers, policy experts, and members with lived experience about the issue that is defining the region.

"Every member of the Provider Alliance is committed to ending homelessness in Los Angeles County. We continue to work tirelessly, in partnership with members of the community, people with lived experience of homelessness and elected officials, to end this crisis. It's vital that we build a strong partnership and work together with the next Mayor of Los Angeles to bring our neighbors off the streets, provide them with the services they need, and prevent the citizens of LA from falling into homelessness in the first place." Dora Leong Gallo President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of A Community of Friends.

The virtual forum will stream online and registration is open to the public. The link to register for the Zoom Webinar is here or at tinyurl.com/lamayor22 for up to 1,000 attendees as well as the link to stream live on March 8 at 5pm from the Provider Alliance Facebook Page at facebook.com/laproviders.

Forum moderators will include Dr. Va Lecia Adams Kellum, President and CEO of St. Joseph Center and Adam Murray, Chief Executive Officer of Inner City Law Center. Members of the Provider Alliance will also pose questions to the candidates.

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About the Provider Alliance to End Homelessness

The Provider Alliance to End Homelessness (Provider Alliance) is a coalition of 85 organizations in Los Angeles County that provide services and housing to people experiencing homelessness and housing instability. Our membership includes organizations that administer the Coordinated Entry System for homelessness services, as well as missions and shelters, agencies that support domestic violence survivors, legal service providers, nonprofit developers of supportive housing and many other organizations assisting adults, families, and youth.

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