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**Board Approves Homeless Initiative**

In a historic vote, the Board of Supervisors approved the most comprehensive and far-reaching action plan ever to be undertaken in Los Angeles County to address the crisis of homelessness.

The Homeless Initiative laid out 47 strategies that aim to:

- Prevent homelessness
- Subsidize housing costs
- Increase income
- Provide case management and services
- Create a coordinated system
- Increase affordable housing

About a dozen of the strategies are to be implemented by June 30. A motion by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas underscored the need to allocate funding based on geographic need, among other recommendations.

“This motion reaffirms Board policy for the last three years that homeless investments should be needs-based,” Supervisor Ridley-Thomas said.

“It is imperative that we continue to have leadership at the helm, with the full backing of the County, steering us towards our ultimate goal: a community where homelessness is rare and brief,” he added. “Now we must turn our attention to how we sustain our efforts – through ongoing revenue streams – in the fight against homelessness.”

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