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**STATE, COUNTY, CITY AND COMMUNITY LEADERS ISSUE CALL TO ACTION ON  
Homelessness at 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Empowerment Congress Summit**

In the wake of Governor Gavin Newsom's executive order and \$1.4-billion state budget proposal for addressing homelessness -- complemented by a Comprehensive Crisis Response Strategy developed by the Governor's Council of Regional Advisors -- Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and other local and state leaders will issue a call to action on homelessness at the 28th Annual Empowerment Congress.

More than 1,000 people have registered to attend the event in the South Los Angeles. Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, co-chair of the Governor's Council of Regional Advisors and founder of the Empowerment Congress, will deliver the keynote speech.

Los Angeles City Council President Nury Martinez; State Assembly Members Mike Gipson, Autumn Burke, and Miguel Santiago; and California State Association of Counties President Lisa Bartlett will also address the crowd.

The Empowerment Congress Summit is part of the national observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend.

**WHEN: January 18, 2020, Saturday**

**9:00 a.m. PLENARY SESSION**

- 9:30 a.m. - State Assembly Members Mike Gipson, Autumn Burke, and Miguel Santiago
- 10:00 a.m. - California State Association of Counties President Lisa Bartlett
- 10:15 a.m. - Los Angeles City Council President Nury Martinez
- 10:15 a.m. - Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

10:30 a.m. MEDIA AVAILABILITY

11:00 a.m. WORKSHOPS

12:30 a.m. EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS PAVILION AND RESOURCE CENTER

**WHERE: Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science**

EVENT: 1731 East 120th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90059

PARKING: Map for Broadcast Trucks and Map for Credentialed Reporters in Lot C

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**WORKSHOPS:**

- Lost in America: Spotlight on Young People Experiencing Homelessness
- By the Numbers: How the 2020 Census and New Voter Experience will Impact the Next Decade
- Development Without Displacement: Building Policy Strategies to Ensure Residents Reap the Benefits of Community Change
- Beyond Mass Shootings: Confronting Everyday Gun Violence and Creating Safe Communities
- A Tour of Willowbrook: A Community in the Midst of Transformation
- Walking Tour of Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Campus - Spotlight on Homeless Services

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