**MAYOR’S INTERFAITH COLLECTIVE: DAYS OF COMPASSION**

**INTRODUCTION:** The homelessness reduction Propositions HHH and H were overwhelmingly supported by voters of the City and County of Los Angeles in November, 2016 and March 2017. They provide the funds for building Permanent Supportive Housing and fortifying it with surrounding services – to help our formerly homeless neighbors grow into self-sustainability. The Mayor’s Interfaith Collective, seeks to claim the ground of community transformation by changing the conversation from “Not in my backyard” to “Yes in my backyard.”

In order to emphasize the importance of permanent supportive housing being built or re-purposed in a wide variety of communities throughout Los Angeles, Mayor Garcettii invites the faith community of Los Angeles to participate in the DAYS OF COMPASSION project on Friday, June 3, 2017 to Sunday, June 11, 2017.

**ACTION:** The DAYS OF COMPASSION project aims to include 100 congregations of churches, temples, mosques and synagogues, choosing a compassionate action to take on at least 1 day of service toward ending homelessness– including, but, not limited to:

* Clergy preaching on values of compassion and welcoming the stranger. Building a YIMBY culture (Yes In My Backyard)
* Congregations hosting a capacity building assessment.
* Organizing groups to visit Permanent Supportive Housing sites in their area.
* Having a congregation wide conversation about repurposingunderutilized real estate and assessing the feasibility of conversion to shelter beds (Crisis Housing), Winter Shelter, storage facilities, case management offices, and/or affordable housing development sites.
* Becominga “Hospitality HUB.” Offer safe spaces where people experiencing homelessness can find respite during their homeless journeys. Spaces can offer meals, showers, day- storage, mailboxes, blanket exchanges, visiting medical programs, recreational classes, art workshops, case management services, etc.
* Mentoringa recently housed family through Imagine L.A.’s program.<http://www.imaginela.org/>
* Invitinga member of SpeakUp! – an advocacy program composed of persons with lived-  experience – to give remarks during a weekly service. http://www.csh.org/speakup

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