

MEDIA ADVISORY FOR: Monday, April 16, 2018

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***COMMUNITY GROUPS TO DEMAND A FIX TO BROKEN
STREETS AND BROKEN PROMISES;
MAYOR GARCETTI'S STATE OF THE CITY TO BE
CHALLENGED BY "PEOPLE'S STATE OF THE CITY"***

Garcetti's Pledge to Restore Services and 5K City Jobs Lost During the Recession by June, 2018, is Far from Being Met as Infrastructure Continues to Crumble, Homelessness Surges, and Affordable Housing Disappears

LOS ANGELES— Los Angeles residents and community leaders, as well as City workers, will hold a "People's State of the City" outside **City Hall on Monday, April 16, 2018 at 11 A.M.**

City Hall is woefully behind on its deadline of June 2018 to restore essential City services and 5,000 City jobs lost during the recession.

LA City jobs are an entry point to a middle-class quality of life, especially for women and people of color. Those pathways now remain indefinitely closed. Meanwhile, homelessness in Los Angeles has skyrocketed 75% to record levels as affordable housing evaporates and the city's infrastructure continues to crumble.

Who: Fix LA Coalition (Ground Game, Food and Water Watch, LA Coalition for Universal Representation, Black Workers' Center, POWER and others)

What: People's Response to the Mayoral "State of the City"

When: Monday, April 16, 2018 immediately following the Mayor's address (approx. 11am)

Where: City Hall - Los Angeles (Spring St. steps), 200 N. Spring St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

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BACKGROUND: City Hall leaders and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti pledged back in 2015 to create 5,000 new jobs by June 2018. These jobs were lost during the recession – a move city workers accepted at the time with the understanding that, when the economy recovered, these jobs would be restored. But that has not happened.

Simultaneously, as the prospect of a middle class lifestyle dims for many job seekers, City Hall has failed to respond strongly or quickly enough to the growing epidemic of homelessness gripping the city and the dearth of affordable housing, which has reached crisis levels.