



Community Leaders and Residents Double Down on the Demand to Make LA Whole

Los Angeles, CA—On Wednesday, April 14th, 50 civic, labor, community, and civil rights groups and 80 residents called on the City of Los Angeles [again](#) to direct a \$1 billion dollar investment over the next two years toward poor and working-class families hit hardest by COVID. Los Angeles is set to receive an unprecedented infusion of \$1.3 billion from the federal government. The leaders and members of the Make It Whole Coalition have created a bold community reinvestment platform that centers on women, families, and youth as the city begins to work towards recovering from the seismic inequities and systemic inequalities laid bare by the pandemic.

“LA has the chance to set the bar and lead the nation for a recovery effort that places people and communities first. Women, families, and children are central to that. During the past 13 months, women risked their lives to keep our families safe, supported, and fed as they kept our City afloat as frontline workers and caregivers,” stated Aurea Montes-Rodriguez, Executive Vice President for Community Coalition.

The Making Los Angeles Whole plan centers families most impacted by the pandemic, while also creating opportunities for all of Los Angeles to thrive. A summary of the investments called for include:

- \$250 million for child and eldercare
- \$100 million for training and finding employment for women and supporting women-owned small businesses
- \$250 million to launch a comprehensive local housing stability program to cancel rent debt
- \$100 million for leadership development and employment programs for high-need youth
- \$100 million to provide at least two years of guaranteed basic income
- \$200 million to support Community Intervention Workers, re-entry services, the establishment of Healing Centers.

The mayor and city council will begin addressing how the federal funds will be spent in the days and weeks to come. “We’re out here today demanding that electeds back up their nice words with actual dollars and investment in THE PEOPLE!,” said Joy Stallworth, community resident, and mother of four.

For more than 30 years, Community Coalition (CoCo) has brought South LA together to create a unified voice for Black and Brown people. By working to transform the social and economic conditions that foster inequity and inequality, CoCo empowers everyday residents to influence and elevate public policy. For more info, please visit www.cocosouthla.org. #MakeLAWhole

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