



How the TransLatin@ Coalition Fights for Housing Justice

With its new TGI: Housing Initiative, the TransLatin@ Coalition fights homelessness across Los Angeles—and not just for trans folks.

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The TransLatin@ Coalition (TLC) launched a housing justice initiative to provide safe, affordable housing to [transgender](#), gender-nonconforming, nonbinary (TGNCNB) and intersex individuals throughout [Los Angeles](#) County, according to a TLC [press release](#), which stresses that the efforts include securing housing for seniors, immigrants, people with disabilities and others.

The TGI (trans, gender-nonconforming and intersex): Housing Initiative aims to eliminate systemic barriers to safe, affordable and affirming housing. Developed in partnership with the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHS), coalition leaders emphasize the importance of government investment, community-led initiatives.



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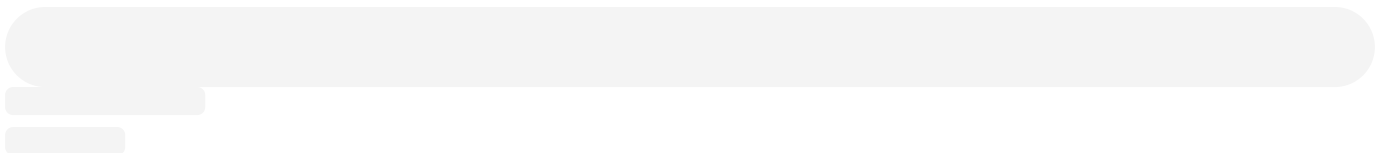
While celebrating the initiative launch at a press conference September 17, TLC leaders and community members called upon LACAHSa to utilize money from a countywide half-cent sales tax that went into effect in April, called [Measure A](#).

The measure was approved by voters to fund homelessness services and affordable housing. The tax generates over \$1 billion annually, and nearly 34% of funds—over \$380 million—are provided to LACAHSa.

TLC is asking for \$20 million to continue to invest into their communities. If funding is secured, the coalition and its initiative will be able to provide:

- Housing rental assistance to keep individuals stably housed;
- Housing navigator coordination to guide people through complicated housing programs;
- Tenant rights and legal support clinics to protect the community from unlawful evictions and discrimination;
- Equitable distribution through community-based organizations like TLC, ensuring resources reach those who need them most.

“Community members are urging the LACAHSa board to honor their intentions to make housing more affordable, help people stay in their homes and increase housing options for people experiencing homelessness,” said Maya Daniels, a policy associate at TLC, in the release.





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A [2024 report](#) published by the Williams Institute found that 47% of trans and nonbinary adults in the United States live below 200% of the federal poverty level and face significant food insecurity and housing instability.

“We are investing in people, not just programs,” transgender Latina activist [Queen Victoria Ortega](#) said at the press conference.

“Housing is the foundation for opportunity,” Ortega said. “When you are able to be in a safe, warm home, you’re able to take your medications. You’re able to take a respite. You’re able to think about the next step that you’re going to take. And really, why wouldn’t you want that for your neighbor? I end with saying: Invest in trans lives.”

Founded in 2009, the Translatin@ Coalition offers HIV prevention and [testing](#), mental health counseling, leadership development, work support (such as résumé building and job search assistance) and more.

TLC has grown into a nationally recognized organization with representation in 10 U.S. states, according to [to TLC](#), and is the largest trans-led organization in Los Angeles.

Nearly 51,000 people were living with HIV in 2022 in Los Angeles County, according to [AIDS Vu](#)

[data](#) (this number includes all gender and sexual identities). In the United States, about 1.2 million people are estimated to be living with HIV. What's more, TGNCNB people are at greater risk for HIV and are more likely to be living with the virus than the population at large. To learn more, visit POZ's [Health Basics on HIV and Transgender People](#).

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