



DOWNTOWN **WOMEN'S** CENTER

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## **DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER TO HOST ASSEMBLY SELECT COMMITTEE ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOMELESSNESS**

*Chair Assembly Member Santiago has been holding hearings across California and  
DWC will host the latest hearing on December 9<sup>th</sup>*

The Assembly Select Committee on Los Angeles County Homelessness will hold a hearing at the Downtown Women's Center (DWC) this coming Thursday, December 9th at 10am. The theme of the hearing is, "Providing housing for our unhoused LA neighbors: What has worked and what hasn't?" and will include several panel discussions with key stakeholders and experts in the community.

"We are honored to host the Select Committee on Homelessness and look forward to engaging in a productive conversation that centers the needs of women experiencing homelessness", said Downtown Women's Center CEO Amy Turk. "Unaccompanied women make up a disproportionate percentage of those seeking services. It is imperative that we acknowledge and provide the same support to this group as we've done for our other subpopulations. The voices of these women have gone unheard for far too long."

DWC has 43 years of experience serving unhoused women and remains the only organization in Los Angeles dedicated exclusively to meeting their needs. It currently serves 5,300 women every year through its Skid Row Access Center, where the need and impact is greatest. Having this hearing in Skid Row sends an important signal to the community at-large that work is being done but there is much more to do.

"At a time when homelessness is such a big issue facing our community, the discussion about women experiencing homelessness, and especially those who are unaccompanied, has been insufficient," says Assembly Member Miguel Santiago (AD-53), Chair of the Assembly Select Committee. "We have an opportunity to identify and correct the circumstances that have created the inflows to homelessness, and to support organizations who champion efforts to end homelessness for those seeking gendered services in the Skid Row community – and beyond. I look forward to continuing our work with DWC and CEO Amy Turk to expand and build on the incredible success that they have achieved in this space."

For media interested in covering this event, please RSVP to Glenn Gritzner ([ggritzner@actumllc.com](mailto:ggritzner@actumllc.com)) for confirmation and more details.

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*The **Downtown Women's Center (DWC)** is the only organization in Los Angeles focused exclusively on serving and empowering women experiencing homelessness and formerly homeless women. DWC envisions a Los Angeles with every woman housed and on a path to personal stability. Our mission is to end homelessness for women in greater Los Angeles through housing, wellness, employment, and advocacy. For more information, visit [www.DowntownWomensCenter.org](http://www.DowntownWomensCenter.org).*