



DOWNTOWN **WOMEN'S** CENTER

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DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER HOSTS LOS ANGELES MAYORAL CANDIDATE RICK CARUSO FOR TOUR AND ROUNDTABLE ON WOMEN'S HOMELESSNESS

LOS ANGELES, CA – On Tuesday, mayoral candidate Rick Caruso visited the Downtown Women's Center (DWC) in Los Angeles to learn about how the organization advocates for unhoused women, and what the next mayor will need to do to combat homelessness.

Caruso toured the center with DWC CEO Amy Turk and participated in a roundtable with staff and women who have benefitted from their services. Women currently make up the fastest growing portion of the homeless population in the city. The group discussed the critical need for permanent supportive housing when working to end homelessness.

"Homelessness is one of the most significant issues that the next mayor of Los Angeles will have to address on day one and it's important that the candidates understand how organizations on the ground are working to help break the cycle," said Turk. "DWC has spent more than 40 years serving the needs of women experiencing homelessness and we will work with the next mayor to continue to tackle this issue head on."

After touring the center and participating in the roundtable, Caruso spoke with press about the Downtown Women's Center's work: "We should expand the program because it's a model that can be expanded. We can take a lot more women off the streets and put them into housing that provides dignity and wraparound services. I'm really excited about it. It's clear to me that we can solve this problem."

About The Downtown Women's Center

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.

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