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## The League of California Cities Latino Caucus Board of Directors Sets Priorities

The League of California Cities Latino Caucus Board of Directors met for its annual Board Retreat to set advocacy priorities. In addition to the priorities, the Latino Caucus continues to promote comprehensive immigration reform that offers a pathway to citizenship for undocumented residents. The Latino Caucus is committed to achieving a California which provides Latinos equal rights, access, and opportunities. The following priorities have been adopted for 2023:

**Housing Affordability**: Secure long-term, sustainable funding tools for cities to jumpstart the construction of housing at all income levels and ensure cities retain the flexibility to achieve local and state housing goals.

Advocate for the equitable distribution and comprehensive technical assistance of state and federal funding to address housing affordability in California cities.

Advocate for tenant protection for renters, including against unlawful rent increases and unfair evictions.

**Homelessness:** Secure sustainable state funding that bolsters cities' efforts to support individuals experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness regardless of immigration status. While protecting existing resources, strengthen state and local partnerships to connect individuals with the care they need through coordinated care systems that provide access to wraparound services, including mental health and substance use treatment.

<u>**Climate Change</u>**: Advance infrastructure, programs, and policies that address California's water challenges, including unsafe drinking water, major flood risks that threaten public safety, drought, extreme weather conditions, and agricultural communities coping with uncertain water supplies.</u>

Advance California's climate and water goals by investing in the needs of the least resilient and most underserved communities.