

COMMITTEE TO RECALL MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES ERIC GARCETTI

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RALLY: IMMEDIATE HOUSING FOR HOMELESS VETERANS NOW!

Mayor of Los Angeles Eric Garcetti Promised Former First Lady Michelle Obama he would End Veteran Homelessness by 2015

LOS ANGELES, California: On November 10, 2019, a rally will take place to recall Mayor Eric Garcetti. The location is the corner of San Vicente Blvd. and Wilshire Blvd., outside the Veterans Park gate in West Los Angeles, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

According to leading Los Angeles homeless veteran advocate Robert Rosebrock, who is the founder of The Old Veterans Guard and hosted more than 600 rallies fighting for veteran housing: "Los Angeles has somewhere between 4,000 to 5,000 homeless veterans. A specific number is difficult to identify because many veterans will not identify as homeless or accept government services."

Rosebrock states, "On July 14, 2014, one year after becoming Mayor of Los Angeles, Eric Garcetti made a public promise to then First Lady Michelle Obama, personally guaranteeing her that he would end Veteran homelessness in Los Angeles by the end of 2015. Eric Garcetti is a reserivist, and more than five years after making his infamous and disingenuous promise to the First Lady and homeless Veterans, Los Angeles is still our nation's capital for homeless Veterans as he remains "Missing in Action" and needs to be charged with "Dereliction of Duty," i.e., recalled and removed from the public trust, posthaste."

Captain Joseph R. John, USN (Ret.), founder of Combat Veterans For Congress urges immediate action to house homeless Veterans. "The Unites States has more than 23 million Veterans. Combat Veterans and wounded Warriors return from battle haunted by the scars of war. Some of our brave heroes become afflicted with PTSD, causing a war within so devastating, 22 veterans per day commit suicide. Others abandon home, family, job and good quality of life, ending up on the street, becoming homeless. PTSD overtakes homeless Veterans and coping mechanisms like alcoholism and drug abuse become the beginning of a downward spiral, ending in squalor and even death."

Alexandra Datig, petitioner to recall Mayor Garcetti states: "Mayor Garcetti has failed on his promise to house homeless Veterans. I am the daughter of a Purple Heart, Bronze Star decorated Veteran, who carried the deep scars of war and became homeless. I can't think of

anything more heartbreaking than watching your family fall apart before your very eyes. Once the 'battle within' takes hold, all you have once known and loved about a parent disappears. Though progress is being made at the Veterans Administration, Mayor Garcetti has failed to address re-entry into the community at the local level, after war and combat. Garcetti has also failed in his support of Veteran Families."

Committee Member and recall petitioner David Hernandez states: "For the benefit of all Angelenos, the Mayor of Los Angeles, Eric Garcetti must be replaced with a Leader who has the ability to address the crisis of Homelessness, Criminal Vagrants, Mentally Ill and the blight threatening the health and safety of all the residents of Los Angeles."

Committee Member and recall petitioner Benito Bernal: "As a lifelong Angeleno, I was raised to care and serve for the needs of others. The homeless crisis today in Los Angeles with all the added rules and regulations imposed by our Mayor, make it impossible for us as volunteers and even our LAPD to protect and serve those very needs. If our Mayor is unwilling to admit his failures and yet still put up barriers for others to help those in need, then it's time for him to step aside and let someone else get the job done. It's time that we as citizens demand that the profit margin tied into this issue be exposed and removed from the equation. This way help and change can take place for all Angelenos"

Committee Members and recall petitioners Rick and Robin Marcelli: "Having been born and raised in Los Angeles, we have never seen our city in such utter ruin. Without hesitation, we blame this ruin on Mayor Garcetti and his mismanagement of our City. Garcetti's plans seem only to support his career agenda and pocket, but do not take care of people who truly need the help, nor protect the law-abiding tax paying citizens."

Petitions will be available for signature at the rally location. The Committee to Recall Mayor Eric Garcetti will send out an advisory on upcoming rallies in the coming weeks.

For more about the recall visit: www.recallthelamayor.com

For more about The Old Veterans Guard visit: The Old Veterans Guard
Media Contact: (310) 490-6495

For more about Combat Veterans For Congress visit: www.combatveteransforcongress.org

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Please stay tuned:

Next event in the works, Skid Row Thanksgiving March/Rally (tentatively planned for one week (Saturday) before Thanksgiving).

Details in development...