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I am a member of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ labor union and support MPTF’s efforts to secure a return of $1.65 million ULA mansion tax paid to the City of Los Angeles.

MPTF is a 102-year-old Los Angeles 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded by entertainment industry members to create a safety net for industry workers, retirees, and their families. As part of its mission, MPTF has and continues to address housing insecurity among industry members and retirees.

Industry workers face growing financial challenges – following COVID-19 production interruptions, the recent work stoppages have devastated many families, wiping out savings, forcing early retirements and/or premature withdrawals from retirement savings plans. Financial recovery over the next several years will be slow, with many industry workers never recovering prior earning potential or financial security. This has and will put many more in our industry at risk for homelessness.

There is no singular remedy to the housing shortage and affordability crisis facing Los Angeles. Given MPTF’s existing screening and social support programs, the Citizen’s Council can be assured that the funds returned to MPTF would be immediately and efficiently deployed to directly address and remedy housing insecurity. In fact, between its subsidy for 70 residents on its campus with monthly incomes below $2,300 and its financial assistance for working and retired industry members facing housing insecurity, MPTF is committing over $3 million annually to this cause.

Los Angeles voters didn’t intend to take funding away from nonprofits addressing housing insecurity with the Mansion Tax. We urge you to fix this unintended consequence and exercise your authority under the ULA ordinance and the LA City Charter and Municipal Code to return $1.65 million to MPTF for its support of vulnerable seniors and industry workers.