

### **Statement of Rick Caruso**

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Los Angeles faces an existential crisis of homelessness, crime, and corruption. I love this city. I believe Angelenos deserve better and should not be forced to live under these conditions.

No one believes that the same group of politicians who allowed our city to become this unsafe, corrupt and cruel can solve any of the problems we face. This unprecedented crisis calls for strong leaders who have track records of managing complex institutions and finding innovative solutions to build housing for our population and to protect our communities.

In short, we need a culture change at City Hall now. Politicians who are mostly concerned about their next jobs must be replaced by proven leaders who are ready to make the tough decisions to save our city; leaders who have true compassion for our people who are suffering.

As a former member of the DWP Commission under one of my heroes, Mayor Tom Bradley, and as a Police Commissioner who reformed the police department while bringing down crime, I know we can solve these problems as a city. We just need strong leaders who are not afraid of putting their job on the line every day to enact real, meaningful change in this city.

Simply, we can solve the problems we face; the politicians haven't. We can clean up LA; the politicians haven't.

I look forward to making this final decision shortly. I've got the team, the community support and the resources I need to run for Mayor. Together, we can clean up LA.