

LETTERS

## L.A. is rooting for Mayor Bass

Re "Bass' urgency on homelessness is real — and welcome," editorial, Dec. 26

As Los Angeles' new mayor sets out to address the city's problems, I am heartened by her aggressive start. Mayor Karen Bass appears to be the same impressive and sincere person who I first met years ago when she headed the Community Coalition and I was a City Council aide.

But a multitude of challenges in the nation's second-largest city are coming her way. Most residents understand the magnitude of the city's problems and do not realistically expect quick fixes and neat statistical achievements.

However, maintaining the public's trust is Bass' No. 1 challenge. She can maintain this trust as long as she stays diligent, compassionate and honest, and makes reasonable progress in reducing homelessness. If Bass hews true to this, then she will deserve our support, and her political future will be bright.

Keep our trust, Mayor Bass, and we will back you and work with you. We want you to succeed. Your success will be our success.

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