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**UN Expert to Shine Spotlight on Los Angeles Housing Crisis at
November 2nd Town Hall Meeting**

*UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing to Lead Town Hall Meeting with Residents
and Housing Organizations*

WHAT: The **UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing** will lead a Town Hall meeting in Los Angeles with housing advocates and Los Angeles residents as part of her seven-city U.S. tour. The meeting will include testimonies from Angelenos struggling with housing issues, as well as presentations from a number of Los Angeles' community-based housing advocacy organizations.

WHY: Amid a global economic recession precipitated by the U.S. sub-prime lending crisis, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing is conducting the office's first official mission in the U.S. to investigate the foreclosure crisis, growing homelessness, and concerns around low-income housing with respect to public housing and rental assistance. Special Rapporteur **Raquel Rolnik** will present the findings of her mission to the UN General Assembly in a public report on the human right to housing in the U.S.

WHEN: November 2, 2009
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

WHERE: **The California Endowment's Center for Healthy Communities**
1000 N. Alameda St., Los Angeles, CA 90012
Free parking available

ADDITIONAL MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES:

During her two-day visit to Los Angeles, Ms. Rolnik will also tour several communities impacted by the region's housing crisis—including South Los Angeles, Skid Row, Boyle Heights, MacArthur Park, Koreatown, Jefferson Park, Mar Vista and parts of the San Fernando Valley. For additional information on these tours, please visit <http://restorehousingrights.org/> or contact:

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