

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Good Morning City Council, This is Jamie Penn , the socialist whos the sub district 3 representative for Wilshire center koreatown neighborhood council. My pronouns are She/her. On items 3, 28, 31 and general public comment despite everyone speaking to someone off camera and focusing on things offscreen, and I want to point out having now participated in the Burbank Public comment and Torrance public comment how terrible this council is at holding these meetings. They both offer receptionists when you call and hold music, instead of a confusing zoom system. They even tell you what number call you are which offers the full transparency we deserve as Angelenos, instead of your system which gives the impression you cherry pick callers and they even give you 3 full minutes! Perhaps y'all could work on the calling system on Fridays, since you don't hold meetings. Item 28 appoints a new commissioner to a commission that sounds nice on paper but has been inactive for over two year and doesn't have a working website at the moment. It's a disgrace to waste taxpayer money rewarding because they are friends with Backroom Garcetti. Item 31 CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (DE LEON - PRICE) relative to providing additional shelter beds for women in Skid Row at the Weingart Center headquarters and funding recommendations for the project's capital and operational costs. This is a resounding yes and the first project that responds to the communities demands, thank you Councilmember DeLeon. General Public Comment This is specific to item 3: "HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT relative to finding \$45,695,000, subject to eligibility, to initiate the acquisition of the Hillside Villa Apartments located at 636 North Hill Place Los Angeles, CA 90012 to be used for affordable public housing. I absolutely support this, this is a step in the right direction because the fact is that bloated costs for "affordable housing programs" are resulting in programs that are not actually solving the problem. Working class families here in Los Angeles. Please support this and many more programs to establish public housing as its the only way out of our housing crisis, which is actually a crisis of their being no housing working class families can afford. And Generally... LA City suspended CARE+ sweeps due to shelter in place orders and CDC recommendations at the beginning of the pandemic. Suspending CARE+ could potentially be one of the most effective

things that the City has done to prevent the spread of COVID. Why are there sweeps during a COVID surge? There was a horrific sweep in blumenfield district just days ago. We all agree with prioritizing public health in addressing homelessness and fighting COVID, except for Bob Blumenfield and Joey Buckets. To address some of the concerns of encampments - such as trash - we can start by increasing regular trash pick up and access to sanitation services like restrooms. These are the things that will help manage encampments and address public health concerns: hand washing stations, laundry, garbage cans, regular trash pickup, showers and pest control. Do better. Jamie Penn
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