

Communication from Public

Name: Sheila Vanessa Thomas

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Comments for Public Posting: Greetings, My name is Sheila Thomas, Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church and I am personally concern about human trafficking and mass events because traffickers prey on the most vulnerable during major events in disguise of promising people a better life, tickets, housing and employment by force, fraud and coercion. I saw a sign today stating how many days away the opening of the World Cup which attract immigrants and others who are vulnerable and traffickers disguised as caring people but are very cruel opportunist. I also have seen an increase in signs advertising 18 years and older to work in strip clubs/gentlemen entertainment clubs near schools, churches, mental health clinics and store and at the age of 18; I was still in high school and this should never be an option for vulnerable high school girls who are runaways or live in poverty. I was told by a survivor they were asked to work very long hours and were trafficked from strip club to strip club and there was no way out after several attempts to quit due to sexual exploitation, harassment, cruelty and not ad hearing to labor laws. I hope now that we know we do better for humanity, by including anti-trafficking provisions in on a full Council Agenda the Human Rights Plan for "Mass Gatherings" as promised for Feb 2026. Respectfully submitted, Sheila Thomas thomassheila8@aol.com

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Name: Alicia Sinclair

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, My name is Alicia Sinclair and I am a school nurse in South Los Angeles. I am here to advocate for a pilot School-Based Laundry Access Program at a high-need elementary school. In my daily work, I see how basic needs directly affect attendance and academic performance. Some students miss school not because they lack motivation, but because their families lack reliable access to laundry due to housing instability or financial hardship. For a child, wearing unwashed clothing can lead to embarrassment, social withdrawal, and ultimately school avoidance. I respectfully request that the City explore funding and partnership opportunities to support a pilot program, either by installing a washer and dryer on campus for confidential family use or by partnering with local laundromats to provide vouchers. This initiative could be supported through public-private partnerships and evaluated for its impact on attendance and student engagement. Clean clothes are not a cosmetic issue, they are connected to dignity, school presence, and learning. If we want children consistently in classrooms and ready to succeed, we must remove the basic barriers that keep them home.

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Name: Darcy Segura

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Darcy Segura, and I am a resident of Los Angeles in the Park Mesa Neighborhood Council and the 77th Street Division. I am here today because I am deeply concerned about recent statements from the Los Angeles Police Department warning students, parents, and community members that they could face criminal consequences for participating in student walkouts. Let's be honest about what this is. These warnings function as intimidation. Students engaging in peaceful civic expression are being met not with dialogue, but with threats of criminal liability. That alone deserves this Council's immediate attention. But what makes this even more troubling is the issue of selective enforcement. We are repeatedly told that law enforcement has discretion — that officers must prioritize, that not every violation is enforced, that resources are limited. Yet when young people organize and speak out, suddenly the harshest possible consequences are publicly emphasized to them, their guardians, and community organizers. This creates the appearance that enforcement is not simply about public safety, but about who is speaking and what they are saying. That perception erodes trust. This Council has both the authority and the responsibility to provide civilian oversight. I urge you to ask hard questions: Why were these warnings issued in this way? What enforcement actions are actually being contemplated against students? And how does this approach align with this city's stated commitment to civil rights and community trust? Young people in Los Angeles should learn that their voices matter. They should not learn that their voices trigger threats. Oversight is your duty. Accountability is essential. And silence, in this moment, sends the wrong message. Thank you.