

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: On February 20, 2026, my home was broken into. Four individuals carried out a coordinated operation that resulted in my family losing over \$300,000 in jewelry and other valuables. While the financial loss is devastating, the greatest thing taken from us was our sense of security. In our city, the clearance rate for residential burglary is approximately 13%. That number should concern every resident and every elected official. In the days following this crime, I spoke with neighbors and reviewed available footage. What I discovered was deeply troubling: nearly every home in our neighborhood has experienced theft in recent years, yet very few perpetrators are ever identified, arrested, or prosecuted. This is not an isolated incident — it is a pattern. And it points to a systemic failure in how these crimes are being addressed. We live in an era of extraordinary technological capability, yet organized burglary crews continue to operate with coordination and confidence. Masked individuals enter neighborhoods, target homes, and leave without consequence. When accountability is rare, deterrence disappears. Our police department must evolve its strategy. Technology should be used as a force multiplier — not an afterthought. Relying primarily on traditional “boots on the ground” approaches is no longer sufficient against organized, mobile, and increasingly sophisticated criminal activity. The citizens of this city deserve a proactive and modernized public safety plan. This issue will not resolve itself. If meaningful action is not taken, residents will continue to lose faith in local leadership and the institutions meant to protect them. Public safety is not optional — it is foundational. I urge the city council and police leadership to treat this as the urgent crisis it has become. Sincerely, Cayden Nakashima

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello Councilmembers, My name is Diana Alvarado, I am an attorney who has advocated for tenants' rights for over ten years, and I am the Director of Operations for BASTA Universal. BASTA Universal is one of the legal services providers for Stay Housed LA. I am submitting a comment to strongly urge you to approve the execution of the United to House LA Program Service Contracts without delay. Timely approval is critical to ensure there are no interruptions in services and no delays in contract execution. The Stay Housed LA Program and the Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance (TAHO) Program are essential lifelines for tenants across the City of Los Angeles. These programs connect residents to legal services, rental assistance, educational resources, and tenant navigation support — all of which are vital to helping individuals and families remain stable in their housing. For many tenants facing eviction or harassment, these services are the difference between staying housed and falling into homelessness. I am also respectfully urging the Council to adopt two important amendments. First, providers should not be required to submit client addresses. As legal service providers, we are bound by attorney-client privilege. Requiring disclosure of client addresses would effectively reveal who we represent and would compromise our ethical obligations. Second, we ask that providers not be required to invoice by individual case. A case-by-case billing requirement would create an unnecessary administrative burden, diverting valuable time, funds, and resources away from tenant assistance. We want to thank LAHD and everyone involved in the RFP process for selecting the awardees. Last year, contract delays created uncertainty and threatened service interruptions for tenants in crisis. We worked collectively to prevent harm, but we must not put vulnerable residents in that position again. Therefore, we respectfully urge you to vote yes to approve the execution of the United to House LA Homelessness Program Service Contracts along with the suggested amendments. Thank you for your time and consideration.