

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: My family and I have recently moved to the West Adams neighborhood of LA from the Bay area. We relocated for my spouse's job in Culver City. We were told the neighborhood is experiencing a renaissance, but we should have explored more thoroughly before signing a year lease. We are stuck here until next September. When we looked at rentals, the neighborhood appeared quiet and the houses looked fairly well kept. What a shock we experienced once we moved in. FILTH: there is trash everywhere. I have witnessed people getting out of their parked cars and throwing fast food bags on the ground, then walking into their multi-unit property. Garbage litters sidewalks, no matter the quality of the house abutting them. Rats run freely from yard to yard, taking delight in the various construction projects that seem to be on every block between Adams & Jefferson. There is a home on Hillcrest, near the Jefferson block that looks like a hoarder's paradise: the yard and building piled high with shopping carts, trash, and filth. PUBLIC HEALTH RISK: No one seems to pick up after their dogs and the sidewalks are a minefield of excrement. There are flies EVERYWHERE. I have watched dog owners stand by while their dog lays one out, they walk away, leaving a steaming pile to fester. I have watched men urinating in the bushes of private homes or onto the street as they stumble out of their trucks, throw their beer bottles in those bushes, then walk to their property just feet away. Poverty exploited: In old multi-unit properties, people are crammed in, with more residents per unit than up to code. Their properties are not maintained and appear to be managed by slum lords, exploiting the poor and marginalized. The properties are falling down, riddled with trash and mold. Walk at your own risk: speeding drivers, gang members cruising or "posted up" (a drive by a couple of weeks ago on 29th & Potomac in broad daylight!!!), to stop signs that must be invisible, the mere act of walking a dog is fraught with peril. It seems many people have guard dogs on their property. Walk by these places and suffer a near heart attack from surprise. Should any of these dogs make it out of their yard, I imagine the unlucky pedestrian will be mauled to death in seconds. Street sweepers that never come, no parking enforcement (for street cleaning, cars parked on sidewalks, red zones, alleys, and in front of hydrants). This neighborhood feels disconnected and forgotten.

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Comments for Public Posting: Why is the City Council only accepting in-person verbal public comments? The County Board of Supervisors allow for calling in public comments. The California PUC allows for calling in on public comments, as does the state Senate and Assembly. For those who work, attending a City Council meeting so as to address the council directly can be a hardship. For those who live a distance away, such as those in the San Fernando Valley (where almost two million Angelenos live) would mean either driving into Los Angeles more than a hour and a half before a meeting during rush hour traffic, and then finding (AND paying) for parking, walking to City Hall, and going through security. Taking public transit would mean more than TWO hours, plus walking to City Hall and going through security. For many of us, taking public transit is not doable as some of us are immune-compromised or live with someone who is (that's my situation) and can't be in an enclosed space for two hours with possibly infectious people. COVID is still a danger.