

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: For the second time this week I've been denied public comment. For the second time this week, the president of city council decides to cut off public comment before public comment has been given. Violation of the brown act I will find out how to press charges and I will. I'm tired of being denied a Public coming and I'm tired of him cutting people off after waiting on the phone for over two hours. The public shows up on time. The meeting is supposed to start at 10 AM not to quarter after or 20 after the hour it is about time that these meetings starting time and are open to the general public. All public, including everyone that is a bit on the phone for over an hour or two hours while waiting to get a Public coming. Once again, it is not our fault that he refuses to start these meetings on time and he has our long presentations in front of public comment. That is not our problem. His problem is he wants to get out on time too bad so sad something must be done in violation of the brown act is 100% here once again today my denial of public comment! If he does not want to fulfill his job as president of this council, and he must step down due to the fact that all public coming should be hard, regardless of time, and regardless of how many people need to be heard. As soon as the city attorney gets Everett back to me, I will find out how to press charges and file those charges against the president for not allowing me for the second day in a row, my chance to do public comment.

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May 5th, 2023

Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee
200 North Spring Street Room 340
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Consideration to continue funding the Crisis to Shelter Program

Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee Members:

I am writing today to request that the Mayor's budget on Homelessness and Housing prioritize survivors of domestic violence who are at risk of becoming homeless, by continuing to support funding for the Crisis to Shelter Program (CTS). According to the 2022 Point in Time Count, domestic violence is one of the main drivers into homelessness for 49% of people experiencing homelessness in the City of Los Angeles.¹ I thank the Mayor for her commitment to fund citywide systems that provide a safety net that guards against homelessness, as such it's critical that safety net resources like CTS and Domestic Violence Programs are adequately funded to prevent homelessness.

Established in 2021, the Crisis to Shelter Program was modeled after the DART Shelter Advocate Program (2018-2020), a pilot program that expanded domestic violence emergency resources for survivors who receive crisis intervention by a DART Advocate/LAPD. The CTS program created a robust, trauma informed system where DART advocates, LAPD and service providers work collaboratively to access emergency shelter for victims during an active crisis. The program provides immediate relief for survivors, providing them time to contemplate their next steps. The average length of stay is 15 days, during this time clients are provided emergency food and clothing, and supportive services. DV Advocates work closely with clients to develop a plan and access resources, including enrollment into other long-term emergency shelters, relocation to a safe place with family or friends, or financial support to secure permanent housing.

Since 2021, upwards of 400 survivors and their children were provided over 3,500 emergency shelter bed nights through CTS, and approximately 45% were linked to long-term shelter or relocated to safety away from their abuser, providing an opportunity for a survivor to rebuild their lives. On behalf of survivors and those who are at risk, thank you for your consideration and commitment to support survivors of domestic violence in Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Carmen McDonald Esq.
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Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice

¹ [6516 - City Of LA Hc22 Data Summary \(lahsa.org\)](https://www.lahsa.org/6516-City-Of-LA-Hc22-Data-Summary)