

Communication from Public

Name: Lois Tarter

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 08:13 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The Reese Davidson project is a joke and a travesty. 100,000,000 for a tiny apartment does nothing but feather the nest of the builders. It is in an area that could easily be under water in a storm It denigrates the welcome that the open space offers to visitors. It is a ridiculous ploy to make money for the builders and does nothing to help the homeless

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: Stopping the spread of ghost guns in California communities should be a top priority for our cities. I urge the full committee to vote in favor of this proposal.

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa Greene

Date Submitted: 11/03/2021 09:45 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My Name is Lisa Greene, a social equity advocate, and I am writing on behalf of Roxanne Salazar who is a 51% social equity owner in Phase 3 round 1 application. Roxanne is part of the first 100 approved to move forward and one of the many applicants who has been unable to press forward into the temporary licensing process due to seemingly predatory practices. As of right now, the current investors have tried to press Roxanne into relinquishing her 51% equity by giving the full control to run the business without her input and have asked her to move forward through temporary licensing so that they can replace her with another social equity applicant that they can control regardless of the social equity share requirements outlined by DCR. In addition, during the almost year long wait to move forward after the initial application approval process, suddenly the location that was owned and provided by one of the investors and the main reason why we partnered with them, burned down. Although they have seemingly tried to secure a new location over the past year they would not allow Roxanne to be involved in the process as the investor was supposedly personally purchasing a new building in a different location in a better area within our community plan. After 8 months or more of stating that they were in talks to buy a building, suddenly the purchase fell through and they started to demand that Roxanne look for locations to lease. After explaining to them that the main reason why she went with these particular investors was because they owned the location, they are now refusing to move forward to securing a location or funding the business unless Roxanne agrees to hand over full control to run the business as they see fit. The DCR recommendations will clear the way for Roxanne and others like her who are being strong armed and held back to move forward. At this time, applicants who are able to move forward should be able to too so the complaint about losing money on rent and blaming the DCR is really no longer valid, for the most part the ones that are not able or haven't moved forward are being held up by their investors or lack there of because just like in Phase 2, those who do not support social equity are looking to make Phase 3 fail so that the licenses can become public and they can move forward without a social equity applicant at all. These types of predatory practices are the same that plagued Phase 2 applicants. I can honestly say

that of all of the Phase 2 SE applicants that I met, not 1 of them was able to move through the entire licensing process as their investors abandoned them or tried to strong arm them into giving up their equity control to a management company that was created by the investors themselves. Not only will the DCR recommendations improve Phase 3...it would also allow those that had to abandon their Phase 2 licenses to restart their process. This would be a win for Social Equity in the City of Los Angeles. Although we appreciate the honorable Marqueece Harris-Dawson and the honorable Curren Price for introducing this motion 21-1083, it does not go far enough and parts of it play directly into the hands of the predatory investors. If the City Council really wants to see the Social Equity program succeed, we highly recommend that PLUM and any and all other councils that have hand in approving this motion amend the LAMC exactly as recommended by the DCR's executive directors response to the proposed motion, which was published on October 29, 2021. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Your willingness to work to make sure that these Social Equity applicants are supported in every manner possible is extremely appreciated. A special thank you also to Councilman Joe Buscaino who met with Roxanne so that she could share her story, Executive Director Cat Packer, Social Equity Program Director Dr. Imani Brown, The DCR Commissioners, SPARK, California Minority Alliance, SEOWA and every other true social equity advocacy group, advocate and applicant that are working tirelessly to make sure that this program is successful. Lisa Greene Cannabis Advocate

Communication from Public

Name: Dianna Bellerose
Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 03:31 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Hello. This is Dianna writing on behalf of Advocates United to speak on Items 11, 3-5, and general public comment. We ask that the council finishes the job they started and fully fund and implement the Street Engagement Strategy that was passed by Council in September. Recent Encampment to Home projects show that, given proper time and resources, this process can successfully bring people inside. The introduction of new 41.18 resolutions and voting on any that have been submitted should be halted until we fully implement the Street Engagement Strategy. Thus far, nine councilmembers have introduced over 300 sites for 41.18 enforcement, including Councilmember Buscaino, who alone has introduced 172 sites. This is not the leadership that our city needs and is not what will end homelessness. It is impossible for LAHSA, service providers, and the city departments to cover this scale of engagement, especially within the 30-day limit that the CLA's protocols established. Council should ask the CLA to extend the hearing requirement to at least 90 days to allow LAHSA and the CAO to complete the steps outlined in the council's Street Engagement Strategy and not allow voting on resolutions until the outreach and engagement are completed and encampment residents have been linked with a real next step. Item 11 should be amended so as to fully fund proposed new positions and HET Teams as well as existing HET teams - as recommended in the Outreach Engagement Framework. As written, this item only recommends funding for new positions and teams. All the outreach resources outlined in the framework must be funded to ensure proper outreach is accomplished. In addition, we ask that as the new chair of the Homelessness and Poverty Committee, Council-member De Leon call for special meetings of the Committee to advance all of the crucial motions before it, in particular the motion by Council-members Raman and Bonin to amend the Street Engagement Strategy.