

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Bianca Stopani

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2025 10:00 AM

**Council File No:** 00-9999

**Comments for Public Posting:** Good morning, Councilmembers. My name is Bianca Stopani, and I'm here today to speak about a long-standing injustice I've faced at the hands of the LAPD Rampart Division. On June 18, 2001, I was wrongfully arrested by corrupt officers from the Rampart Division. During my trial, Detective Michelle Jacquet committed perjury—an act that seriously impacted the outcome of my case. I have tried for years to bring this misconduct to light, but instead of accountability, I faced intimidation. Sgt. Kim and Sgt. Savedo attempted to manipulate me into withdrawing my complaint against Detective Jacquet and discouraged me from pursuing action against Officer Caballero, who sexually harassed me during my arrest. I reported all of this to the Office of the Inspector General and to Internal Affairs. But despite my efforts, nothing has been done. My complaints have been closed without proper investigation, and my concerns ignored. This is not just about my case—it reflects a systemic problem within LAPD's Rampart Division. I am asking the City Council to take action. I urge you to launch an independent investigation into the conduct of Michelle Jacquet, Sgt. Kim, Sgt. Savedo, Officer Caballero, and Richard Corn of the Rampart Division. We cannot allow this kind of abuse of power and misconduct to go unchecked. The people of Los Angeles deserve a police department that is honest, accountable, and truly serves the community. Thank you for your time.

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Public Comment by Bianca Stopani: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen of the Los Angeles City Council. My name is Bianca Stopani, and I'm here today to speak on a matter that deserves urgent attention—abuse and misconduct within the A New Way of Life Reentry Project. This program is publicly supported and widely promoted as a place of healing for formerly incarcerated women. But my experience was the opposite. I suffered abuse at the hands of staff within the program—emotional mistreatment, manipulation, and discriminatory behavior that no one should have to endure while trying to rebuild their life. When I reported this abuse to Susan Burton, the founder, and to Pamela Marshall, instead of being supported or heard, I was kicked out of the program. Speaking up cost me my housing and my safety. This is retaliation, plain and simple—and it shows that this program is operating without meaningful oversight or accountability. Programs funded by the public must uphold the public's trust. They should never be allowed to silence those they claim to serve. I'm asking this Council to investigate the A New Way of Life Reentry Project, review their practices, speak directly with impacted residents, and ensure that no other woman is treated the way I was. Beyond this, I urge the City to create stronger mental health and substance abuse programs to help break the cycle of homelessness and incarceration. We need care, not punishment. I also call for the creation of youth centers in at-risk neighborhoods—safe spaces where children can access therapy, engage in music, art, and sports, and learn to cope with life's challenges in a healthy, supported environment. This is how we fight addiction and violence—by investing in prevention and healing at the community level. Thank you for your time, and I hope my story leads to real change.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lila Tonche  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please preserve and protect the buildings on Terminal Island that were part of the Japanese community.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Maloney Paul  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Save the remaining building of the Japanese Fishing Village, Terminal Island, San Pedro