

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Priscilla. I am discussing Item #8 and giving general public comments supporting the Right to Counsel. I am an organizer working in District 14. I strongly support a codified Right to Counsel ordinance. I support the ordinance as drafted. Right to Counsel in other cities across the nation has proven to save the City money, prevent homelessness, and reduce the number of evictions. I also want to thank Council Member Raman for your leadership on this critical issue. Having legal representation should be automatically granted to anyone who cannot afford it, not just to people who can afford it. This legal representation should be accessible to vulnerable communities despite the financial means someone may or may not have to afford legal expenses. They too should be fairly and equitably represented during tumultuous and difficult times. Thank you,