

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear council-members and community, I support motion 85.02. The status quo is simply not acceptable. We've grown tired of hearing elected officials talk about this issue, only for it to get worse or more obvious. How long do you keep doubling down on failed policies? You need outreach and services, empathy and enforcement to tackle this problem. Outreach and housing alone won't do it! A very humane way to go about vehicle dwelling is available: the city can provide camping grounds for safe parking and RVs! The city wouldn't lose face in admitting that housing first isn't working at this point in time and it would take a lot of pressure out of densely populated urban areas. How can it be that the rights of 'formerly housed', transients, addicts, hippies, mental and people who openly say 'why pay rent if I can camp here for free' seem to be beyond everyone else's right in the community? Kids, elderly, women walking alone also need safety. If you truly disagree, please go to downtown or MacArthur Park and ask yourself if it really is humane to let someone else wander the street naked or if it's social justice to step over someone, not even checking if they're dead or alive. The UN called DT a humanitarian crisis 3 years ago- what's improved since then?