

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Abandoning the Venice Dells development now would be a waste of time and money. The Crossroads Youth Advisory Council supports the creation of the Venice Dells as a low income development in a neighborhood facing a severe housing deficit. As a council consisting of youth from all across the state of California who have vast experience in working with unhoused populations, we feel that the best solution for housing-starved regions is simply building more low income housing. The Venice Dells is a 120-unit low-income housing development originally planned to be constructed on 200 N. Venice Boulevard in Los Angeles, California. However, in recent years it's been stuck in the approval process. LA has seen surging "rough sleeping" homeless populations in the past four years with over a 20% increase bringing the proportion of rough sleepers in Venice Beach up to 44% between December 2024 and January 2026. The simplest solution to solving a housing crisis is "housing first." While other housing developments might require years of planning and millions of dollars of funding to create, the Venice Dells has the benefit of already having both under its belt, making it the obvious solution to an everlasting issue. Despite the benefits the Venice Dells can bring to the region, critics point out the potential flood risks and contrasting architecture as reasons to stall the project. We acknowledge these risks as substantial, but also must point out that \$42.5 million has been committed by the California Department of Housing and Community Development. With this large of a commitment already made, the Crossroads Youth Advisory Council believes that the County of LA should continue advancing the Venice Dells, adding revisions if needed to fix flooding and architecture risks, to finally bring some long-needed housing development to the Venice Beach neighborhood. Definitions: Rough sleeping: sleeping without a tent, vehicle or other shelter. Works Cited: RAND Corporation. "Homelessness Holds Steady Across Three L.A. Neighborhoods as Rough Sleeping Reaches a Four-Year High." RAND, 21 May 2026. Accessed 1 July 2026.