

## Communication from Public

**Name:** anonymous

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**Comments for Public Posting:** -Shelter is a liability for Rec & Parks and the broader public. RAP is getting sued by the family of Richard Ware (July 2025) murder victim (see article I handed you today). Would we as a community rather have a continued mess and liability on parkland or a space for ALL Angelenos to enjoy?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dennis C

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**Comments for Public Posting:** September 9, 2025 Los Angeles City Council 200 N Spring Street, Suite 3rd Floor Los Angeles, CA 90012 From: Dennis Chew Lifelong Resident of Los Angeles To: Councilmember.Hernandez@lacity.org CD10.lacity.org Councilmember.Soto-Martinez@lacity.org Councilmember.Padilla@lacity.org Councilmember.Lee@lacity.org Councilmember.Yaroslavsky@lacity.org Councilmember.Rodriguez@lacity.org contactCD4@lacity.org Councilmember.McOske@lacity.org Councilmember.Park@lacity.org CD8.lacity.org CD9.lacity.org Councilmember.Nazarian@lacity.org Councilmember.Blumenfeld@lacity.org Councilmember.price@lacity.org Councilmember.Jurado@lacity.org City Council Agenda: CF# 019-0126-S3 "Communications from Public" Dear President Marqueece Harris-Dawson and Councilmembers, This letter is in OPPOSITION to the Riverside Bridge Home shelter. There must be conveyance of information to the Public on how the decisions for the Bridge Housing Shelter were made, the selection process, the names of the participants, and the method of selection. Because of these facts direct from the City's information, raising points of concern, and that the decisions should be made Public and open. (1) Riverside Bridge Home shelter has an 8% throughput through shelter in the past year; 14% through shelter in the past 5 years placed in housing (without sobriety requirement) per City August 2025 report. (2) The Shelter is a known safety hazard - derivative (drug related) death (April 2025), and a homicide (July 2025) in a recreation space and there was a rape of a shelter resident by another shelter resident (also a gang member) (April 2023). (3) Property crime (Theft From Person and Theft From Vehicles and Burglary) is up 500% in the past month. (4) Shelter is a liability for Rec & Parks and the broader public. Would we rather continue this mess or create a space for ALL Angelenos to enjoy? (5) No public disclosure of the lease terms for HOW Weingart will IMPROVE the shelter. All we have to do is look at how Weingart has run the Mayfair Hotel in MacArthur Park - questionable money management practices and subpar conditions. Weingart also has shown a lack of duty for assessment

and services for mental health issues with residents at their downtown facility. In November 2024, a woman who lived at Weingart building downtown had unaddressed mental health issues and threw her baby from a window. (6) Councilmember Raman is introducing a City Council Motion Tuesday, 9/9/25, to install Weingart as the operator on 10/1/25 for yet another year. (7) In November 2024 County Auditor-Controller report and Alvarez & Marsal Assessment (March 2025) for federal court, uncovered Weingart having insufficient contract management and was shown in the audits to have received City and County funds of cash advances that were never paid back, receiving a \$50M advance despite having \$800M in assets. (8) Most recently, on June 25, 2025, Councilmember Raman passed a motion in the City's Budget and Finance and Housing & Homelessness Committee that instructs a cash flow loan of \$10M to LAHSA from the City budget, despite the City's dire fiscal trend. (see motion). The Public needs answers to ensure that the failing Bridge Housing project is not burdening the City with more debt and unsubstantiated positive progress. It can't continue drawing funds like a black hole.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Frank Russo

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please shut down the Bridge Housing Shelter on riverside Drive. We know of one rape and one murder. There is no requirement for sobriety and MILLIONS of dollars are being received when the city is broke.

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I OPPOSE the proposed contractual arrangement with WEINGART to be the new operator of Riverside Bridge shelter. -Weingart has no experience managing a facility with entrenched dangerous, drug addicted people, and with a history of deaths and murders, and community decay and crime increase, causing repeated vocal community opposition. (The Neighborhood Safety Council plus Los Feliz Improvement Association have recommended closure of the facility due to numerous egregious problems. The shelter is a liability for Recreation and Parks and the public). In addition, the facility has illegally stayed beyond its initial contract and additionally is placed on park property for which the charter states "no housing allowed in Griffith Park". The property was promised to the community to be a new multi-generational community center 8 years ago, AND the shelter has not fulfilled its mission of rehabilitating folks and moving them out. Only 8% moved on in the past year, only 15% moved on in past 5 years per the City August 2025 report. The shelter is simply facilitating drug addiction and crime by moving the streets indoors with all amenities provided. Enough is Enough--this is a FAILED EXPERIMENT. -Weingart has insufficient, and possible illegal, contract management; audits showed them to have received City and County cash advances of \$50M which were never paid back despite having \$800 M in assets!! - There is no public disclosure on how Weingart will improve the shelter. MORE MONEY DOWN THE DRAIN!! NO!!!