

## Communication from Public

**Name:** K. Kato

**Date Submitted:** 09/08/2025 09:22 AM

**Council File No:** 19-0126-S3

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please OPPOSE Weingart as the new operator. Weingart has insufficient contract management on previous projects, and there is no confidence in their ability to successfully manage the facility. Weingart was shown in recent municipal audits to have received City and County funds of cash advances that were never paid back. In a process as clear as mud, secret ED1 backroom dealings, this motion does not identify HOW Weingart will IMPROVE the shelter. We DESIRE and DESERVE a practical resolution to Riverside Bridge Home. Consider changing to a month to month arrangement, as the vote on ED1 Declaration will be voted on next month. Our community deserves a resolution to this self created CRISIS.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tom  
**Date Submitted:** 09/08/2025 09:26 AM  
**Council File No:** 19-0126-S3

**Comments for Public Posting:** -Riverside Bridge Home shelter is failing to deliver success (8% through shelter in past year; 14% through shelter past 5 years per City August 2025 report). -Shelter is a hazard - derivative (drug related) death (April 2025), and a homicide (July 2025) in a recreation space. -Shelter is a liability for Rec & Parks and the broader public. Would we rather have a continued mess or a space for all Angelenos to enjoy? -No public disclosure of the lease terms for HOW Weingart will improve the shelter. Councilmember Raman is introducing a City Council Motion Tues., 9/9/25, to install Weingart as operator on 10/1/25 for yet another year. Why continue with an operator that has continually failed to deliver results? -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.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Greg Schultz

**Date Submitted:** 09/08/2025 10:05 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly oppose the renewal of the Riverside Bridge Home shelter. I also strongly oppose granting the operation contract to Weingart on the following grounds. Riverside Bridge Home shelter is a FAILURE with only 7% housed in the past 5 years of operation per the August 2025 CAO report. Residents have almost no chance of getting housed. LAHSA Point in Time count shows an annual average increase in homelessness of 200% around the shelter since installation. The mere existence of the shelter increases homelessness. The shelter attracted more new homeless to the area than it transitioned to permanent housing. The shelter is a hazard with a drug related death in April 2025 and a homicide in July 2025. Residents report that the shelter is more dangerous than the streets due to lack of security, oversight, and accountability. Many choose to return to the streets. LAPD has labeled the shelter a nexus of crime. LAPD statistics show a 300% increase in crime around the shelter since installation. The shelter attracts criminals. The November 2024 County Auditor-Controller report and March 2025 Alvarez & Marsal Assessment reported Weingart as having insufficient contract management, being unable to fully account for funds received, and receiving \$50 million cash advances that were never paid back, despite having \$800M in assets. Councilmember Raman is introducing a City Council Motion Tuesday, 9/9/25, to install Weingart as operator on 10/1/25 for yet another year, despite Weingart's history of defrauding the City. The community agreed to host the shelter for 3 years with 2 one-year extensions. The shelter is entering its sixth year. Do not renew the shelter, and definitely do not hire Weingart.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Paul Hardoin

**Date Submitted:** 09/08/2025 10:15 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Los Angeles City Council Representatives: I have been a Los Feliz resident for the past 15 years and I am writing to express that the Riverside Bridge Home shelter is a hazard, liability and FAILURE and I am extremely concerned that things will only get worse if not dealt with in an honest and decisive manner. Facts that support this statement include: -8% through shelter in past year; 14% through shelter past 5 years per City August 2025 report; -derivative (drug related) death (April 2025), and a homicide (July 2025) in a recreation space; -no public disclosure of the lease terms for how Weingart will improve the shelter and, in November 2024, County Auditor-Controller report and Alvarez & Marsal Assessment (March 2025) for federal court uncovered that Weingart has insufficient contract management and received City and County funds of cash advances that were never paid back, receiving a \$50M advance despite having \$800M in assets. I very much admire the work that you all do for the city and hope that you will give this the serious attention that is needed. Thank you. Paul Hardoin

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stefanie m Keenan

**Date Submitted:** 09/08/2025 01:55 PM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Christine OBrien

**Date Submitted:** 09/08/2025 03:46 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** 9/8/2025 Honorable Council people: Los Angeles City parks “mission is to enrich the lives of the residents of Los Angeles by providing safe, welcoming parks and recreation facilities and affordable, diverse recreation and human services activities for people of all ages to play, learn, contemplate, build community and be good stewards of our environment.” The Riverside Bridge Housing has never met the park’s mission nor any metrics to address the needs of the homeless or the tax payer. Numerous NGO’s have attempted and all have failed amid: murder, drug dealing, human trafficking and extremely low conversion to permanent housing. The site and the operations have been a failure. Weingart will be no different. Perpetuating an improper use per city charter will not make it correct or legal no matter who wants the shelter. Do not add Weingart as an administrator, do not add any other homeless NGO as administrator, instead save the clients, taxpayers and park and shut the unauthorized Bridge Housing down. Respectfully, Christine Mills O’Brien

## Communication from Public

**Name:** CJ

**Date Submitted:** 09/08/2025 08:49 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The shelter has brought nothing but more crime to the neighborhood including assaults and a recent homicide. They don't keep the rules of curfew for the shelter and instead of being a place where people go to seek help to get back on their feet, it has become a place where people hang out to use drugs, then wander into Los Feliz to steal property or scream into all hours of the night. I remember when a family that needed actual help would sleep on my block in their car with their baby bc they didn't want to stay at the shelter at night due to the violence. It is a failure and should be shut down. enough is enough.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ricardo

**Date Submitted:** 09/08/2025 08:53 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose the motion to appoint Weingart as the new operator of the Riverside Bridge Home Shelter. In November 2024, the 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. There has been no public disclosure of the lease terms for how Weingart will improve the shelter. It is time to close the Riverside Bridge Home shelter. It is a failure and a dangerous public nuisance. It is nothing more than a publicly financed drug flophouse. Recently, there was a homicide connected to the outside activities generated from the shelter. Crime emanates from the shelter to the surrounding park facilities and adjacent neighborhood. We need the shelter closed and the space returned to park and recreation activities. The shelter occupies the space proposed for the new senior center which we need and its presence continues to delay construction of the senior center

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Los Feliz Resident

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I know the council member believes this to be a done deal at this point.. however, without vetting this operator and the associated liabilities pointing to Weingart, you are walking into a trap. The money trail will cost you more than your reputation. It's coming.. so pausing is the solution and throwing good money after bad in this economy and as the political pendulum swings back to center .. it will be you who ultimately pays with your career. Council member you are deaf to the constituents in district 4, particularly the neighborhood surrounding the BH. You should be better at your job and especially with this crisis considering your background. It is time the BH unit was turned into something that benefits the surrounding community who has suffered through six years of crime and an unsuccessful and expensive experiment gone wrong. We needed this to succeed. It has failed us. You have failed us and this new move is not only ill advised it is protested by the people. We need solutions to the homeless crisis. This is not working. Turn this around now and give the community what it is asking for and deserves or your legacy will be one of shame and failure in the annals of Los Angeles history, but more importantly the district becomes a worse place than when you arrived.