

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Maria Norris and I'm a resident of Downtown Los Angeles and often see unhoused neighbors struggling to survive in my neighborhood. Five unhoused people die a day and last year 5 in 12 heat-related deaths were unhoused people. Skid Row has 2x LA's average rate of heat-related emergency room visits on hot days. These conditions fail to meet UN standards for water access: there should be at least 1 water access point for every 100 people but there are closer to 270 unsheltered residents per water access point. We need permanent infrastructure like water spigots, water fountains, refresh stations and public bathrooms throughout DTLA and especially in Skid Row where the need is greatest. This is a no-brainer and should be the bare minimum.