

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The key phrase in this is "Under his plan, any person with a substance addiction who asks the police department for help will be immediately taken to a hospital...." In my outreach, I have yet to have a criminal drug addicted transient admit they are drug addicted and ask to be taken to a facility. We have transients openly shooting up heroin in our parks, sidewalks and near schools. They do this because they know they can. Thanks to Prop 47/57, they know they will not be cited. This program sounds great in theory, however unless you have facilities already lined up for them to enter, then it is just ONE more thing that will be a waste of time and give them yet another pass on behavior that should not be tolerated. Apparently, all these enabling, coddling tactics are not working as the homeless/transient population has increased exponentially. It all can't be blamed on "housing shortage". The majority can be blamed on drugs.