

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Why doesn't LAFD give fire extinguishers to low-income people? Why doesn't it partner with a mobile refilling company and have an event where people can recharge their fire extinguishers at a reasonable price? Fire extinguisher vouchers or distribution & recharging & even outreach efforts (LAFD COULD simply give them out when they are already on a call. Perhaps the call would have been avoided if they had one.) Fire extinguishers aren't magic. They're basically full of baking soda and air. (Unless they are pure halon or CO2 type) There's no reason not to have one in California with the drought & wildfires. How many could have been prevented with an extinguisher at the right place & the right time? Unhoused people are at a particular disadvantage when it comes to fires because they are frequently targets of arson, do not usually have the ability to phone for help, and lack access to running water. Having a fire extinguisher handy, especially if they live in a VHRFZ is a simple way to empower them to be better first responders. Also please look into goats for clearing brush grass. VHRFZ have overgrowth that is not managed and can't be managed because of all the rules & restrictions. IE: can't use powered tools to clear it because they might spark? This is counterproductive and results in neglect. Many unhoused people do their own brush clearance despite nonprofits being paid by Neighborhood Councils to maintain areas. They are not the ones who were paid thousands of dollars to do the job. Please look into this corruption & respect your unhoused neighbors - remember that all humans, except indigenous ones, are the invasive species here. Thank you. Your neighbor, @rooflesser PS Land back.