

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: We are outraged at the Council's inhumane decision to revoke the CARE program only 4 months into its implementation. As residents who work closely with our unhoused neighbors in NELA, we can tell you firsthand that, since CARE was enacted in October, life became a bit less stressful for people on the streets who were subjected to sweeps. The LAPD's homeless coordinator has even argued that the low rate at which police were being called to assist CARE (8.2%) was an effect of the ties being made between city workers and the homeless. Instead of the city cooperating with homeless individuals on keeping their areas clean, sanitation workers now have full authority to remove items at their will. Mayor Garcetti announced this program last fall with soaring rhetoric: "Lead with services, not law enforcement." "CARE is about something bigger. It's about the humanity we will give back." Nice words. Where is the collective backbone of our mayor and city council to transform these words into enduring action? Every politician in LA says homelessness is their number one priority and projects an air of empathy and compassion. We call bullshit. You are failing in your collective moral and civic duty to protect the rights of all residents of Los Angeles, especially those who are disenfranchised and most in need. As residents of CD13, we have seen the hypocrisy of our Councilperson Mitch O'Farrell. We have witnessed how he happily placates privileged residents in his district, but clearly disregards the needs of those experiencing homelessness in CD13. He keenly pays lip service to the unhoused in his district, and then turns around and supports inhumane sweeps that result in real-life consequences for neighbors we have come to know and care about. One resident lost his heart medication. Another lost her anti-seizure medication. A third lost the identification card she needs to get her monthly General Relief check. Others have lost tents, bedding, and other critical necessities, forcing them to sleep on the bare ground with no cover in areas populated by rats and other pests. These actions have real and dire consequences; we know unhoused residents who have lost their lives as a result of these sweeps. You should all be ashamed. We and many other voters will remember your actions when you are up for re-election.

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Comments for Public Posting: I do not support this change in strategy detailed below. The CARE program needs to continue. The new sanitation strategy announced on Tuesday includes the following policies: Municipal Code 56.11 will be enforced more strictly, allowing clean-ups to remove personal items they deem bulky LAPD will be pre-deployed more frequently Sanitation teams only need to give 24 hours advance notice of clean-ups Tents will be required to be down from 6am to 9pm, meaning those who have permanent encampment locations are at a higher risk of losing their tents and personal items LAPD and Sanitation have authority to perform clean-ups in parks without the cooperation fo Recreation and Parks