

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Nina Zvaleko, I live in Eagle Rock. I'm submitting this public comment in support of this item because we, as a community, have a problem. We see unsheltered people going from bad to worse, further and further from getting back into permanent housing. Some of our unsheltered neighbors have just landed on the streets, so many others been living on our streets for 10, 20 even 30 years. I have personally known people who have died on the streets. Putting a roof over their heads is a critical first step in helping end homelessness. I know this motion alone is not going to end homelessness. I recognize that ending the homelessness crisis needs multiple tools, and temporary or permanent supportive housing is huge in this toolbox. Yes, we also need: safe and sanitary conditions; job placement; additional mental health and drug abuse services; compassionate support services. Start with temporary housing, it has been shown that the security of a private safe place is crucial to all the next steps. I urge the City Council to represent my interests, and the interests of all who want a safe community for all of our neighbors, housed and unhoused, and support this item. And let this be just the beginning. We have voted in so much money to address these issues. I hope to see swift action on all the fronts to provide the services needed to end this crisis, permanently! Thank you, Nina Zvaleko