

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jeremy W.

**Date Submitted:** 03/15/2021 10:16 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0774-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** We purchased our home and have lived in Eagle Rock for over 7 years near the park. With the rise of the encampments under the bridge, we have noticed a corresponding increase in unhoused people loitering in our front and backyard, leaving needles, feces, and trash everywhere. My wife has been attacked physically and verbally in front of our own home. When law enforcement has been called and told that this population are the ones causing issues, the police simply don't respond. We fear that building temporary housing in this area will only increase problems and embolden their actions. Since the homeless have been allowed to congregate in the park's overflow lot, the park has been completely unsafe and unusable for children. From scattered belongings, alcohol and drug paraphernalia, and mentally ill loiterers, problems have significantly worsened. Why do advocates and lawmakers insist that this population does not increase crime and issues in the neighborhood? Why do they ignore the fact that addiction and mental illness are endemic in this population? Of course there are exceptions. Not all homeless are criminals. But not all homeless are innocent either. But one thing is certain: it attracts the criminal element. To ignore this is to ignore what law enforcement—who deal with this daily—has been experiencing. The residents within the vicinity should be heard, and their opinions weighed more heavily than those who live further away. WE are the ones will bear the burden of the outcome, while the rest will just watch from afar. What guarantees do we have that this shelter will not attract even more unhoused people, similar to what is happening in Venice? If this construction is happening and cannot be stopped despite the significant protests of neighboring tax paying residents, we demand a provision that will guarantee weekly if not daily cleanups, banning encampments from forming in the vicinity, and banning long-term parking around the park. Otherwise, the shelter will just attract more unhoused people and the issues in the surrounding area will continue. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ryan G

**Date Submitted:** 03/15/2021 11:27 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0774-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I just wanted to write in full support of the tiny pallet homes being placed near Eagle Rock Park. As a resident in that area, there is no better place to put the temporary homes for the homeless, especially with an unsupervised camp already in that location. An official location will only further help them. To be clear - please help the homeless in our area by adding the much-needed housing for them to get back up on their feet.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Víctor Sanchez Sr

**Date Submitted:** 03/15/2021 08:48 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0774-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, my name Víctor Sanchez, Sr. and I live here in Eagle Rock. I'm submitting this public comment in support of this item because enough is enough. The homelessness crisis is getting worse and worse. There are more people in the streets each year. I'm glad our City is finally looking at a solution that can be here in Eagle Rock. These community members need help, and there's no better solution for helping someone get back on their feet than having a roof over their head. I strongly urge the City Council to support this item.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Juana

**Date Submitted:** 03/15/2021 08:54 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0774-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Juana Hernandez and for the past six years, I have made Eagle Rock my home. As a new homeowner with a baby on the way, I am invested in the long-term safety and well-being of my community—including that of my vulnerable neighbors who are currently unhoused. I'm submitting this public comment in support of this item because having a roof over one's head is a critical first step to addressing the complex needs of our neighbors. This motion is by no means a silver bullet, but it is a step in the right direction. Yes, we also need additional mental health, substance abuse, and other supportive services. I recognize that ending our homelessness crisis will require multiple tools, and understand temporary permanent supportive housing to be one of those tools. The council has an opportunity today to make a meaningful positive impact—if it doesn't give in to the pressures of the vocal few. There are of course many calling for more information, which is warranted and will be brought to fruition in the development process. But we should not throw out a perfectly viable proposal because it cannot be everything to everyone. I urge the City Council to act with integrity and support this item. And I hope this is just the beginning of delivering on our city's espoused commitment to increasing available supportive housing units in all parts of our city.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Chris

**Date Submitted:** 03/15/2021 09:27 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0774-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Even a temporary shelter is better than nothing. The impoverished of our community need help. These shelters are only one small measure of what is necessary, but it is a measure that counts. Every option to help those in need should morally and ethically be employed. Individuals are living in that space now, and have been for months. Providing them safety and shelter will be an enormous improvement in their daily lives, that in turn will help our surrounding community.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** George W

**Date Submitted:** 03/15/2021 09:28 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0774-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a recent property owner in Eagle Rock, I am concerned with the purposed decision to move forward with the housing structure plan for the encampment located at the Figueroa exit off ramp. My concern stems from the apparent lack of strategic planning that should be required for any such decision that directly impacts the immediate surrounding neighborhood. I have witnessed a substantial increase in both property crime (including my own), theft of property (including myself) & vandalism in our park over the past 18 months. I support any plan to assist and realistically solves our homeless encampment, if that plan involves support services/counseling and a security structure in partnership with our local law enforcement. If this is not being considered as part of the plan, I can not support any decision to move forward.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andrea Flores

**Date Submitted:** 03/15/2021 09:42 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0774-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, My name is Andrea and I live in Eagle Rock. I strongly support the lot on Figueroa being used as temporary housing for homeless individuals. Eagle Rock is the kind of community that should be on the forefront of the city's fight to end homelessness. This space is already being used and building a designated area with actual shelter is not only more humane, but also less depressing to look at than the tents that are being used. Having a space where you are guaranteed shelter and safety is a most basic human necessity and can change lives. Temporary housing is a critical first step and I hope Eagle Rock can be in the vanguard to ending homelessness in LA.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Daniel

**Date Submitted:** 03/15/2021 10:07 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0774-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a homeowner with 2 young children and a dog. I am all for supporting our homeless population, however in the correct manner. Just like raising children, you need to support but not enable. There are many avenues of support, however they require these individuals to follow basic principles of drug tests, etc. It is well documented what many (not all) of our suffering homeless population prefer to give into their addiction without support. We sunk almost 1M. into a dog park, only to have it and the adjoining park unsafe to bring our children and pets. My daughter, 4 at the time, luckily chose the safe toilet one day at the park as the other held a homeless person OD'd with a needle still in the arm. Folks, yes, we have a major problem, inviting that problem here is not the solution, without strict regulatory order. Why not propose drug testing and alcohol sampling's monthly for those that encamp in our community? Surely the cost is less than the damage and stolen articles found across all of our homes. Let's solve the problem, and not let political visibility mis-guide our decisions. What we are being offered is a more private place for them to hurt themselves and others. Please....wake up and do the right thing, not the one to get votes from a more densely populated district.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stephen Chang

**Date Submitted:** 03/15/2021 10:07 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0774-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council, I am writing to express my concern with the temporary shed shelters being placed across the street from Eagle Rock park. I live with my wife and four children in the surrounding neighborhood. Over the past year, we have noticed how the homeless community stationed under Figueroa off ramp has branched out into the parking lot and grown exponentially. With this expansion, we have witnessed an increase in graffiti and garbage spilling into the Eagle Rock park, child care center, and residential neighborhood. Homeless living out of vehicles frequent this new community and park in the neighborhood, compounding the trash issue. I have also had fellow neighbors complain about break-ins on their property with the LAPD stating nothing can be done. The community continues to increase and I am opposed to the motion to build temporary shelters. I do not see how building dwellings for the individuals will help solve the problem, but in turn bring more and more homeless to our community, which will undoubtedly spread into the park and so forth. I am also shocked that the City Council is even considering this arrangement when any of the residents in the surrounding neighborhood will tell you how vehemently against this they are. I feel like the Council is taking steps to pass this motion without consulting those it will immediately impact. Please vote no on the temporary shelters on behalf of a resident and father of the Eagle Rock community. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** James Bechtel  
**Date Submitted:** 03/15/2021 06:47 PM  
**Council File No:** 19-0774-S1  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I would like to register my opposition to Kevin de Leon's motion to place 75 temporary shed shelters within 200 feet of the 134 freeway.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Becky Woo

**Date Submitted:** 03/15/2021 06:56 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0774-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a resident of the Eagle Rock community and strongly oppose Kevin De Leon's motion to place 75 shed shelters in this community. The proposed shed shelters will be placed in a parking lot which already houses a distressingly large number of homeless people right now. Crime, drug use, graffiti, and street debris has increased since this lot became a housing for the homeless. Increasing this number with these shed shelters will bring more problems to this community which is located near a park and dog park where families with children use daily. I cannot even walk down Figueroa Ave. to the local amenities without fear of passing this unsafe area. Why aren't the neighboring communities such as Glendale and Pasadena housing homeless in their communities. Eagle Rock has become the dumping ground for sanitation trucks, trash, and now a growing unsafe homeless encampment. Every community needs to do their part to help this problem in Los Angeles and more needs to be done to ensure that these so called "temporary" shelters are in fact NOT a permanent solution. Please consider what you are allowing and whether other communities are also sharing this burden. Eagle Rock can't be the only place to house ALL of the homeless of LA IN THIS AREA!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jessica c

**Date Submitted:** 03/15/2021 07:25 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0774-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the tiny housing project. It is a small step in the right direction to address our houseless community.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 03/15/2021 08:10 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0774-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a 30 year resident of Eagle Rock I have seen an incredible rise in crime graffiti gang activity near my home near the Eagle Rock park on eagle vista. I disapprove and strongly condemn the homeless housing shed shelters proposed in the parking lot across the park. It is a frivolous use of our tax dollars.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michelle Sánchez

**Date Submitted:** 03/15/2021 08:35 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0774-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, my name is Michelle Sánchez and I live here in Eagle Rock. As long time resident, neighbor and teacher I'm submitting this public comment in support of this item because having a roof over your head is a critical first step in helping to end homelessness. Ending homelessness will take years- this is one of many critical solutions needed. We need temporary permanent supportive housing. Those who were our former ERHS classmates and neighbors stand to benefit. I urge the City Council, please support this item. And I hope this is just the beginning of providing the services needed to end this crisis.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Bernardita Sánchez

**Date Submitted:** 03/15/2021 08:41 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0774-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, my name is Bernardita Sánchez and I live here in Eagle Rock for over 30 years. I'm submitting this public comment in support of this item because I want our community to be part of the solution when it comes to homelessness. For decades, all I've seen is inaction. Lack of humanity. We can't keep kicking the can down the road, or pushing homeless individuals to other parts of the City. We have to do our part in addressing this crisis and this item does just that. I strongly urge the City Council to support this item.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amy Stein

**Date Submitted:** 03/15/2021 05:35 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0774-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, my name is Amy Stein, and I live here in Eagle Rock. I'm submitting this public comment in support of this item because having a roof over your head is a critical first step in helping end homelessness. This motion is by no means a silver bullet. We need additional mental health and drug abuse services. I recognize that ending the homelessness crisis needs multiple tools, and temporary permanent supportive housing is one of them. I urge the City Council to support this item. And I hope this is just the beginning of providing the services needed to end this crisis.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Madeline Wander

**Date Submitted:** 03/15/2021 05:38 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0774-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Madeline Wander and I'm a resident of Eagle Rock, Los Angeles. I'm submitting this public comment in support of this item because I want our community to be part of the solution when it comes to homelessness. We can't keep kicking the can down the road, or pushing individuals experiencing houselessness to other parts of the City. We have to do our part in addressing this crisis and this item does just that. I strongly urge the City Council to support this item.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jennifer Brown

**Date Submitted:** 03/15/2021 05:44 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0774-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** My family has lived in Eagle Rock for over 100 years. I am a 4th generation Eagle Rock resident. My 8 year old son will be the 5th generation. I have seen Eagle Rock go from a sleepy little community that most people had never heard of to one of the most desirable neighborhoods in LA. I love living here. I love raising my son here. I love that my parents live a block away in the home that I grew up in. What I don't love is the fact that my community has become a homeless haven for a mentally ill & drug addicted homeless population. I do not understand how anyone can think that housing these people ACROSS THE STREET FROM A CITY PARK WHERE CHILDREN & FAMILIES GATHER & PLAY is acceptable! What are you thinking? These people pose a daily threat to the community. They need treatment! They need a facility that can provide proper care for their mental health & addiction issues. They do not need a shed to live in. That will not fix their problems! I am all for helping the homeless but I do not think building sheds in a parking lot across the street from a park is the answer. Why not take all the money being spent on sheds & buy or rent an existing building that can be turned into a facility that provides shelter, food, counseling & medical care? The homeless population in Eagle Rock are mentally ill & addicted to drugs! We have all witnessed it & reported it & nothing is done! They are a threat to us on a daily basis! Crime has skyrocketed! Filth & feces litter our sidewalks. This should not be happening in Eagle Rock! Or anywhere in California! Kevin DeLeon you stood on my front steps & spoke to me for 30 minutes. I specifically asked you about the homeless living in this parking lot & you promised me that if I voted for you that this would NEVER happen! WOW. Thanks for nothing. You can't seem to get these sheds built fast enough. But what do you care? You don't live in Eagle Rock.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Victor G Sanchez  
**Date Submitted:** 03/15/2021 05:48 PM  
**Council File No:** 19-0774-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a lifelong resident of this neighborhood I am excited at the prospect of a project like this coming to Eagle Rock. This crisis has worsened, and everyone, and every neighborhood must do it's part in helping find a solution. This is by no means a catch-all, but it's an important step in the right direction. Temporary permanent supportive housing will bring the roof, as well as services and resources our houseless neighbors need to get back on their feet. Being proactive is what I want this community to be. As a homeowner in Eagle Rock , that's the kind of inclusive action and change I hope to be part of. I strongly urge the City Council to vote in favor of this motion. I look forward to continuing to work with our Council office to work on any next steps needed to ensure this project comes to fruition.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Adriane Zaudke  
**Date Submitted:** 03/15/2021 06:41 PM  
**Council File No:** 19-0774-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, my name is Adriane Zaudke, and I live here in Eagle Rock. I'm submitting this public comment in support of this item because having a roof over your head is a critical first step in helping end homelessness. This motion is by no means a silver bullet. We need additional mental health and drug abuse services. I recognize that ending the homelessness crisis needs multiple tools, and temporary permanent supportive housing is one of them. I urge the City Council to support this item. And I hope this is just the beginning of providing the services needed to end this crisis.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Eagle Rock Resident

**Date Submitted:** 03/15/2021 01:55 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0774-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a long-time Eagle Rock resident writing to express my opposition to Council-member de Leon's motion to create a "tiny home" shelter in the parking lot at 7541 N. Figueroa St, LA 90041. This site is directly across the street from Eagle Rock's largest public park and less than 200 feet from the 134 freeway, in contradiction to Judge David Carter's order not to house homeless people within 500 feet of a freeway. Eagle Rock Recreation Center contains a childcare center and is a focal point for family gatherings and public events. Our children use and need this park as a safe place to play, especially during the past difficult year when they have not been able to attend school. The Figueroa Street parking lot has become a tent encampment during the same period, where local residents and our Senior Lead LAPD officer have become aware of drug deals being conducted on a regular basis. The lot is an inappropriate place for such a project and many neighbors living close to this site have noted an increase in property crime since the encampment has been established there.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** M. Gerstner

**Date Submitted:** 03/15/2021 02:22 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0774-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge you to reconsider the pellet shelters in this location of N Figueroa unless you provide 24hr security to protect the rest of the population. The homeless population there is not respectful of the school children that must walk by them for recreation and PE nor to the visitors to the dog park. The innocent children, our future leaders (many of whom have questionable immigration status and are afraid to report violations and abuses) that are witness to the drug transactions and strange behavior SHOULD be the priority of the city. Additionally, the situation is so questionable at night that I refuse to use the freeway entrance or exit after dark.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** AY

**Date Submitted:** 03/15/2021 02:37 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0774-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** While I'm in full support of helping homelessness in LA, I'm concerned that there doesn't seem to be much of a plan outside of the temporary housing to help the systemic issue. If there is, it's difficult to find and should be made more publicly available. There are those in this community who want to be informed and know how they can help as well. Also, the temporary housing project brings up a few major questions: How long is temporary housing and how will you help these residents out of permanent homelessness? How will you measure if this is helping homelessness in the LA? How will individuals apply to be housed and what types of circumstances are prioritized or make someone ineligible (e.g. mental illness, crime record)? Finally, as a resident of Eagle Rock, my main remaining concern is the safety of our community. There are currently no resources for the homeless population who suffer from mentally illnesses (they will be admitted to a hospital for a few days or not at all or they will be arrested a detained for a few days). So my concern is without appropriate screening of the new residents, there will be an influx of a population with mental health disorders situated in a small area in close proximity to recreational areas with children nearby. In my own experiences growing up in San Diego, reports of homeless men sexually assaulting and/or harassing children at my school was something that unfortunately happened pretty commonly (at least once or twice a year). So my question is how will you protect the community and the children of Eagle Rock while welcoming the new homeless residents? I would love to see this initiative lead to a more systemic solve for homelessness in the area but there is so little clarity that it seems a bit like a haphazard plan in its current state. It would be great to learn more about the initiatives somewhere online.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alisa

**Date Submitted:** 03/15/2021 02:43 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0774-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** The City is well aware of Judge David O. Carter's concerns related to housing within 500' of a freeway. The MOU entered into between the City and the County is supposed to reflect his concerns and it is therefore implicit that, consistent with the now-dissolved preliminary injunction, the City must provide safe housing for PEH 500' AWAY from a freeway. The motion by Kevin De Leon is in direct opposition to the MOU. The proposed pallet housing will be within 200' of the 134 freeway, which the City's own studies acknowledge as unsafe for human habitation. The City's Department of City Planning, Freeway Adjacent Advisory Notice, Zoning Information File No. 2427, at 1 (2018) specifically states that: "Areas located within 500 feet of a freeway are known to experience the greatest concentrations of fine and ultrafine particulate matter (PM), a pollutant implicated in asthma and other health conditions." My concern is therefore two-fold: 1. placing PEH within 200' of the 134 freeway is DANGEROUS AND UNHEALTHY for those folks; 2. if the City Council votes yes on this motion, the City will be placed in breach of MOU, exposing the City to liability for such breach. How can the City support a motion that places it in breach of contract (the MOU) and that is in direct opposition to Judge David O. Carter's prior order requiring that PEH be offered housing in a SAFE location, i.e., 500' away from a freeway? I do not support the placement of PEH within 200' of a freeway.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lisa Priester

**Date Submitted:** 03/15/2021 02:45 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0774-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Thanks for following the public's wishes and proving housing for the unhoused. Hurry up and spend the rest of the bond money.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 03/15/2021 02:59 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0774-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not convert the parking lot across the street from a dog park and kid-friendly park into a 150 person homeless refuge in Eagle Rock. Since Covid, it has already become home to over 20 transients. The drug activity has drastically increased, the crime has increased in our neighborhood while the police presence has decreased, and there have been increasing deaths at the local transient locations. The trash has overrun this lot and surrounding streets, and the drug activity has led to more rouge needles and other safety issues. Eagle Rock has become a young family area, and allowing the transient homes will jeopardize our kids' safety. There has to be a better location and a better alternative. Increasing this population by tenfold will prove devastating to our community. Without the increase in police activity, there is no way to stop this devastating effect. Vote a BIG NO on this proposal.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Anonymous

**Date Submitted:** 03/15/2021 03:09 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0774-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Temporary housing only works if there is permanent housing to exit into. Currently, there is not sufficient permanent housing in the City such that this housing project would effectively eliminate homelessness. 84% of people exiting temporary housing go back into the street. At a cost of \$132K per unit, and with a proposed 75 units to be placed in the parking lot, the City is spending \$9,750,000 on this TEMPORARY project (slated to be open for only 3 years). Certainly, that money can go into buying an apartment building or an old hotel or hospital, and converting the building into either individual apartment units or operating the building for single room occupancies. The solution is NOT temporary, inhumane housing where people are stuffed into 8 by 8 sheds, without individual toilets and showers. Under this proposal, the people living in the sheds will have to exit their units in the middle of the night and venture to a dorm-style outdoor bathroom. That is neither safe nor humane. Spend the money on permanent housing! I object to this temporary housing project.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 03/15/2021 04:16 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0774-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a member of the Eagle Rock community I am strongly against the motion to add homeless pallets on the city opened property across from Eagle Rock Park. This would impact my neighborhood in a negative way. This will only increase the amount of homeless who will come to r area & will increase crime & will adversely affect the use if r beautiful park. As a property owner & property tax payer I resent the fact that we have to pay for those who did not make the right choices in life like I did. I came from immigrant parents, graduated from a university & obtained a job to pay for my expenses & afforded me to buy a home in Eagle Rock, yet all I had to do was drop out of high of high school & become a drug addict & lo & behold I would b awarded a free mini home! Great can I apply for it now? I'll gladly quit my job, sell my home & move right into my free home in an expensive area I like an idiot worked so hard to work for. We r now Commie California! If I do not get this freebie I will sell my home & move to a more common sense community, Glendale.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 03/15/2021 04:48 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0774-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly oppose the motion to place shed shelters (or shelters of any kind) across the street from Eagle Rock Park. This plan would bring almost 135 new homeless to the area, which is directly across from a family park and within 500 feet of a freeway. This is a terrible location for a proposed homeless community. Additionally, since this is not a permanent solution, what will happen to all of these people once the temporary shelters are no longer used? Lastly, at a cost of almost \$10 million dollars for a mere temporary solution, the funds would be much better spent on providing shelter in a more permanent solution, such as converting over an old motel.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 03/15/2021 05:23 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0774-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a homeowner in Eagle Rock, I am strongly opposed to the approval of this measure. I just bought my house for the very reason that the streets were safe for my kids and free from the drugs, crime and disorder that comes from the homeless population. I also don't want to see my property value go down. I'm already afraid to walk with my dog to the dog park that's right across the homeless encampment. If these shelters get built, we won't be able to use the park anymore. This is supposed to be a safe neighborhood. I don't understand why this was even proposed in the first place. When I bought my house in December of 2020, there was only 3 tents. Now there are more than 15. This is unacceptable! VOTE NO!!!