

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/16/2021 12:26 PM

Council File No: 19-0774-S1

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Eagle Rock where the proposed housing units will be located, I do not feel I have been notified and/or given any detailed information regarding the plans. Outside of the obvious problem this will bring (ie: increase traffic with in the neighborhood, increase drug concerns across the street of a local daycare with young children, safety concerns, trash increase), I am unaware where the funds to support this project will be raised and/or additional money that will be needed to address the concerns I raised above. Until a fair and/or explanation is given, moving forward with this project is not fair for the community at large.

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Date Submitted: 03/16/2021 12:27 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Why do these pallet shelters cost so much when the newly opened shelters in the valley on Chandler have been created for quite a bit less? I suggest the Deleon's people broaden their search for less expensive options that include full supports for the proposed residents.

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Name: Paul

Date Submitted: 03/16/2021 12:42 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I have lived in Highland Park for 20 years and own a business in Eaglerock. I fully support this program of housing the homeless. They are here anyways living under the overpasses and in hedgerows next to the freeway. To be so classist as to say "not in my neighborhood" is ignorant and wrong on every level. These people need support and help, and we need to help, even if its as little as allowing them to shelter in our communities. They are here anyways, pretending they are not, or believing that giving them someplace to stay at night will make it worse is both caulis and and reactionary. If you don't like it, you should move, you have the resources, they don't.

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Date Submitted: 03/16/2021 01:05 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am submitting a strong OPPOSITION to the proposed housing on Figueroa across from the Eagle Rock Park. Our neighborhood used to be safe and as of late, has turned into a safe haven for drug and other criminal activity. I write this as I look at a man tweeking / smoking crack in the alley next to my house very close to the Eagle Rock Park- cops were called with no dispatch to the location over an hour ago. This type of activity has greatly increased as the transient population has grown due to the pandemic. This needs to be stopped, and putting temporary housing, with limited to no safety measures to counteract an almost certain increase in crime, in our small community with many many young families is not the answer. Please find a better solution for the sake of our children and our safety.

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Name: E. Gomez

Date Submitted: 03/16/2021 01:15 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: It is unacceptable to believe that an issue as housing shelters being brought into established residential communities not be announced to the communities being impacted. As of now I cannot locate any public information on this project, almost as if it was never meant to be publicly known. No information has been shared with us the community on the feasibility of this project. No information has been shared on the environmental or community impact of having a shelter of any size. There has been no transparency in this effort to build homeless shelters. The current homeless population does not lead me to believe that this is a good idea for our communities. We have an excess of garbage being left on the streets, abandoned vehicles, needles left on the sidewalks, escalating tension between the homeless and residents of the community and urine and feces left about the Eagle Rock park area. Prior to COVID I could still take a jog down Figueroa and around the park, now that is not safe to do with everything I mention above. These communities as a whole deserve the right to vote for this project and not be left to representatives.

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Name: Lauren Hill

Date Submitted: 03/16/2021 01:23 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please build the pallet housing for our unhoused neighbors! These shelters are critical to their survival.

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Birgitta Martinez, and I live here in Eagle Rock. I'm submitting this public comment in support of this item because developing that lot will do more for the community and the homelessness crisis than not. This Council item specifically says it will prioritize homeless neighbors in the immediate area of the project -- this is exactly what we need. There's nowhere for our houseless neighbors to go. If we can turn that empty lot into a part of the solution we can finally see our tax dollars put to work as we intended them to when we voted in support of those measures. I strongly urge the City Council to support this item.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 03/16/2021 11:57 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My child is now 51 and when we bought our first home on Redwood Dr., we enjoyed the park across from this installation without any trepidation. We like to think of that time as not as chaotic as today's world. Not so. But that park WAS safe. I don't usually complain about homelessness because I don't have a real solution but I hope you think about the children and the moms who also need a place to go.

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Comments for Public Posting: We don't want this in Eagle Rock!

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Name: TN

Date Submitted: 03/16/2021 05:02 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello. I do not approve of the temporary shed shelters across the street from Eagle Rock Park. I have two elementary school children. I used to bring my kids to Eagle Vista for children's birthday parties and just for recreational purposes but now i will not because I feel like it is not safe. There are many drug deals that happen there. Moreover there are people who actually need psychiatric help as well. As tax payers I would like it if my taxes would go to actually making the playground usable instead of an embarrassment.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 03/16/2021 05:21 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I do not understand why I am struggling to pay house taxes, gas to go to work and most importantly trying to keep my family safe in a so called good community when homeless people get to run around the streets and do as they wish. Go put these shelters in Beverley Hills, Hollywood or Downtown LA. If any residents from Eagle Rock feels strongly about letting homeless people stay....I challenge you first to bring them to your own home and you take care of them! Eagle Rock is coming the new South Los Angeles.

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Name: A. Ortíz

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Comments for Public Posting: We live in the Eagle Rock/Highland Park neighborhood and we do have a growing homeless population and it is good that our counsilmember (14 District) wants to do something about it. Unfortunately, I feel like our community hasn't gotten a say in the placement of these homes. We we that this vote would be postponed until the community has gotten a chance to give our input. Thank you.

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Name: Mandi Holmes

Date Submitted: 03/15/2021 05:33 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm really glad that we're providing tiny homes for the unhoused population in our area!

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Name: Homeowner

Date Submitted: 03/16/2021 03:57 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I do not believe this parking lot on Figueroa is a good spot for temporary homeless housing. It is right across the street from a park and dog park and the surrounding encampments are already well known for constant drug use, prostitution, theft and violence. The Eagle Rock Fire Department is there every single day due to overdoses. I have seen comments about not including SECZs and this would be a horrific mistake. If this unwanted development is put there, it's imperative that the surrounding area is kept clean and totally free of new encampments. SECZs MUST be enforced regularly and budgeted into the cost.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 03/16/2021 02:36 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of eagle rock and am opposed to this initiative. There has been little to no communication with the residents who live nearby, raise our kids in the neighborhood, and have to walk by piles of trash, dirty needles and prostitutes on a daily basis. There should be a public forum this. There should be full disclosure on how the funds are being spent and audited. There are dozens of empty buildings which can converted to housing. This is a huge waste of taxpayer funds.

Communication from Public

Name: Lee Zarate

Date Submitted: 03/16/2021 02:54 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: These mini shelters is a waste of tax payer dollars. It will only breed more crime among the communities of Eagle Rock and Highland Park which has already increased hugely with the increase of the homeless encampments that plague the streets. There are daily drug deals happening in these encampments. Trash is overflowing the streets and sidewalks. "Tiny Shelters" will only become Tiny Crack houses. I have seen these in other communities in California and they become run down within a matter of weeks and breed rats and sickness. Let's also not forget the most important consideration - nearby children facilities like the eagle rock playground, the eagle rock recreation center, several child daycare facilities and even the eagle rock dog park. These facilities will be in jeopardy even more than they are now. Our children will be playing near drug needles and the mentally ill. This poses real potential threat to the safety of our kids. Think of the children. Yes or property values so plummet, but the most important consideration is the safety of our children. It is unforgivable to not put them first.

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Name: N. Markota

Date Submitted: 03/16/2021 02:34 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is an absolute abomination. Kevin de Leon should be recalled for this. This will not help the homeless problem in any way and as a homeowner in Eagle Rock I vehement oppose the building of the pallet homes in these areas. No research was done on the efficacy of this project and no competitive RFPs were collected to assess the cost. This is absolutely atrocious governance and the city of Los Angeles should be ashamed of itself.

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Name: Stacey Boyer

Date Submitted: 03/16/2021 08:35 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I pay taxes, and if I threw garbage and hypodermic needles around and defecated in the streets, putting the community at risk for their health I would be arrested. There are no repercussions for people in homeless encampments who do the same thing. They have more rights than tax paying citizens and I have had ENOUGH!!!! NO MORE!! This is not a solution.

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Name: Moya

Date Submitted: 03/16/2021 09:00 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Doesn't make sense to move homeless from one area to another when there are already homeless in Eagle Rock that need housing. Plus why does each shelter cost \$130,000?? You can build a whole house for less than that. It is a rip off that tax payer dollars are used to pay for enormously inflated contracts to build housing for homeless. I support the city providing resources and housing for homeless but there should be an audit of the costs and vendors contracted to build out the housing.

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Date Submitted: 03/16/2021 09:37 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: If temporary housing is erected at the Eagle Rock Rec Center parking lot, tents and homeless encampments should not be allowed on nearby streets. I am concerned that the inhabitants of these encampments have not utilized already available resources in Eagle Rock. The current homeless encampments have contributed to increasing crime related to theft and drug dealing, in addition to unsanitary conditions with trash dumping. These encampments are close to family-centered recreation areas and a childcare center. We have personally observed drug dealing & paraphernalia disposed of in these areas. As a local homeowner, I am concerned with property values being negatively affected by this project. I am astonished by the price of these buildings. Furthermore, the adjacent recreation center and playground serve the community at large and are in desperate need of repairs.

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Comments for Public Posting: As a concerned citizen and resident of the Eagle Rock community, I am strongly opposing the construction of the temporary shed shelters for which Kevin De Leon has made a motion to place 75 temporary shed shelters within 200 feet of the 134 Freeway. This is not a "permanent" solution to our homeless population - which is needed - as there are other options such as the purchasing of empty buildings and converting them into permanent housing. Further, the projected total cost of \$9,750,000.00 for 75 temporary "sheds" of our tax payers money should be utilized for permanent housing for our low-income and homeless population, and we as citizens should have a right to be involved in how these monies are spent. As a resident of the Eagle Rock community, I do not recall receiving any literature regarding the motion made by Kevin De Leon - nor do I recall voting or for that matter having any say in this matter which affects my community - the community in which I reside and pay homeowner taxes - and for which I should have a voice that matters to our elected representatives. As elected officials for the City of Los Angeles you will not acting in the best interest of our homeless population nor of the residents of Eagle Rock - should you agree with this poorly planned motion. The location of these "temporary" shed shelters is not appropriate - it will be extremely close (approximately 833 feet away) to the Eagle Recreation Center that provides day care for children as well as will be only 0.3 miles from a charter school, and will be 200 feet within the 134 freeway - providing the breathing of toxic fumes, and which in turn will cause health problems. The Eagle Rock Park will be across the street where children play and families have enjoyed outings, and where little league sport teams play their games. The community has no information that was publicly published or distributed regarding this motion made by Kevin De Leon who is NOT a resident of Eagle Rock - which I regard as not representing the best interest of the homeless population within our community. Further, this temporary "shed" housing will bring in approximately 150 individuals per month, and who in turn will need to leave within the 30 day temporary stay - where will they go? What will be the solution for permanent housing for these individuals? If these shed shelters bring in approximately 150 individuals a month - then in 12 months, when the 30 days expire,

we will have approximately "1,800" individuals seeking shelter? Will the Eagle Rock community then have a population of "1,800" homeless individuals in 12 months? And that number is only for 12 months. Also, what will be the screening process for temporary shed shelter housing? Will there be out-houses (bathrooms) for all to use? This is a very poorly planned motion - and specifically without any published notification distributed publicly to our community as well as any input from the residents and business owners of Eagle Rock. As our elected officials of the City of Los Angeles, and our Eagle Rock Community, you need to oppose Kevin De Leon's motion. I strongly oppose Kevin De Leon's motion regarding temporary "shed" shelters in our Eagle Rock community.

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Name: Craig Hirsch

Date Submitted: 03/16/2021 09:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am deeply committed to reaching out to our unhoused neighbors in Eagle Rock and bringing them into the fold of THEIR community. They live in and depend on this neighborhood just like we do, all of us Eagle Rock "stakeholders." Though the motion lacks details and leaves open questions regarding costs, the provision of ancillary social services (which are vital to this initiative), and logistical/health concerns to operate a temporary housing program in Eagle Rock near the freeway, it's a tremendous start and at least brings kinetic energy to this interminable policy debate. I note that the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council submitted a Community Impact Statement in support of the motion in order "to provide temporary housing to the homeless of Eagle Rock." The ERNC board members' vote to support the motion was unanimous (13-0). The ERNC's statement summary noted "the urgency to provide housing due to the increase in the unhoused population throughout Los Angeles, CD 14 and in North East Los Angeles." I agree with the call to action and ERNC's support of Councilmember De León's motion to initiate the design process for temporary homeless housing. While the ultimate success of the initiative may be uncertain, we know the ineffectual, constant grouching about the Eagle Rock homelessness "problem" DOES NOTHING. "Out of sight, out of mind" complacency and fearmongering about the criminality, dangerousness and personal hygiene of homeless populations are not legitimate counterproposals to a practical, creative housing solution, supported by city and community leaders, that could light the way to permanent shelters and stability. In short, let's do something. This motion can be a catalyst.

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Comments for Public Posting: The proposed location is just a few hundred feet away from schools, day care centers and parks where children frequently play. Also, wasn't Judge David O. Carter's original injunction made on the basis of moving homeless away from the dangerous areas around freeways and reducing the health hazards to the homeless due to recent deaths related to proximity to freeways? I believe the order requires the city to relocate homeless more than 500 feet from the freeway. This location is literally adjacent to the 134 freeway. We should find a better location that complies with the judge's orders in the case: LA Alliance for Human Rights vs City of Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Denise W

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not allow the homeless encampment of pallet sheds in Eagle Rock or anywhere in Los Angeles. They are a danger to the community. I've seen them defecate and throw pornographic materials on school property. People with mental issues yelling profanities near the school. Fires being set. Junk abandoned. Many do not want the responsibility of a home or have such severe drug or mental illness that home rental or ownership is an impossibility. And now we reward them with free housing is ridiculous.