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Date Submitted: 03/17/2021 10:37 AM

Council File No: 19-0774-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Isn't this location right next to the freeway and where kids play at the playground and daycare/community center? For the health of the homeless and safety of the children we should find a safer and healthier location.

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Comments for Public Posting: As a long-time resident of Eagle Rock (20 + years) I strongly oppose Kevin De Leon's motion to place homeless shed shelters across the street from our beautiful park and within such close proximity to our child daycare and playgrounds. Is this the best solution that our "elected" leaders can come up with? De Leon is in direct defiance of U.S. District Court Judge David O. Carter's mandate requiring the relocation of homeless people living within 500 feet of freeways by September 1st. For that reason alone, the motion has no validity and must be denied. It's now mid-March and every day, for months, the residents of our great neighborhood and every person exiting the 134 freeway at Figueroa (including those seeing Eagle Rock for the 1st time) have to look at our homeless encampment - an eyesore littered with trash, tents and a graffiti covered outhouse that sits alongside our sidewalk, destroying the charm of our park, our neighborhood, our town. This is the 'genius' of De Leon and his soon-to-be FELON predecessor, Huizar. Typical irresponsible progressive politicians who put the interests of responsible, working individuals and families last. What I really want to know is how in the hell can a shed shelter cost \$130,000? In most places, a single story house can be built for less from the ground up, and there are several towns and cities across the U.S. where \$130,000 will get you a decent home with a garage, front and backyard. This is just another example of the careless hyper-spending of our tax dollars by idiots with the power to do so. And everyone should question, if true, why De Leon would award a contract for the \$130,000 sheds to Dillon Construction, a total price tag of close to \$10 million without taking competitive bids. That seems eerily reminiscent of something that our disgraced former Councilman Huizar would do. Aside from the encampment, the 75 sheds De Leon wants to build would essentially "import" up to 150 homeless people to Eagle Rock and our Park on a rolling basis, meaning that the sheds are intended to provide 'temporary' shelter, so as one homeless person moves out, another takes his or her place.....what effect will that have on our community over time? There will be more crime, more panhandling, more loitering for the simple fact that the homeless population will increase, as Eagle Rock will be inviting it. More homeless walking our neighborhood streets, more break-ins, more rummaging through

our bins on trash night. Think about the McDonald's drive through or shopping at CVS or Vons, all within a short walk of the encampment. If you live in this area, you know what I'm talking about and that's with a relatively small homeless population today. Many of us want to help the homeless and want to see this crisis in our city end, but building a permanent homeless shelter in the parking lot at the center of our Freeway ramps and beside our park is not the answer. There has to be a better location and solution, and as Judge David O. Carter is ordering, there **MUST** be a different location. I could comment further, but I need to turn my attention to the letter I'm sending certified to Judge Carter's office today informing him that our Councilman has gone off the deep end and is blatantly defying his order, though I'm sure I won't be the only one. I'd also like to know what part of the city that Kevin De Leon resides? If not Eagle Rock, then perhaps the Councilman would be open to finding a parking lot in his community to provide shelter. Just my suggestion. Or better yet, how many shed shelters can his backyard hold?

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Name: Celena Pastran

Date Submitted: 03/17/2021 08:53 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello I am a resident and home owner in Eagle Rock for the past 10 years. I am concerned of the potential impact creating these tiny homes will have on homeowners and their safety. I have had personal property stolen, caught on camera by the homeless community in ER. This initiative has not provided long term commitments of keeping the underpasses clean and removed of the unhoused. We cannot just shuffle people around and allow for more to come in. Homeowners need to also have a voice. What we get is people saying nothing can be done, we cannot clean up the sidewalks if they say it's their belongings. What is the commitment to the residents? We want to have a clean, safe community. Advocate groups are one sided. The homeless community needs mental health care and solutions, and residents need a clean space as well. It's unfair to continue to allow more and more trash to pile up on city streets. Our councilman has not done anything to clean up our streets.

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Name: Joseph

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Comments for Public Posting: I am extremely worried that this will invite more homeless to our homes. There are 3 homeless people living across the street from my home and it is sad, but I feel uneasy for my wife.

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Comments for Public Posting: We've already experienced shootings in Eagle Rock park due to random people parking and settling. To prevent such incidences we had to impose restrictions on parking. Will this build out encourage more shootings and drug deals ? Will the candidates be screened ? Will this housing be policed ? We have to protect our children and elderly.

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Name: Jamie Tijerina

Date Submitted: 03/17/2021 12:03 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: To Members of the City Council & Commissions: I am writing as a longtime resident of CD14 to support the actions proposed in this motion, which offer an opportunity to provide housing for unhoused neighbors in the community who need it most. This is a stance that is shared by many in CD14, and we hope that this motion will pass. Best, Jamie Tijerina President, Highland Park Heritage Trust (*title included for identification purposes)

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Name: John
Date Submitted: 03/17/2021 12:14 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Hi- As a local resident who lives on Eagle Vista Blvd. less than 1500 ft. from the proposed site, I urge you to VOTE NO on this proposal. I am sympathetic to the plight of the homeless and we must do more in LA. In fact, I'm in favor of these mini houses being built. However, the parking lot on Figueroa is NOT the right location. Please vote NO on this proposal and find a better location on Colorado Blvd (many are available and away from the freeway). First, this location borders a park with a playground, a recreation center, a day-care center, and a school. I repeat: a park, a rec center, a day-care, and a school. You can't seriously think this is the right location for the homeless with kids in such close proximity on a daily basis. Second, ever since the homeless encampment has appeared in the lot, we have seen a slow degradation of the neighborhood and personally experienced several traumatic encounters: car theft, used needles/drugs, mounds of trash strewn around the streets that is never picked up, jaywalking, public urination, and verbal assault. My wife now refuses to take our small children to the playground! If residents no longer feel safe bringing their children to a local park and using the facilities our tax dollars pay for, the once strong neighborhood of Eagle Rock will crumble! Please re-read all the comments from our local residents on this proposal. Many comments have been received in support of this motion, but you will notice they are NOT local residents who live and deal with this site on a daily basis. They are volunteers who visit the site and then return home to their secure neighborhoods and clean parks where their families play safely and freely. This is not fair to the local residents! I especially urge you to re-read the Annandale Nursey owner's comments, the business park owner's comments, and the resident who attached pictures of what has happened to the area around the park. I feel certain, the city council does not want to alienate the local residents and local business owners who are strong contributors to this community. Lastly, I am very concerned this motion has not been fully heard by our local residents that live near the park. Shame on Kevin DeLeon and his staff! I consider myself well connected to the local community, civic organizations, ERNC, etc., and if it weren't for a printed flier left in my mailbox, I would never have known about this motion. That is not civic engagement with buy-in from all parties that leads to a

project's success; that is trying to secretly push-through a controversial proposal without the neighborhood knowing. I supported and was heavily involved in the process that would bring a Metro BRT line through our neighborhood on Colorado Blvd. (the Pasadena to North Hollywood route). That process took over two years, included several well publicized and well attend sessions, and was strengthened with plans, drawings, mock-ups, and detailed budget numbers. I understand we have no time to wait on the homeless crisis enveloping our city, but pushing through this motion in less than 2 months is a terrible idea for all parties involved. This motion would have a chance to succeed if it was supported with details around services for the homeless, details on frequency of trash pick-up, details on how our families and businesses will be kept safe. Unfortunately, this motion has NONE of those things. I'm confident you will VOTE NO on this motion for three clear reasons: bad location, lack of community engagement & support, and inadequate details surrounding the project. Thank you!

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Name: Neara Russell

Date Submitted: 03/17/2021 07:08 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Neara Russell and I am a resident of Council District 14. I would like to speak on Agenda Item no. 13. I strongly urge the Council to move forward with the planning and construction of temporary housing on the Figueroa Parking Lot. I'm a stakeholder in this community and have lived in Council District 14 for several years. I speak with my unhoused neighbors regularly and many are eager to move into these shelters, although long-term housing is the most pressing need. These temporary shelters would fulfill a critical need for many of our neighbors who face health and safety risks that come with living unsheltered. I also urge you to include resources and services onsite for future residents of this prospective shelter that would allow them a pathway to long-term housing. While interim housing is lifesaving, the most humane and necessary outcome is a permanent roof over the head of all our unhoused neighbors. This project must be seen as part of COVID-19 recovery: COVID-19 exacerbated an already dire situation of housing instability, lack of tenant protections, and poverty across LA. We will continue to see more and more people fall into homelessness because of the COVID crisis, and we have to take action—NOW. This temporary shelter is a small first step and I commend it—but long term housing must take priority. Thank you for considering this agenda item so quickly. Every day that our unhoused neighbors spend on the street is another day exposed to wind, rain, cold, harassment, theft, illness, and bodily harm. Please continue moving this project forward at priority pace, without losing sight of the most important goal: seeking permanent solutions for our community members who are struggling to find safe shelter.

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Name: Cheryl Weaver
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Comments for Public Posting: If the small house complex is going to be successful there must be protections. 1. There should be no tent camping allowed in a 1/2 mile radius of the housing complex. 2. No alcohol or drug use should be allowed on the premises. 3. No felons or sex offenders should be living at the facility given its close proximity to schools and parks that hosts programs for kids. 4. The tenancy for each individual should be no longer than 6 months. 5. Services for Mental health and drug addiction should be provided on site. 6. Eviction from the program should be an option for those not following the rules. 7. Security guards should be on duty 24/7.

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Comments for Public Posting: Our house is across Eagle Rock Recreation Park. We lived there approximately 28 years. We were at peace and very calm living in the area. However when the homeless people started to arrive, first living under the exit ramp, then they were given the temporary place at the parking lot across Eagle Rock Recreation Center, I have never felt at ease. I have a sick husband that requires 24/7 care by me, its just me and my husband who live at this property. I feel revolted every time I see the litters and the mess around that parking lot and under the freeway . We have been attempted by what appeared to be a homeless person, of forcing our front knobs open. This was at 3 am . He would then continue to attempt tp shake all the knobs of the gates we have on both sides of the house. This was scary for us being elderly and weak (73 yrs old and 83 years old). At night, very frequently, I see individuals skating outside of the ERRC 's when the park is supposedly closed already. I see frequent individuals at night on their bikes circling around the streets of the center, which was not the case before. Even individuals making short cuts of walk from the homeless parking lots to the park crossing at night , then to the residential areas in the neighborhood. My locked mailbox had been tampered 3 x. At one time, soon after, I was called by my bank to alert me of an unauthorized use of my credit (which I suspected the account number was from that mail theft). I had my husband's mail order medicines missing in the box . Right now I feel very insecured in my location which was not before . I wish this that these temporary shed shelters would not be approved .

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Comments for Public Posting: I am strongly against, small community for the homeless to be set up in Eagle Rock. It is very unsafe and horrible how full of litter our community has become, with an explosive growth in the past five years. It is atrocious how out of control, this problem is, and how the city does nothing to rectify it. Petty crime on private property has sky rocketed, it is unsafe to walk on north Figueroa where the proposed homeless village area and West Colorado blvd because these tent cities. The city needs to rid our streets of the drug addicts, mentally disturbed people and the homeless by circumstance by having social workers come out and truly make an effort to help these people and offer resources that are already available. By setting up the homeless communities in our area you are coddling they already out of control behavior and ways, of hoarding junk and trash and creating unsafe conditions for everyone including themselves and also by not regulating them saying that what they do behind closed doors is their business , is not okay . The city needs to set these small communities up in unused industrial areas and clean up the communities that we live in, that we pay taxes, sanitation etc.. for to live in, it is not fair that we are paying to live in an unsafe trashed community , where the mix of homeless, drug atticts and mentally disturbed people are aloud to run a muck and make us feel unsafe and create hazardous situations, because they are not regulated. Also if you want to make these small communities successful, you need to regulate, a drug and alcohol free policy, that means that there is a Zero tolerance, for drugs, alcohol and non communal participation. You also have to create a community and require the residence participate in community activities, and keep it clean. Have meetings with social workers etc. You need to help them create a community and pride amongst themselves, in their small community that will spill over to the community as a whole. again myself and a majority of other homeowners are very against the proposed homeless community in our area. Again please consider setting up these homeless villages in industrial or undeveloped areas.

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Name: Michelle Helseth

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Comments for Public Posting: This comment is in reference to the proposal 13 for Pallet Housing in Eagle Rock and Highland Park I would like to start by saying that I am very disappointed and concerned that the Board would vote to approve this incredibly impactful project with out properly notifying the community that it is impacting most. I speak for myself but also for many in my community that we feel like we are being railroaded and taken advantage of by the political machine. This Pallet Housing Facility will profoundly effect the safety with in our community. The sights that have been approved for the Pallet housing project in the Eagle Rock and highland park communities are being placed in arias that predominately residential communities are being built directly near 4 school and a senior citizens center. The Eagle Rock location alone is within blocks of THREE elementary school. These facilities admittedly by Kevin de Lions office, will not be sober communities nor screened for criminal histories. The drug addicted and drug trafficking population with in the homeless community of North East LA are already a big safety issue, in just the past 2 and ½ month three businesses, employees and or owners have attacked and or accosted by homeless persons under the influence. Drug use and mental illness are huge issues within the homeless population in Eagle Rock and Highland park and these faculties will only create a breeding ground for crime within our community, putting our children and elderly directly in harm's way. All other proposed locations for these pallet Housing projects are in business districts, The Eagle Rock & Highland Park locations are the only ones proposed in predominantly residential communities. I'm shocked that Keven de Lion would choose to endanger the some of the most vulnerable within our society, by creating 3 encampments with the goal of offering and providing housing for documented mentally ill and drug addicted and drug dealing persons directly adjacent, within feet actually from the elderly and the young children of north east LA. We already know the homeless population is comprised of people afflicted with many different contributing factors that has lead or resulted in homelessness. From the mentally ill to severe drug addiction, along with young adults aging out of foster care system, and elderly who are unable to care for themselves, are left on the street people who have just hit a hard time, to our military

personnel that have been allowed to fall through the cracks, left unable to re-enter society due to PTSD and service related issues. This is a much more complex issue within our society and it requires a diverse and layered approach to provide the appropriate support to the very differing groups and their needs. The massive cost of these shed type sleeping boxes have come in at a whopping \$48,000 per person and that is just for construction. Meaning \$96,000 to \$130,000 thousand dollars per 8x8 or 10x10 shed type sleeping unit. This is a grossly inflated price for these shed type units. From my research this bid was not public either, it was just handed to Dillon Construction. The 30,000,000 Million dollar price tag for just the Eagle Rock and Highland park locations, that could go a long way to providing permanent housing as well as to implement services such as in-house care for the disabled, elderly, and mentally ill, effective licensed drug and alcohol treatment centers, providing permanent housing to families and support for young adults who have aged out of the foster care system these are just some examples. We need to look at providing real and permanent services and facilities for the homeless population with out endangering hard working families and communities. At the end of the day we need a real and permanent plan and proven services created with our tax dollars. We need real leadership from our representatives to bring dignity and health back to all in our society not just lofty talk.

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Name: Betty Tyndall

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Comments for Public Posting: I am definitely against the housing of the homeless within 500 feet of a freeway. I understand that Kevin De Leon has made a Motion to house homeless people within 200 feet of the 134 Freeway. That's definitely not going to happen if I can do anything about it. CD 14 Resident

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Comments for Public Posting: I do not support the placement of temporary shed shelters in my community. I've lived in the neighborhood behind Eagle Rock Park my whole life and have noticed an increase in drug and gang activity since the homeless have taken over the parking lot. I believe that the placement of these shed shelters and increased homelessness will only exacerbate the present situation. My neighbors and I pay a premium to live in this area, and I am highly concerned for the community's safety.