

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** As a resident living in Eagle Rock for the past 13 years, I have only seen the area decay and the drug problem with the homeless on a rapid incline. I've come across needles and naked violent people high on drugs yelling in the streets on a regular occurrence during my walks. I'm on the MyLA311 app almost daily reporting graffiti. I don't want to take all the credit, but if I wasn't doing my part I'm sure our area would look drastically different. At first I used to feel sorry for the homeless; however over the years it is clear that they just abuse all the generous hand outs they receive. I have no doubt that they would abuse and take for granted structures at the vacant lot. It will only bring more homeless, more graffiti, more drugs, and more violence to our city. These people need drug rehabilitation and a mental facility where they can safely be housed. In my several encounters with LAPD regarding issues we've had with the homeless, they've informed me that the service is available to the homeless to get help but they aren't being used; in large part because they want to continue living lawless on drugs. They know they can get a free pass to do what they want.... steal from local stores or neighbors yards, openly so drugs on the sidewalk, not go to jail for trespassing and squatting in vacant houses. if you build more structures for them here, more of them will come and our city will be in ruins.