

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I'd like to keep my name anonymous because I want you to hear from a person that lives in a tent. I appreciate LASAN coming down and picking up trash; I clean up a lot around my area. Having my tent up during the day is important. I'm a believer in cleanliness and the people in my area bathe in our tents. That's another reason not to have our tents down--how do we bathe without folks seeing us? I believe in God, and know that God wants city council and my councilmember Kevin de Leon to take a stand for people who are home outdoors and say, "these people deserve to be treated fairly like everyone else." I talk to passersby and at first sometimes they don't know about the situations we go through. I have been out here for 7 months, and I'm working on getting a low-income apartment—I don't want to live in a shelter with a restrictive 7pm curfew. I go travel to preach in different cities and curfews do not fit my life. I am not a child, I am an adult. I have freedom living in a tent. Tents down during the day gives us no privacy. Cars and people should not be able to see what I am doing in my tent. I'd also like to refer to COVID-19: tents up during the day keeps COVID numbers down. Why have us bring down our tents at 6am? it looks nicer when they're up anyway. It's wrong, we're people like everyone else, a lot of us pay taxes, we vote—I voted in the election where Biden won. When I go out of town I lock my tent, but if it's down I can't really leave and do my business. A lot of us are trying to get into apartments, I'm waiting on my stimulus and hope to get a low-income apartment soon. These things help us be able to one day NOT be in this situation. I don't want to be in this situation for the rest of my life. I'm clean. I help keep my sidewalks clean where I live. I need my tent to be up to help my life, so I can have housing in a low income apartment. Project Room Key does not fit my life. And Project Room Key has curfews. Other buildings do not have kitchens. I buy my food from the grocery store, and I cook my food out here too. I use a portable propane stove. I am free to eat what I want to eat. I should be able to cook the food I want to eat. The tents should remain up to keep COVID numbers down, to keep our privacy, and so that one day soon we can be in housing—that's what I'm waiting on. This is America, this country is a democracy. People should be able to have their tents up day and night. Please take the time to listen to all of what I

said. God gave me the message that you need to hear from someone that lives in a tent. Tents-down is the wrong way to go. I hope you read this message and make a choice to stand up for the home-outdoors people, and support policies that will help them. God bless you.