

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I want to wholeheartedly support this motion put forward by council member Bonin (thank you Bonin! We see you and appreciate you!). As an architect who works on affordable housing in the Los Angeles region, I have seen enough to agree with the motion's statement that "we will never meet" the enormous housing demands of Los Angeles "if we rely just on coaxing the private sector into building affordable housing through tax credits, subsidies, and zoning incentives, or on giving a small percentage of extremely low-income renters a housing voucher." I'm tired of entertaining incremental measures that do not fundamentally alter the ownership structure of housing and then waiting to see that, as expected, they do nothing to lessen the extent of the crisis we face. Housing should be considered a HUMAN RIGHT, guaranteed by the public sector, or we will never see the day people stop living and dying in squalid conditions on the street. This past weekend I saw my houseless neighbors opening up a fire hydrant for a drop of water while standing on stinking mountains of trash in sweltering heat - with no end to their suffering in sight. It is a shameful, unacceptable world we have created. Revolutionary measures are needed. Please pass this motion without delay.