

Communication from Public

Name: Jack

Date Submitted: 11/02/2020 04:34 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I'm a homeowner in Venice, and it has reached a point where I can't have a conversation with anyone who lives anywhere in the city where the conversation does not turn to the ever increasing unhoused population. The Mayor and City Council have failed the city and--more importantly--their constituents who are forced to sleep on the streets. It's time for City Council to walk the walk about ending homelessness, and take the first step towards getting its unhoused population into permanent social housing. I urge you all to vote in favor of this motion. Thank you.

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Name: Gina Viola

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Comments for Public Posting: WHEN are you going to learn that criminalizing poverty is why our city suffers the worst crisis of people living on the streets? Has sweeping it out of sight into another neighborhood worked in the slightest the past several decades? NO, NO it hasn't! Yes, here you are, doubling down again with the same strategy. Moving it out of sight for the Karen's who call you will never ever fix this problem. And most of you fools have been on this council for years now, so you know this. Yet here we are again like you've come up with some new magic beans to make this better. You know who does make this better? All of the organizations out DOING YOUR JOBS! Los Angeles Community Action Network has developed a model for skid row - asked you for HHH money for bathrooms and showers - you delivered NONE. KTownForAll is out in the community providing direct care to people living on the streets - they know all of their neighbors by name and by need. StreetWatch has developed local centers of support by neighborhood throughout the city - creating communication between houseless folks in need and neighbors close by who can provide assistance. What we need is housing. What you need to do is HOUSE everyone. We have more than 2 vacant units of housing for each person living on the streets. We have more than enough empty hotel rooms to house each person living on the street. Several council meetings ago I heard you all marveling at the sheer number of hotels/motels for sale the city could purchase. If you cared half as much about housing folks as you do greenlighting developers there would be NO ONE LIVING ON THE STREETS! The time for action has long since passed which is why you now have a plethora of regular folks trying to solve this crisis while you count all your money to the bank. Seriously, you should all be charged with murder every time a houseless person dies on the street. It 100% is on you and your continued insistence on criminalizing poverty. History will not be kind to any of you, it's like you all sat back and just watched it get worse and worse and worse. Get out of the way and let folks already working on this have the resources they need to properly take care of folks. Fund the organizations who can actually do something for a change. No more banquets, no more task forces, no more consultants - LACAN, KTownForAll, StreetWatchLA, Ground Game LA and SELAH are ready to do the jobs that you simply

will not.

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Name: Lane McFaddin

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support this motion. Housing is what is needed to fix our homelessness crisis. We must lead with it in an aggressive and compassionate way and stop focusing on efforts towards criminalization which help no one.

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of the motion to explore expansion of social housing by the City of LA. Amid this homelessness crisis, we must look to any potential avenues for constructing and increasing our supply of affordable housing. Thank you.

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Comments for Public Posting: Writing in support of this, please continue to listen to the housing advocates that do so much hard work in this city. They should be a guide in how to best support the unhoused for the betterment of our communities

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Name: Charles Kong

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Comments for Public Posting: I support this motion for an in-depth look into social housing and, eventually, its implementation in LA. I believe it was Finland who simply provided houses to people who needed it and found that a significant number of people found stability. It is imperative that we seek to replicate that success here, especially as more and more people are facing hardship due to the pandemic. In addition, a registry of available spaces (units, homes, etc.) would make it much easier to determine how much social housing is there and how LA can operate it. This registry would track development firms, landlords, and other entities holding real estate in LA which would give us a clearer picture of the exact housing situation and what exactly we can do to solve it. Housing does not begin at criminalization. I strongly urge you to support this motion.