

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/04/2020 05:43 PM

Council File No: 20-0197

Comments for Public Posting: We need you to commit to social housing! We need to solve our homelessness crisis and decriminalize our response to our unhoused neighbors!

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Name: Jared Tolbert

Date Submitted: 11/04/2020 09:38 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Houseless people need services NOT sweeps! They should not be subjected to losing everything to “clean up the city.” It is indecent for this to be allowed in the city. Do not force them to leave a safe space they created without giving them somewhere to go. We need to do better!

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Name: Chelsea Byers

Date Submitted: 11/04/2020 12:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We need all options on the table to address the housing crisis we face in LA. The conditions of capitalism do not guarantee a home to any individual and yet housing as a human right is a fundamental philosophy embraced by the masses. Our government is our instrument to obtain that which the people require to sustain life. A public housing option is essential to ensuring our government has the ability to meet the needs of all its people. And it should go without saying that if you meet someone's needs up front, you save a lifetime of costs associated with the damages of needs unfulfilled.

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Name: Nicholas Dowling

Date Submitted: 11/04/2020 10:41 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The city, and by extrapolation, the country is in dire need of a new approach to the housing question. California is a case study in prioritizing the profit motive over the needs of human beings and the creep of homeless encampments only evidences this further. Every proposition on the ballot to ameliorate this catastrophe failed; notwithstanding, we must continue to push for a solution borrowing those from our neighbors on the other side of the Atlantic is a good place to start. THIS NEEDS TO PASS.

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Name: Jake Kroeger

Date Submitted: 11/04/2020 10:49 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The homelessness crisis still remains one of Los Angeles' most critical issues and it only looks to worsen whenever eviction protections get lifted. More and more construction of luxury apartments seem to keep popping all around town, but affordable housing, the thing that Angelenos of some many different backgrounds are in dire need of, keeps coming up short. Moving forward with social housing is a direct way to address all of these problems as directed in Item No. 15 in today's agenda that have begged to be solved for quite some time. Please go forward with the report and may the City Council motion to take action as soon as it can.

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Comments for Public Posting: The critical need for housing solutions in the City of Los Angeles requires careful review, fiscal transparency and a clear language defining meaning (what it means for the people) and process (effective and efficient communication to the people) to ensure community input is inclusive via Neighborhood Councils as per the City of Los Angeles Charter. The Watts Neighborhood Council, as voted in their s p.o racial meeting, hereby request LA City Council to consider potential benefits and hurdles during this climate of racial and social inequity whereas. The City of LA will recognize Historic Watts as an example of how social engineering, discrimination and land grab has made affordable/social housing to become a modern "slave ship" creating a vulnerable and increased African American and minority homeless population where the African Americans represent 60% of homelessness where 22% are Veterans. The City of Los Angeles will give Watts justice by rectifying the displacement of Black Los Angeles, stemming from the fear of The City of Watts having a Black Mayor and forcing Watts to annex with the City of Los Angeles in 1900s by African Americans being first in line to be housed being that 40 Blacks build this city and were systematically displaced from Watts after being forcefully confinement for generations; The request to the Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), in cooperation with the Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department (HCIDLA), and in consultation with researchers, experts and activists in the field to prepare a report on the types and models of social housing used in European communities, Singapore, and any other prominent international examples, with recommendations for their applicability in Los Angeles, including potential benefits and hurdles only after racial inequity and discrimination has been recognized and a plan to formulate a community of healing for the African American population to heal and rebuild industries in the city of Los Angeles; The request for the City Attorney, CLA, City Administrative Officer (CAO), and HCIDLA to report on: how many additional units of public housing are allowed, per council district, under the voter approved limits of 3,500 units per council district; and, steps necessary to allow for additional construction of new social housing, including recommendations on legal or electoral steps

required to remove caps on public housing appears inequitable where City and County agencies land grab and enter private partnerships leaving the communities with no ownership or wealth and bypassing community plans with conditional use permits violating environmental equity and justice; The Asset Management Division of the Department of General Services report on recommendations for city-owned properties that could be used for a social housing demonstration in the City of Los Angeles, and to consider how partnerships with other government entities which own property within the City could facilitate the development of social housing on those public lands incorporate the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance, Neighborhood Councils and joint meetings where community plans are included, inclusive and vetted by the people in open and public platform with all participants being active. The request to the CLA, in consultation with the CAO and HCIDLA, to report on possible funding sources for a social housing in Los Angeles, including:

- State and federal funds which will be geared towards local grassroots organizations recommend or vetted by Neighborhood Councils first.
- The creation of new revenue sources, including but not limited to: a flipping tax, a land value uplift tax, an out-of-state transaction tax, or a vacancy tax is obsolete until racial and social equity is determined in racial equity plan.
- The potential use of a newly-created public bank to facilitate financing which each individual, business and community of African Americans qualified equitably.
- The potential for the City to recoup costs on the back end by renting or leasing units established by the City is put into a fund to reinvest into the African American community REQUEST the CLA, CAO, and Asset Management Division of the Department of General Services to report with recommendations for city-owned properties that could be used for a social housing demonstration in the City of Los Angeles, and to consider how partnerships with other government entities which own property within the City could facilitate the development of social housing on those public lands and report to Neighborhood Councils for further review to implement existing community plans or design and develop community led projects

Moreover, a review of the history of social engineering, discrimination and land grab precedes what is considered feasible, fair, long overdue relative to the consideration of pathways to establishing Social Housing to accommodate the urgent need for affordable housing

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Name: Marilyn Wells

Date Submitted: 11/04/2020 11:20 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly urge you to support Agenda Item 15 at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 10:00am. I agree wholeheartedly with Council Member Bonin's Social Housing MOTION - Council File: 20-0197. We have a housing crisis and it is only going to get worse due to Covid. We need our government to do everything they can, build anything they can. If we have vacant city property build on it! Social housing has been successful. Germany is buying up properties that were once social housing and as they go on market they are turning them back into social housing! There is a reason for this. Our world has changed and people need support now. If people in our neighborhoods continue to push back against housing we will never beat this problem. Don't count on the NIMBY's. YOU need to build the housing NOW anywhere you can! The Social housing system can be a long term success!

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Name: Jiyoung Carolyn Park

Date Submitted: 11/04/2020 10:19 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: It is time for all city leaders to understand that housing is a human right. Denying this has led to failed policies and the unprecedented numbers of houseless Angelenos. Now we also have unprecedented numbers of housing insecure Angelenos. If the unhoused have permanent shelter, everyone wins. There is no other viable solution. Pretending that houseless people will disappear by shooing them into a different neighborhood or temporarily locking them up in jail is not a tenable option. Any leader's inability to grasp such a solution is the problem. Plenty of other countries, such as Hong Kong and Sweden, have successfully implemented public housing programs. Singapore housed 400,000 people, mostly new immigrants, in a handful of years. As author Conor Dougherty said, "Housing is just a proxy for inequality, it's a way of us building assets for one group at the exclusion of another. It is an expression of the general fraying of American society." You can be part of the solution by creating housing that Angelenos desperately need, or you can be part of the festering problem.

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Name: Miranda Cristofani

Date Submitted: 11/04/2020 10:25 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I fully support this recommendation. Just last week we heard many City Council members excuses and justifications to criminalize the house-less community. Instead of housing them in prison, destabilizing them even more and creating a situation near impossible to return back to a healthy living, plus using tax payers money to do it; lets create social housing and help them thrive. I want to hear every Council member who supported criminalizing the house-less support this, and if they don't their lying about their motivation and not listening or representing their constituents. This is a solution to a dire situation that is killing people and criminalizing them for their economic status, I come from England, where I have seen the Social Housing structure work. Single mothers, Senior Citizens, young people entering the work force, they have all benefited from Social Housing, kept jobs, raised children and maintained their mental and physical health because they have their own roof over their heads. We all know the issues with just not having a physical address and how hard it is to get work, benefits, even food if you don't have an address. Honestly, I am shocked it took this long to think about it and I applaud Bonin, Martinez and Harris Dawson for bringing this to the front for City Councils attention. We just mobilized the Nithya Raman vote. Your seat is next if you don't start coming up with solutions and stop blaming your constituents for a clear misuse and mis-handeling of City resources and money. Vote to take on this recommending and Social Housing.

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Name: Nina Mohan

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to voice my support for Item 15, the housing committee report relative to the consideration of pathways to establishing Social Housing to accommodate the urgent need for affordable housing. Housing is a human right, and as it stands, there are 50,000 families on a waiting list for public housing. The city needs to commit to exploring how we can better help people who need permanent housing get it. Everyone deserves shelter no matter what, and this is the most minimum basic first step we should absolutely be taking to ultimately achieve that. As a CD4 resident, I see so much development of luxury apartments in my neighborhood, including right next door, but little done in the way of public housing. I want public housing in my backyard.

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Name: Rhiana

Date Submitted: 11/04/2020 12:18 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: social housing is good! please provide a million times more of it!

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Name: Samantha Monarch

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am writing to urge the council adopt this motion to study public housing for Los Angeles. With our city's ever-worsening housing crisis, tens of thousands of people living on the streets, and thousands more on the precipice of not making it to their next rent check, we must invest our time and resources into providing long-term and affordable housing for those in need. The only thing that will put an end to the escalating homelessness crisis is housing, and public housing is an essential element to provide for the people of Los Angeles. Undertaking a meaningful study would be a huge first step in solving these crises. In the past year, as the COVID-19 pandemic has ravaged our country and our city, people have taken to the streets and undertaken massive mutual aid efforts to support our fellow Angelenos, houses or not. We are at a moment of reckoning, and the people of Los Angeles have made it clear that we need to provide services for people, and that housing is a human right.

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Name: Erin
Date Submitted: 11/04/2020 01:27 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I write in strong support of agenda item 15.

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Name: Sam Lyons

Date Submitted: 11/04/2020 07:19 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I've seen too many friends and community members be priced out of their homes and consequently face homelessness. Los Angeles NEEDS social housing. I implore the city to see the needs of its population and to do something about it.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 11/04/2020 07:28 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support this! Much better than Joe Buscaino and Mike Feuer's plan to further criminalize homelessness during a pandemic.

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Name: Leah Folta

Date Submitted: 11/04/2020 07:29 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I enthusiastically support these efforts to increase public housing. Many people stand up to say "not in my backyard," and I just want to say "yes in my backyard." New housing was necessary, urgent, and common sense before the pandemic, but without economic relief we're in danger of having more houseless people than ever before.

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Name: Christiana Cobb-Dozier

Date Submitted: 11/04/2020 07:49 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am in support of item 15 to expand LAs social housing so that we have greater options and support for the unhoused. Thank you Mike Bonin for this motion as part of the homes guaranteed package that we desperately need.

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Name: Nedda Amini

Date Submitted: 11/04/2020 08:26 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I want to show my support for Agenda Item 15, for City Council investigating public housing as a solution for our houseless neighbors. This is a step in the right direction and the right use of our tax dollars.

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Name: Dori Cohen

Date Submitted: 11/04/2020 08:34 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Considering the amount of our neighbors who are unhoused, considering the amount of our neighbors who are struggling to make their next paycheck or don't have one to look to, considering the systemic issues which lead the unhoused population to be overwhelmingly bipoc, considering we are a city who the world looks to to represent a forward-facing view of society, we need to closely study this issue of how to support our neighbors with government housing. Crucially and quickly. I lost a family member who struggled with homelessness and drug addiction; unable to get the help she needed for mental health issues borne of these aforementioned struggles and others, she committed suicide. She was my big sister and biggest champion and every day my heart hurts for her loss. Please do what we can to help our unhoused neighbors; lives are on the line.

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Name: Bintu

Date Submitted: 11/04/2020 08:35 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I've been working with students and educators for the past year or so and we all agree - LA should turn every empty building, every empty lot that the government owns into social housing. Even 'underused' property should be used. Why are suffering people left abandoned in the streets - especially during a pandemic? Even without the pandemic, a country should be able to take care of its people.

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Name: Erin

Date Submitted: 11/04/2020 09:08 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm commenting in support of Agenda Item 15! We need more housing. Please please we need to be doing everything we can to ensure more public housing.

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Name: Alana

Date Submitted: 11/04/2020 09:10 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I urge city council to support additional funding and new plans for social housing. LA has far too few public housing programs to accommodate for the ever growing waitlist of people, families, and children in need of housing. The number of people in need of housing continues to grow exponentially due to gentrification, displacement, and the covid recession, with no additional solutions or programs offered to address this increasing need. We need to care for all Angelenos, especially those most at risk, in order to secure a successful future for our city. Thank you.

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Name: Janel

Date Submitted: 11/04/2020 09:14 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to urge city council supports social housing by committing to agenda item 15.

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Name: Xanthe Scheps

Date Submitted: 11/04/2020 09:17 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: We are in the midst of many crises in our city- homelessness, housing insecurity in the face of a pandemic this council has failed to effectively respond to, job loss, etc. This item would be an actual, positive step towards addressing the many issues facing our city. I strongly, strongly encourage the council to vote in support. We cannot continue to try criminalizing our way out of problems- it just doesn't work. And not trying to call things before they're done, but this would be some great practice for when Nithya Raman is on this council fighting for the people like so many of you council members refuse to do.

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Name: Brittani Nichols

Date Submitted: 11/04/2020 09:21 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support this effort. We need more affordable housing as city council has failed to maintain affordability in this city. The interconnected struggles of the homelessness crisis, lack of worker protections, and lack of rental protections have created an increasingly hostile environment for anyone seeking affordable housing in this city. Stop playing into the hands of developers, freeze rent, cancel rent, pass an eviction moratorium, and take a stand for your constituents. Do not leave community advocates and residents out of these conversations.

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Name: Sophia Li

Date Submitted: 11/04/2020 09:23 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Thank you Councilmember Mike Bonin for introducing Item 15 on today's agenda. I am writing to express my strong support for Item 15 and increasing social housing throughout Los Angeles. Unlike the atrocity of a motion that was discussed last week and continued to November 24, this motion would actually help get to the core of what is needed to address LA's homeless crisis: housing. LA absolutely needs a homes guarantee, and this motion presents an opportunity to expand social housing stock in every council district. Not only could this motion help diversify communities and make Los Angeles' housing system less segregated, it would also be an important first step to meeting the urgent need for affordable housing among LA's low-income renters.

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Name: Rylee

Date Submitted: 11/04/2020 09:23 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of item 15. Social housing is crucial for creating a better future for LA. I strongly encourage the motion to further explore social housing solutions and how to best implement them. The council must continue to look towards actual solutions to address the housing affordability and homelessness crisis in our county. This item represents a step in that direction.

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Name: Natalie Nguyen

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Name: Catie Disabato

Date Submitted: 11/04/2020 09:30 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to urge you to commit to researching social housing, in favor of the motion in item 15 today!

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Name: Catherine Disabato

Date Submitted: 11/04/2020 09:31 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to urge you to pass the motion in item 15 and commit to researching social housing!

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Name: Celeste Voce

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Comments for Public Posting: Speaking both as an individual and as a homeowner in the city of Los Angeles, I would love to see the option of Social (aka Public) Housing studied and hopefully implemented. This is an area where LA seriously lacks behind other major cities and it is a good and necessary first step toward addressing some of the problems of housing affordability and access in this city.

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Name: Nitzan Barlev

Date Submitted: 11/04/2020 09:47 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly SUPPORT this motion. The demand for public housing is more urgent than ever. Social housing can bring unhoused people into decent homes and keep low income folks from losing their housing. Please call on the city to create this much need housing immediately. This is purely a motion for a study- it's a no brainer! Please give us social housing in LA! We have people sick and dying and suffering out on the streets. People who are constantly being threatened by the potential loss of their home. We need an urgent infusion of humanity in our city.

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Name: Elaine

Date Submitted: 11/04/2020 09:57 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is a no-brainer. I urge the full Council, especially my rep Mr. Paul Krekorian, to pass this and to require quick feedback. Homes are the first step in solving homelessness. The city and county hold solutions in terms of dedicating government-owned vacant or underused property into social housing and/or permanent supportive housing. If you truly want to solve the crisis that plagues our city you need to take this ACTION now. Thank you.

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Name: Chase Engelhardt

Date Submitted: 11/04/2020 10:12 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, I strongly support this motion. Social housing is an incredible tool, and is utilized in countries like Norway, that have ended homelessness. I listened to public comment about the ordinance last week that sought to criminalized poverty and my blood boiled as I thought about all of the times that we've had opportunities to actually address the root cause of homelessness and they've faced fierce NIMBY opposition. Los Angeles is the third most rent burdened city in the Country and we direly need radical action to rectify the housing crisis. This is a small, but pivotal step in that direction. Thank you, Chase Engelhardt