

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Thank you for investing some of LAPD's over inflated budget in underserved communities. We appreciate the effort to look at the needs of our community. Our group The Sidewalk Project sees the absolute desperation of our most vulnerable people on a daily basis in our streets. Last week we saw a woman try to commit suicide in the street in front of police station in Skid Row. We watched another police car drive right past her and do nothing. We jumped in and intervened while the police offered no assistance. This is every day. While we are happy to see efforts being put into supporting street infrastructure in underprivileged areas, it is just a start. What we have been asking for repeatedly is financial support for mental health, housing & harm reduction, as well as other community based wellness services. If streets are going to be supported in Skid Row we need consistent maintenance and additional amenities like hygiene stations, cooling stations, trees, shade structures. Poor communities/communities of color bear the brunt of climate change and so special attention must be paid to the vulnerabilities of folks in Skid Row and the Urban Heat Island effect. Thank you for what you are doing. Please be innovative and keep going. We need your leadership and appreciate you protecting our community. With respect, Natasha AKA Soma Snakeoil
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