

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not approve motion 44, or moving two vacant plots of land from the Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency over to SoLa. SAJE has been a part of organizing against this development organization, and they're incredibly insidious. While on the surface they seem to be a Black-owned business who gives back to the South LA community and even empowers the youth through scholarships; more subcutaneously, they abuse tenants through lack of their right of privacy, rodent and roach infestations that top ignored, severe habitability issues that go ignored, verbal harassmnet, illegal rent increases, and eviction. We've been carrying out an organizing plan against SoLa for the past couple of years, and it's terribly sad to see that they've gone under the public's radar, and that they're even considering being supported by this motion that would only put more tenants in danger. This is an era of racial justice where we should we empowering the Black community, including Black business owners. But SoLa is committed to abuse, harassment, and coercion, rather than the liberation and dignity of their own community members. Do qualitative research and listen to SoLa tenants before you support them. Don't make this mistake.