Communication from Public

Name:	Renee Mochkatel
Date Submitted:	09/24/2020 08:00 PM
Council File No:	20-1179
Comments for Public Posting:	I strongly support Mitch O'Farrell's motion to explore feasibility of reopening of the Cole rec center as a temporary emergency shelter. We must take care of everyone living in LA. It is shameful not to take care of our unhoused neighbors.

Communication from Public

Name:	Jill Bauman
Date Submitted:	09/24/2020 10:30 PM
Council File No:	20-1179
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Jill Bauman. I am the President & CEO of Imagine LA, an organization dedicated to ending the cycle of homelessness and poverty. I would like to voice my support of the CAO's office to explore the feasibility of re-opening the Cole Recreation Center as a temporary emergency shelter.

Communication from Public

Name:	Peggy Baily
Date Submitted:	09/24/2020 06:46 PM
Council File No:	20-1179
Comments for Public Posting:	I would like strongly urge the reopening of the Cole Recreation Center for purposes of serving as a temporary emergency shelter for our VERY VULNERABLE homeless neighbors. Mitch O'Farrell has the right idea that we need to take care of one another and make the most of resources ALREADY AVAILABLE to us to provide emergency shelter to those who are living on the street. The Cole Rec Center is just that safe and available resource that is sitting and waiting to be put to good use. Please please make this a priority. Thank you, Peggy Baily, LCSW

Communication from Public

Name:	Elizabeth Mitchell
Date Submitted:	09/24/2020 03:40 PM
Council File No:	20-1179
Comments for Public Posting:	LA Alliance for Human Rights is in support of this motion to re-open the Cole Recreation Shelter as a temporary shelter.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 09/24/2020 04:37 PM

Council File No: 20-1179

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of the City of Los Angeles and I support further exploring the feasibility of reopening the Hollywood Recreation Center located at 1122 Cole Avenue. As the Coronavirus has become a health concern, many of our unhoused neighbors have faced cutbacks on services, such as food, showers, laundry, and shelter as facilities limit or close completely as a safety precaution. As an individual who works in services provided to unhoused individuals I have seen how the recent closure of soup kitchens, gyms, libraries, and even some parks have greatly harmed the unhoused population. Unhoused individuals have few places to go to safely rest and stay out of the heat. This will lead to more individuals congregating in the few spaces that are available, thus creating an increase chance of an individual contracting Coronavirus. In addition, it will begin to get colder soon which will put the unhoused population at a greater risk of increased health risks and put a strain on the emergency rooms of hospitals dealing with Coronavirus cases. It is of the utmost importance to expand the use of recreation centers as shelters for the unhoused population. The shelter should not be utilized for daily community uses, such as recreational classes or meeting areas for local community organizations anyway due to the current social distancing guidelines issued by Governor Gavin Newsom. The recreation center's only use should be to provide shelter to our unhoused neighbors. Not utilizing the recreation center as shelter for the unhoused population helps no one and puts the Hollywood community, housed and unhoused, at greater risk of contracting Coronavirus. It would be completely irresponsible to not utilize the Hollywood Recreation Center located at 1122 Cole Avenue as shelter for our unhoused neighbors.

Communication from Public

Name:	Kate Kornberg
Date Submitted:	09/24/2020 04:46 PM
Council File No:	20-1179
Comments for Public Posting:	I live and work within the 90038 zip code, and I fully support the re-opening of the Cole Recreation Center as a temporary shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness. While the rest of us may stay in our homes to keep ourselves safe during this pandemic, our unhoused neighbors do not have this option, and instead remain unprotected and vulnerable on our streets. It is vital that we care for our unhoused neighbors now more than ever in these unprecedented times, and the Cole Recreation Center would provide much-needed safety and respite for the folks in our neighborhood who need it most.