

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: As a community member invested in the well-being of our neighbors experiencing homelessness, I would like to see the Hollywood Recreation Center at 1122 Cole Avenue, transformed from an empty building during the pandemic into a safe and welcoming space for interim housing for anyone in Hollywood experiencing homelessness. Even if that extends past the safer at home orders mandated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Homelessness has been and continues to be a crisis. We need to use every space and resource available to provide shelter, continuity of services and care, and dignity to those who are not as fortunate as most of us to have a home. As you move forward with this process we hope you will keep the Hollywood Recreation Center, and every other viable space, at the forefront of your mind when thinking about how we can move people off the streets and into housing that offers hope, the dignity of proper hygiene with clean restrooms and showers, and access to life-saving services. Our neighbors on the streets are constituents. They are a part of our community. Let's keep their health and lives a priority. Thank you, Jo Ann Lesser