

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of PATH (People Assisting The Homeless), we urge the Council to prioritize building more storage options for people experiencing homelessness, rather than directing City staff to penalize our neighbors for lacking those options. No one wants to be homeless. When someone falls into homelessness, the natural response is to try to retain and accumulate any items that might be necessary for survival. With enough storage options, operated equitably across the City and especially in areas of high need, individuals would take the opportunity to safely store their belongings and keep public rights-of-way accessible for people of every housing status. Ultimately, all of us prefer to store our belongs in a stable, permanent home. We encourage the Council focus first on constructing housing and storage space that meets the City's needs, before considering a motion like this one that only pushes people further away from City services. Thank you.