

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: The Downtown Women’s Center (DWC) respectfully urges the Housing & Homelessness Committee to support the motion to provide LAHSA with a bridge loan while the City awaits HHAP 6 funding from the state. Like many service providers across Los Angeles, DWC has continued to deliver life-saving care, despite ongoing delays in contract execution and reimbursement. More than a month into the new fiscal year, most of DWC's contracts with LAHSA remain unexecuted, requiring us to front significant costs to sustain essential programming. This funding uncertainty adds strain on already stretched resources and creates challenges for long-term planning, staff retention, and most importantly, continuity of care. The proposed bridge loan would help stabilize the provider network at a time when stability is urgently needed, both for organizations and the people we serve. Every day, women and gender-diverse individuals experiencing homelessness turn to DWC for safety, connection, and support — from housing and health care to basic needs and employment services. With timely support from both the City and the County, we can continue meeting people where they are with dignity and respect. Thank you for your leadership and partnership.