

Communication from Public

Name: Zeke Sandoval

Date Submitted: 08/31/2021 01:20 PM

Council File No: 21-0002-S149

Comments for Public Posting: Good morning, this is Zeke Sandoval, speaking on behalf of PATH (People Assisting The Homeless). We first want to register our support for Items 21 and 23, and thank you to the councilmembers for bringing those items forward. All of us want a safe and secure place to store our belongings, regardless of our housing status. Providing more storage sites for people experiencing homelessness is the right thing to do, and it streamlines the housing process PATH and our partners work on every day. We also want to state our strong support for Item 45 and urge the Council to support Senate Bill 679. The proposed LA County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency would utilize a comprehensive county-wide approach and unique funding mechanisms to protect, preserve, and create badly needed affordable housing. PATH is now one of the largest statewide nonprofit homelessness service providers, but we started here in LA back in 1983, so we've seen the housing shortage continue to constrict working class families and push thousands out onto the streets. There's of course a disproportionate impact on Black and brown families, whose housing options are still restricted from decades of federal and local discrimination. SB 679 is an important step to chart a new direction for LA affordable housing, so we urge the Council to support the bill through this motion. Thank you.

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Name: Harry S. Sherman-Interfaith Solidarity Network

Date Submitted: 08/31/2021 01:27 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello Councilmembers, It is clear that the hard work that we've put in, to solve the homeless crisis in Los Angeles has not reaped many rewards. The work is piecemeal, we are not doing enough and lack of affordable housing is making things worse. We believe that creating a special agency will add a much needed, cohesive pathway to solutions. The only way to fix this is to work together, and SB679 would be a major step in the right direction. We strongly urge you to support the motion and help to boost SB679 in Sacramento. Thank you, Harry Sherman Board member Interfaith Solidarity Network

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Date Submitted: 08/31/2021 08:59 AM

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Please contact Robin Rudisill, Chair of the CSPNC Planning Committee; at 310-721-2343 should you have any questions related to this letter and resolution.

Sincerely,

Doug Epperhart, President

On behalf of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board

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Name: Joanne Preece, Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County (CCALAC)

Date Submitted: 08/31/2021 09:00 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County (CCALAC), I am writing in strong support of SB 679. CCALAC represents 64 nonprofit community clinics and health centers that operate more than 350 sites throughout Los Angeles County and serve over 1.7 million low-income, uninsured, and underserved individuals each year. Health centers in Los Angeles County serve over 75,000 people experiencing homelessness annually and provide programs designed to address their needs, including street medicine services, housing referrals, and food distribution. SB 679 offers a way to bring all of LA County together to support low income renters, preserve existing affordable housing, and create new affordable housing in every community across the region. The Agency will be able to both support existing affordable housing efforts as well as invest in new innovative solutions that allow us to create housing faster and at lower cost. We urge the Council to support this motion and send the message to Sacramento that we need bold solutions like LACAHS.

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Name: Tommy Newman

Date Submitted: 08/31/2021 09:04 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The United Way of Greater L.A. is in strong support of this resolution, and SB679 because it offers a way to bring all of L.A. County together to support low income renters, preserve existing affordable housing, and create new affordable housing in every community across the region. The Agency will be able to both support existing affordable housing efforts as well as invest in new innovative solutions that allow us to create housing faster and at lower cost. We urge the Council to support this motion and send the message to Sacramento that we need bold solutions like LACAHS

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Name: Marielle Kriesel
Date Submitted: 08/31/2021 10:01 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing on behalf of Disability Community Resource Center in Los Angeles. DCRC is a nonprofit source of local community and statewide advocacy and social services provision serving intersectional, cross-disability residents across the lifespan living in Los Angeles County. We are in strong support of SB679 because it offers a way to bring all of L.A. County together to support low income renters, preserve existing affordable housing, and create new affordable, universally accessible housing in every community across the region. The Agency will be able to both support existing affordable housing efforts as well as invest in new innovative solutions that allow us to create housing faster and at lower cost. We urge the Council to support this motion and send the message to Sacramento that we need bold solutions like LACAHSAs. Thank you, Marielle Kriesel, Advocacy Manager, Disability Community Resource Center.

Communication from Public

Name: Daniel Tamm

Date Submitted: 08/31/2021 10:26 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Councilmembers, I write on behalf if Interfaith Solidarity Network. We are a 54-partner consortium of churches, mosques, synagogues and temples in Los Angeles who strongly support SB 679 (Kamlager) / Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency. We ask that you vote "Aye" to affirm this morning that a means of bringing real, tangible progress to the preservation and production of affordable housing is at hand in Sen. Kamlager's SB 679. Let's do something real to stem the inflow into homelessness. Let's do something real by resolving to support a comprehensive, regional approach to affordable housing. Let's do something real for the dignity of every person and the right to a clean, safe home that they can afford to purchase and live in. Thanks for all that you do. -Daniel Tamm, Chair, Interfaith Solidarity Network