

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Westside Regional Alliance of Councils

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**Comments for Public Posting:** In regard to CF 21-0002-S195, the following is the adopted position of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), a coalition of all 14 neighborhood and community councils on the Westside of Los Angeles, calling for full utilization of the Lanterman-Petrus-Short Act by the City and County of Los Angeles: “Severely mentally ill persons in Los Angeles, who are unable to avail themselves of current public services, are dying on our streets. We demand the City of Los Angeles collaborate with the County of Los Angeles to fully utilize the Lanterman-Petrus-Short Act, including section 5150 and fast-track conservatorships of these individuals, to enable life-saving care. Further, we ask that the city add to its legislative program a demand that the State Legislature provide funds to the county to create as many fully-staffed psychiatric beds as necessary to properly house and treat these individuals.” See also the WRAC position letter of November 22, 2021: <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/WRAC-5150-Motion.pdf>.  
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