

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Doug Barnes

**Date Submitted:** 02/11/2021 01:13 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0063

**Comments for Public Posting:** As someone who has spent hours looking for vacant publicly owned buildings on the city's websites, I feel very strongly that the city needs to get a viable up to date list of facilities made public that includes their condition, square footage and other information needed to assess their usefulness to house the unhoused now. Doug Barnes

## Communication from Public

**Name:** helen eigenberg  
**Date Submitted:** 02/11/2021 09:56 AM  
**Council File No:** 21-0063  
**Comments for Public Posting:** We are in a homelessness crisis. we must explore every option the city has to get folks housed and with services when needed. i support this motion .

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sonia Suresh

**Date Submitted:** 02/11/2021 11:23 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** On Item 7, SAJE is in support. We know available land is a large factor in what has led to lack of affordable housing as well as the rising numbers of evictions and homelessness. We believe that public land should be used for public good and that land already in the hands of the government should be low hanging fruit for addressing the lack of affordable housing. We appreciate the new urgency and different criteria being used to look at the land available. We are urging the council to act on the report in a timely manner. We are also advocating for the identified land to continue to be held by the government and to be considered for CLTs or social housing later once long term plans are established for these sites.



My name is Sonia Suresh, I am with Strategic Actions for a Just Economy (SAJE). SAJE works for community-serving economic development, tenant rights and access to healthy and affordable housing for all. I am providing public comment on items 1 (council file 20-0102), 7 (council file 21-0063) and 8 (council file 20-1552).

On Item 1, SAJE is in support of establishing a right to housing framework which will address many of the systemic issues that have led to our current housing crisis. As part of SAJE's housing decommodification work we are working towards establishing housing as a human right, not as a means for profit. City established RTH framework will provide us with the institutional support needed to enact this decommodification work successfully.

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On Item 8, again we are in support for the use of public land for affordable housing. We also would like to uplift our partners at the El Sereno Community Land Trust call for the land to be transferred to them. CLTS are a more equitable and sustainable option and the land should be in the hands of the community who have been organizing for this.

Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tieira R.

**Date Submitted:** 02/11/2021 08:07 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Caltrans can never be allowed to hold onto property this long and keep it vacant, especially during a housing crisis. We need to seize more public property and get to work so it can be used for affordable housing, both rent and homeownership for residents that fall within the working class, students, seniors, etc!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tieira

**Date Submitted:** 02/11/2021 08:10 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Support this motion. Please consider shutting down the Santa Monica airport, have the city attorney seize the airport for affordable housing only use! LA city owns 17 acres and Santa Monica owns the rest, SM does not want to use the airport in this housing cycle but we must! Please have the attorney take them to court! <https://htwws.org/santamonicaairport/>

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Marilyn Wells

**Date Submitted:** 02/11/2021 10:55 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Motion (De Leon - Raman) relative to the underutilization of City-owned properties and the feasibility of using them for temporary or permanent homeless housing. It's imperative that we have more housing available for our unhoused neighbors. Utilizing underutilized City owned property. Even temporary is a smart way to proceed. Tiny homes can be set down and picked up and they DO NOT need all of the city regulations that are costly and unnecessary. Save housing is better than a sidewalk. They aren't ugly, I've seen them. It can be done well. We have 8 churches that are interested but it must happen sooner than not!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** End Homelessness Now-LA

**Date Submitted:** 02/11/2021 10:44 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0063

**Comments for Public Posting:** End Homelessness Now-LA endhomelessnessnowla@gmail.com  
February 11, 2021 Re: CF 21-0063 - Identifying City-Owned Properties for Homeless Housing Statement in support of Councilman Kevin De Leon and Nithya Raman's motion regarding re-assessment of all of the City's vacant and under-used property as to said property's suitability for housing. We (End Homelessness Now LA / EHN-LA) are astonished and delighted that the Council has finally begun to look at the homelessness problem in Los Angeles for what it is – a crisis of epic proportion that requires immediate, urgent response. For months we searched Controller Galperin's lists of city properties and tried to get access to lists of other city departments' vacant and under-used properties in an attempt to identify properties that might be suitable for permanent, supportive housing. And we have pursued a growing and relentless campaign to get the city to create permanent, supportive, PUBLIC and SOCIAL housing. Since the middle of 2018 we have seen excellent proposals from numerous entities presented to the Poverty and Homelessness Committee. While we were still able to attend those meetings in person, we watched as committee members failed to respond to those proposals with any sense of urgency and barely any interest as the numbers of homeless folks continued to rise. We also watched as the City squandered the billion plus dollars of HHH bond money approved by the voters with little more than a few hundred units of permanent supported housing to show for it four years later. This is not the City's property and it is not the City's money; it is the people's property and the people's money and the people want to see housing. This motion from DeLeon and Raman and Councilman Bonin's motion to pursue the feasibility of social housing in Los Angeles are finally moving the City in the direction and with the urgency with which homelessness in Los Angeles needs to be addressed. You – the City Council – must proceed on both of these motions with the great alacrity they deserve. We have seen the private / public model to create housing fail on every level. It costs too much, it is too slow, and the number of units being built is shamefully meager. Use the City's property and the City's clout to make housing happen. BUILD IT !! OWN IT!! RUN IT!! NOW!!!



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