

Communication from Public

Name: Rachel Hastings Saunders

Date Submitted: 03/25/2021 09:10 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I'd like to give a general comment in advance of this morning's Homelessness & Poverty Committee meeting. I, like many other residents of Los Angeles, am disgusted by what I saw unfold at Echo Park Lake last night. The fact that the city would spend tens - maybe hundreds - of thousands of dollars to displace unhoused individuals is infuriating, especially considering that the narrative surrounding Project Roomkey has been that there isn't enough funding to expand it. Shame on all of you for using city resources to further traumatize our unhoused neighbors. Shame on you for displacing them, potentially cutting them off from any non-government service providers who'd been working to help them. And shame on you for doing all of this during an ongoing pandemic, considering that CDC guidance specifically states that displacing people increases the risk of spreading COVID-19. Your job is to serve the people, whether they're housed or not, and you're failing. Sincerely, Rachel Hastings Saunders

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Name: Sam sachs

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Comments for Public Posting: Shame on Mitch O'Farrell and this city council.... the lack of urgency to provide services and housing to unhoused is especially stark when compared to the urgency this council has when trying to displace these folks. How much did it cost to arrest and kettle 182 people do using a flashlight... what an awful abuse of rights and waste of money. Commandeer the hotels, use the endless pool of fema money at your fingertips...

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Name: C. Robert Dimitri

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Comments for Public Posting: I live in Mar Vista, and I'm writing to let you know that I support safe camping at the rec center. The unhoused people in our community are neglected and receive insufficient care. I have seen multiple people sleeping on sidewalks within a block of my home without the benefit of tents, and this has increased measurably in the last year. I want appropriate, HUMANE solutions and funding within our city infrastructure to address this issue, because the current available shelters do not come close to accommodating them. I do not want sweeps. I do not want actions that prevent them from having access to sanitation facilities. Folks, this is exactly what government SHOULD be doing: protecting the vulnerable among us. Not ignoring or abusing them or making them even more vulnerable.

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Name: Caron Clancey

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Comments for Public Posting: This is in regards to the City Council Meeting at 10am on 3/31/2021. The lies are unacceptable. People calling in to say there's misinformation and then proceeding to LIE. People are NOT all in shelters. This is a lie. These "humane solutions" are more prison like than anything. Unhoused neighbors need more community, not less. The people receiving services need the opportunity for self determination, not prisoner/child like restrictions. You have completely broken the trust of the unhoused community. Your offers, however good, will not be taken seriously if you continue to abuse, lie, and deceive all of your constituents. Unless you have 66k rooms available to offer (you are free at any time to take advantage of that FEMA money which you refuse to vote on), you cannot allow sweeps. We are making it a crime to be too poor AND too visible. If these people hid in the shadows where society couldn't see them, none of these people would care. The city treats our unhoused citizens as second class citizens. We need to stop OTHERING unhoused people, STEP ONE.