

## Communication from Public

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RE: Position Letter in **FAVOR** of Council File 21-0307-S1

ABRA supports the motion to approve additional funds to provide Portable Hygiene Stations for those experiencing homelessness.

In our local community of Sunland-Tujunga, we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of unhoused people. We have seen a proportional rise in prejudice and judgment directed at this vulnerable population. A certain segment of the community is quick to label the unhoused as “druggies” or “vermin” that should be “rounded up and sent to the Mojave Desert.” ABRA vehemently believes that such talk is counterproductive and has no place. Rather, we should be looking for solutions that recognize the basic human rights and dignity of *all* of our community members, including the unhoused.

We believe that providing Portable Hygiene Stations to our city’s unhoused is the most basic step we can take in acknowledging their humanity and dignity. In fact, ABRA would be in favor of also providing showers, basic medical/dental/vision care, and mental health services. While there are those who perceive providing such services as “enabling” unhoused folks who “don’t really want help,” ABRA disagrees. The fact is that when we uplift and care for our most vulnerable, *everyone* ultimately benefits.

In that spirit, we ask that you support this motion and consider expanding services provided. We would be heartened to see Portable Hygiene Stations and more available to our unhoused neighbors. ABRA also encourages the City Council members to pursue continuing to provide these services beyond June of 2022.