

Communication from Public

Name: Eloda Linehan

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Comments for Public Posting: Please use some of the budget to solve the homelessness crisis. Provide money for permanent housing such as modular units or use vacant buildings. Also, provide mental health facilities where people can be taken for 72 hours or more. Homelessness must end. Get the people off the streets now. Everyone's health and safety is involved.

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Name: THE Kingdom Warriors Foundation

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Comments for Public Posting: I applied for Director of Equity Jan 2020. LAHSA never replied , Now LAHSA is looking for Director of Permanent Housing without fulfilling the Director of Equity. Under the direction of the Deputy Chief of Systems, the Director of Permanent Housing oversees the programmatic budgeting and performance management of LAHSA's Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Rapid Rehousing (RRH), and Recovery Rehousing (RecRH) programs to ensure maximum utilization and impact of these resources across Los Angeles County. The Director of Permanent Housing will work closely with LAHSA's public partners including the LA County Departments of Mental Health (DMH) and Health Services (DHS), public housing authorities, and housing departments to ensure coordination across all permanent housing programs within the county. Essential Duties and Responsibilities: Ensure that Los Angeles has a strong, nimble, and well-coordinated rehousing system by ensuring maximum utilization of all resources and strong collaboration with other systems of care Strategically deploy resources to combat racial disparities in homelessness and cultivate strong partnerships with community providers to support healthy communities Establish equitable and effective methodologies for management and oversight of LAHSA's PSH, RRH, and RecRH contracts Lead Housing Central Command, LAHSA's initiative to utilize real-time awareness of LA's permanent supportive housing (PSH) portfolio across all jurisdictions and funding streams to drive efficiencies in the match-to-move-in timeline Oversee and monitor Continuum of Care investments in PSH and RRH, as well as all investments in RRH, and RecRH portfolios This is a newly created position. LAHSA offers a competitive salary and comprehensive benefits package. People of color are strongly encouraged to apply. Application Deadline: Friday, May 21, 2021 As qualified housing navigators, we were not given equal employment for HMIS and COC services for the homeless. Case # 19STCV38538 Appeals B310891 Commission board was notified on September 17, 2020 of the systemic racism in New Funding Contracts from LAHSA for a specific race. LAHSA is publicly posting "DIVERSE" positions yet decline applications from qualifying African Americans. The LAHSA Commission Board & Richard Llewellyn expressed the certain organization

will not be "touching LAHSA's Money" according to Llewellyn. The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority has been biased in their proceeding And practices due to systematic racism that they currently engage in. In August The Kingdom Warriors Foundation applied for RFSQ First time Funding with LAHSA on August 2, 2019. In August, a month prior to elections, Mello Desire submitted a request for proposals for LAHSA New Funding Projects. After submitting required documents such as Tax exempt (ITEM #14) and 501 c(3) certificate (ITEM #5) and 3 COMPLAINT COC bio (ITEM #18), the Funding Team headed by Heidi Marston, sent a denial letter on Aug 30th with several inaccuracies. Immediately, the LAHSA Commission Board was notified at their next meeting September 2019. Booker Pearson stated he "hears" the complaint but can not do anything about it. The Kingdom Warriors Foundation applied for HMIS training for the third time on May 21 in which Gladis Munguia denied HMIS training May 26, 2020 per Genchev and Marston instruction. LAHSA COMMISSION LAHSA is governed by a politically appointed, 10-member Commission. Five members are selected by the County Board of Supervisors and five are chosen by the Mayor and City Council. Our Commission has the authority to make budgetary, funding, planning and program policies. Commission meetings are held at 9am on the fourth Friday of each month, except during November and December, when they are held on the third Friday of the month. COUNTY MEMBERS CONFIRMED BY THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SARAH DUSSEAUT Appointed by Supervisor Barger IRENE MURO Appointed by Supervisor Hahn JACQUELINE WAGGONER Appointed by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas CITY MEMBERS CONFIRMED BY THE L.A. CITY COUNCIL MITCH KAMIN Appointed by Mayor Garcetti Vice Chair KELLI BERNARD Appointed by Mayor Garcetti WENDY GREUEL Appointed by Mayor Garcetti BOOKER PEARSON The funding for housing the homeless is what we request to apply for from LA City and would like to do so without having to go through the only LaCOC recipients LAHSA again. David Osum Carrter

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Presiding Judge Eric C. Taylor
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CENTRAL DISTRICT

MELLO R. DESIRE

Plaintiff

vs.

LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES
AUTHORITY

Defendant

Case No.: 19STCV38538

TRANSCRIPTS

Judge Barbara Meiers.

Dept 12

August 18, 2020

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Gene Williams: representing the L-A-H-S-A.

Judge Barbara Meiers: Alright, the LAHSA being what? She's called the Defendant The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority. What entity are you representing?

Gene Williams: The LAHSA is the Homeless Services Authority

Judge Barbara Meiers: The LAHS as in Sam, Authority, homeless, Services Authority

Gene Williams: Homeless Services Authority.

Judge Barbara Meiers: on the Plaintiff side, you want to come up and make your appearance please. What entity in the Kingdom of Warriors? Are you a corporation or DBA? Or what?

Dr. Mello Desire: We are a corporation.

Judge Barbara Meiers: : So you must be a DBA? Whose DBA is it?

Dr. Mello R. Desire: So we're under CA statutes, a Corporation Secretary of State , yes

Judge Barbara Meiers: So it has been filed and established as a corporation standing alone. Dr. Mello R. Desire: Yes.

Judge Barbara Meiers: (to Gene Williams) on the phone do you agree that this is the case?

Gene Williams: Your honour, I dont have reason to doubt that, No I have not

4 Judge Barbara Meiers: Alright, I dont understand, if the corporation is the one that has been
5 injured, we have your name also as a plaintiff?

6 Dr. Mello Desire: we are one in the same.

7 Judge Barbara Meiers: Alright, the hearing on defendant's LAHSA motion for judgement on the
8 pleadings is advanced and continued to August 18, 2020 at 1:30pm in this department. I have the
9 complaint. Going right through the prayers and relief. You are complaining here that you know,
10 certain things happened....

11 Dr. Mello R. Desire: We were discriminated against –

12 Judge Barbara Meiers: WHATEVER!

13 Dr. Mello R. Desire: We literally applied for the New Funding Projects from LAHSA and they
14 didn't even follow their own policies and procedures for the process.

15 Judge Barbara Meiers: Alright, but then there are I assume there are administrative remedies,
16 ways to appeal what occurred.

17 Dr. Mello R. Desire : Yes.

18 Judge Barbara Meiers :Did you appeal it?

19 Dr. Mello R. Desire: We appealed it to the LAHSA commission board. Yes. It's in the
20 complaint.

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21 *Judge Barbara Meiers begins to shuffle through the exhibits bypassing the 8 page complaint*
22 *appeals board letter altogether.*

23 Judge Barbara Meiers: I'm looking. I don't see anything that says that an appeals was filed. And
24 this what happened with the appeal.

25 Dr. Mello R. Desire: What version do you have? Do you this amended complaint?

26 Judge Barbara Meiers: I have the complaint. I have no knowledge of it. You're suppose to filing
courtesy copies of things with the court.

Dr. Mello R. Desire: I did. On May 15th.

Plaintiff proceeds to hand Judge Barbara Meiers another copy of the complaint and appeal.

Dr. Mello R. Desire: A copy was also given to Abeline January, she is the civil division
supervisor for Kathy Morales who took our initial ---

4 Judge Barbara Meiers: I have no idea what your talking about. It's your job to deliver to the
5 department.

6 Dr Mello R. Desire: And we did your honor. We put it in the dropbox as well on May 15th --

7 Judge Barbara Meiers: What dropbox?

8 Dr. Mello R. Desire; The dropbox in front of superior courthouse.

9 Judge Barbara Meiers: No here!

10 Dr. Mello R. Desire: It wasn't opened here ma'am. Due to the lockdown on May 15th
11 it was closed due to COVID.

12 Judge Barbara Meiers: WHATEVER! I am raiding these points,

13 Dr. Mello R. Desire: ok.

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15 Judge Barbara Meiers: you need to respond to them during the time frame that I indicated by
giving me something that is common. I can't understand what you're saying here.

16 Dr. Mello R. Desire: What is it that you don't understand , your honor?

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18 Judge Barbara Meiers: I don't understand anything. So you're gonna have to get some help
in expressing or explaining in your complaint and not with hundreds of pages. I don't want
to 19 anything more than maybe---

20 Dr. Mello R. Desire : This complaint is just over 7 pages long---

21 Judge Barbara Meiers: Well this one has 124 pages filed.

22 Dr. Mello R. Desire: That the exhibits, The complaint is only pages here---

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24 Judge Barbara Meiers: I don't want to see any exhibits -

25 Dr. Mello R.Desire: right judge that's why---

26 Judge Barbara Meiers: And I don't want to anything with a case management conference

Dr. Mello R. Desire: Isn't that why we are here to start the case manage---?

Judge Barbara Meiers: NO! you need file a complaint that is understandable,

Dr. Mello R. Desire: But I did in the 8 page compl----

4 Judge Barbara Meiers: And you should be able to state what the problem is, and what has
happened that you think is wrongful. Maybe 10 pages. Maybe 15 pages. That;s it. I don't need to
see all of the evidence that might be introduced in a trial by means of exhibits. I need a coherent
5 and understandable statement of what the problem is.

6 Dr. Mello R Desire: Right, Judge Meiers, you don't have this? THIS IS 8 PAGES of the
7 complaint.

8 Judge Barbara Meiers: I have the complaint. And What your claim said. There, if you want to
9 attach a copy OK. I don't want to see another 120 some odd page bit of business..

At this point, Judge Barbara Meiers still does not read the 8 page complaint.

Judge B. Meiers: (To Gene Williams on phone)

You filed an answer sir. I don't know why you filed an answer when you asking for a judgment on the pleadings. I don't have that motion in front of me.

Judge Barbara Meiers proceeds to give Gene Williams legal advice on how to steer the case

Judge Barbara Meiers: but, Do you understand the points that the court is making over the phone?

I can't understand you sir. Are you still there?

Gene Williams: I'm still right here.

Judge Barbara Meiers: Do you understand the points, the court has been making here?

Gene Williams: Yes your honor, I do understand each one of your points.

Judge Barbara Meiers: alright so if you concur in knowing what the court is thinking. You should be filing something as she should be filing her opposition.

Gene Williams: Your Honor: This Is Gene Williams. We did not see a copy of the amended complaint just as Dr. Desire has informed me of this amended complaint but we have not seen it nor has she served it.

Judge Barbara Meiers: If you're unable to access the e filings that the court receives, you should be able to locate a copy of it just as I did.

Gene Williams:I will take a look your honor.

Judge Barbara Meiers: would you please? Because that is what I'm going to ask that she address as oppose to the original complaint, umm
So we would not be in a position to set THE trial date, no matter what.

August 18, 2020 - 3 weeks later

Department 12

1:30pm

Stanley Mosk Courthouse

Gene Williams: we are the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.

Judge Barbara Meiers: Alright. And your name please.

Dr. Mello Desire from The Kingdom Warriors Foundation.

Meiers: Alright. I didn't receive any opposition or concurrence with regards to these motions.

Dr. Mello R. Desire: Yes It was filed.

Judge Barbara Meiers: Was it? When?

Dr. Mello R. Desire: Here's a copy right here.

Judge Barbara Meiers: And we have a motion for judgement on the pleadings. I don't know when that's set for hearing.

Bailiff: It's set for today your honor.

Judge Barbara Meiers: Oh. I didn't see that either. Was there an opposition to it?

Dr. Mello R. Desire: Yes. This is it right here. Gene received a copy as well that I just handed.

Baliff: This is copy of the case management statement, your honor.

Judge Barbars Meiers: Im sorry , WHAT? She just handed something to you.

Baliff: This is a copy of the case management statement.

Judge Barbara Meiers: Well I dont have a copy of that in front of me either. 26

Desire: Yes, That is the second amended one, there was 2.

Judge Meiers: Well I don't have a copy of that either. I don't know whom it was given to.

Dr. Mello R. Desire: It was given to a gentleman that was sitting at that desk right there, it wasn't this lady sitting there now.

Baliff hands Judge Meiers a copy of complaint.

Judge Barbara Meiers: I have no idea. Alright, This doesn't seem to help. I have no idea what this is. It doesn't help. Can you give this back to her. This is her copy. and I'll see what I have here.

Dr. Mello R. Desire: Judge, don't you need of summary of why I am here?

Judge Barbara Meiers; No.

Dr. Mello R. Desire: Ok.

Court reporter on the phone: "What s a code for sid? Okie Dokie thank you.

Judge Barbara Meiers: (to Gene Williams on the phone) On the phone, I'm using the e-filings system here to see whatever you folks have been filing.

Dr. Mello R. Desire: well in short it's discrimination, bias practices and violation of code section 242

Judge Barbara Meiers: Ma'am, I don't know what your talking about, please, I'm looking for paperwork.

Gene Williams: The idea that you didn't receive courtesy copies is completely frustrating to me. because our firm practices always extends courtesy copies, so I'm so sure what could have possibly happened there.

Judge Barbara Meiers: Alright, Just a moment. I'm reading. You find this complaint to be unintelligible as I do.

Gene Williams: That's correct your honor

Judge Barbara Meiers: Well. In Novemebr 5, you filed a first amendment complaint. Well, you don't do that ma'am.

Dr. Mello R. Desire:= What do you mean , you honor?

Judge Barbara Meiers: That's not a proper complaint.

Dr. Mello R. Desire: I filed a wrote a summary of the civil rights violations & codes with the proper paperwork. What is not proper? Racism is not proper, I agree.

Judge Barbara Meiers: Just a moment please, ma'am.

Dr. Mello R. Desire: sure.

Judge Barbara Meiers: This was as it was added to the first amended complaint. So, I have the proper document in front of me at that time.

Court Report: (off stage) Is that the one for the hire?

Gene Williams: I still your honor, This is Gene Williams again, I have not gotten any of her 9 responses, the amended complaint nor the opposition for our judgement on the pleadings.

Judge Barbara Meiers. STOP!

Meiers turns to the plaintiff.

Judge Barbara Meiers: Why are you talking?

Dr. Mello R. Desire: Your staff is talking, your honor, It was not I.

Judge Barbara Meiers: Oh Ok, I didn't know where it was coming from. It's distracting. Alright, well the bottom line is, and I'll hear from you Ms. Desire... but or Dr. Desire rather.

Judge Barbara Meiers: Today, I was going to dismiss your case if you did not file.. 17

Dr. Mello R. Desire: I did And I'm handing it to you, and you said you didn't have time to read all of that.

Meiers: case management conference..

Dr. Mello R. Desire. This is why I'm here. This is the letter of discrimination complaint that I filed on October 20, 2019.

Judge Barbara Meiers: I have no such letter.

Dr. Mello R. Desire – Im a so sorry ma'am,

Judge Barbara Meiers: Oct 19th

Dr. Mello R. Desire: Here you go.

Plaintiff hands Judge Meiers a copy of initial complaint.

Dr. Mello R. Desire: In August 30, 2019 I received a letter, request for new funding denial letter.

Judge Barbara Meiers: What are you talking about? Is it part of exhibit or something, or something you filed.

Dr. Mello R. Desire: Yes. It was filed as the initial complaint that you stated that you didn't have time to read.

Judge Barbara Meiers: Well. Sit down please.

Dr. Mello R. Desire: sure.

Judge Barbara Meiers: It is improper. A complaint is not supposed to set forth all of your alleged evidence in the case.

10 Dr. Mello R. Desire: It didn't. This first 3 pages—

11 Judge Barbara Meiers: that's not what it's for. Here is what happened. Here is the law that I
12 think applies... First cause of action that they violated and so forth. Second cause of action, so
13 and so violated whatever...

14 Dr, Mello R. Desire: Wait your honor. This is the complaint. Can I read it, so you can know
15 Why I'm here?

16 Judge Barbara Meiers: NO! I have a first amended complaint in front of me, is that what you're
17 talking about?

18 Dr. Mello R. Desire: No , After that. I sent Gene Williams the same documents that he stated he
19 never received. And I have email confirmation of all of that, your honor. He even ANSWERED
20 to the opposition filed.

Judge Barbara Meiers: Are you talking about this document filed October 28, 2020. 20

21 Dr. Mello R. Desire: No. After that.

22 Judge Barbara Meiers: one in December?

23 Desire: Yes, and one correspondence in June. I sent them a total of 3 emails. Can I talk about
24 why I sued LAHSA in the first place?

25 Judge Barbara Meiers: NO! I don't want to hear it. I want to see an adequate complaint.

26 Dr. Mello R. Desire: Here you go, ma'am , here are these 2 pages.

Judge Barbara Meiers: What ever it is, I have no idea what you're talking about.

Dr. Mello R. Desire: Here is a one page letter of the denial of funding, and LAHSA stated we
have 30 days to "correct" it. and when the 30 days was up, they didn't even honor
reconsideration as they said they would: breech of contract.

Judge Barbara Meiers: This is your case management statement.

5 Dr. Mello R. Desire: We are a homeless engagement organization and we were required to apply
6 for funding from LAHSA. because they are our local governance, a joint powers authority (city,
7 county, state and federal). LAHSA has consistently denied many
8 African American organizations the same economic funding, which is why this case was filed.
9 Violation of the color of law: (Section 242 of Title 18. Then they put together a smear campaign,
10 while I was housing homeless from the encampments. Defamation.

11 October 2019 was the initial complaint filed.

12 Judge Barbara Meiers: So this is your initial complaint?

13 Desire: Yes. LAHSA received on Oct 2019. I just would like to know if we will get to bottom of
14 why I'm here.

15 Judge Barbara Meiers: People can feel very strongly that they've been injured. and You may feel
16 that as a black person, being discriminated against for contracting opportunities is not good. and
17 the "courts" can sympathize with you, But that doesn't give you the right to sue for your civil
18 rights.

19 Dr. Mello R. Desire: It's difficult to find housing for my clients when LAHSA gets in the way 16
20 putting my clients back out on the street. There is a document circulating all over LA
21 COUNTY.

22 I got a phone call from East LA Sheriff Station stating that it was LAHSA and Sheriff Deputy
23 Geoffery Deidrick that made that flyer. this flyer, Judge Meiers is what's floating around
24 with MY face on it. please be aware of security breeches because Mello Desire has entered
25 Project Room Key. Posing as a LAHSA employee. flyer says: please see her photo below,
26 which is my personal picture all over LA County and some of Orange county.

27 Judge Barbara Meiers: You know that this has nothing to do with the lawsuit you have filed.

28 Dr. Mello R. Desire: Of course it does! It's part of the defamation discrimination!

MEIERS: I can't have you address orally now.

If Judge Meiers read the complaint to begin with , there would be no need to address the court orally at the time.

26 Judge Barbara Meiers: On the phone, excuse me sir, do you have anything further on this? I took
advantage of Ms. Desire and I think she wants her day in court. But I can't understand anything
she is trying to say.

Dr. Mello R. Desire: I can't understand this either.

Gene Williams: Your honor. I would like your honor to deny and dismiss her complaint
WITH prejudice so blacks don't have the continued right to sue based on racial discrimination.
She filed which specifically alleged against LAHSA, defamation, slander, biased COC elections,
4 funding rejected for no valid reason, lack of HMIS support. and as a black person, she is
NOT entitled to do that. We believe that because she is given such freedoms as she has
5 today, we need to give her denial so they'd be no reason for her to be coming back.* *AB 395

6 Dr. Desire: I find that very, very insulting..

7 Judge Barbara Meiers: You are not permitted to speak to the other attorney, you are to speak
8 only to the courts.

9 Dr. Mello R. Desire: Yes. Judge, I am here because statel, on August 30, 2019 we applied for
10 LAHSA new funding contracts, we submitted our required RFSQ documents, we submitted our
tax ID info. And 2 days before they were to give the awards, I received a phone call from Heidi

11 Marston who as a former Obama Aide ,was the Chief Program officer for LASHA before she
12 became director. It stated that our organization failed to acquire the required 20 points. Stating
that we didn't have our 501c3, which it WAS submitted. They lied and said we didn't have our
13 tax ID which we submitted, we just need justice.

14 Judge Barbara Meiers: Ok keep your mask on, I'll send you a 'notice of dismissal, thank you.

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16 *Judge Meiers, gets up and leaves the bench to the back chambers.*

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18 Gene Williams: Thank you your honor.

19 Dr. Mello R. Desire: so , we are dismissed?

Bailiff: Yes, You just wait for your response in the mail.

Mello R. Desire: What just happened here?

What just happened here?

Court Reporter: you are now dismissed.

A 170.6 was immediately filed against Meiers in which she would dismiss the 170.6 as well. According to AB 395 since 1858, I had no right as Gene Williams mention to sue for the civil rights of persons of African Descent born on American soil.

California Assembly Bill 395 ~ Negro Exclusion Bill ~ 1858 Ni**er Bill

Mr. President

The Committee on Federal Relations to whom was referred Assembly Bill No 395. Entitled "An Act to restrict and prevent the immigrations to and residence in this State of Negroes and Mulattoes" have had the same under Considerations and beg leave to report. That in the opinions of your Committee a law of this Character has become a necessity in California.

The position of the free negro in this state is a peculiar one, he is not the equal of the white man, socially or politically, **he can not testify in our courts**, or exercise the right of suffrage, hence in our judgment it is not good policy, on our part, to encourage the immigrations, of any class of persons incapable of appreciating and enjoying, to the fullest extent our institutions.

16 The Negro is by nature indolent and in a state of freedom becomes a ready prey to vice,
17 particularly in our large cities. 1 We deem it unnecessary to refer to the conditions of
the
18 free Negro, in portions of our union (?), as a proof of the evil of harboring them here
in
19 our midst.

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21 The presence of the free negro here is a constant source of disquiet, for we are sorry to
22 say, that there is not wanting, a clan of white men, in our state: whom a false
23 philanthropy leads to fasten the ignorant hide of the free negro, so that he becomes
24 insolent and defiant and if in sufficient numbers would become dangerous, as
25 evidenced by recent occurrences in one of our cities 25

26 That there are here in California many worthy and industrious free negroes, your
Committee do not deny, in fact we know many who for industry sobriety and good
conduct, would be a good example to many of our white citizens, but these are
exceptionable instances 2

4 The Bill does not interfere with those free Negroes, already here, but simply requires
5 them to procure a certificate of Registry, from the County Recorder in the County of
6 their residence, to show that they were residents of this state prior to the 1st day of
7 October 1858.

8 This portion of the Bill is necessary to render it Effectual.

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10 Believing therefore that the further immigration of free Negroes and Mulattoes into this
11 state is not desirable, we beg leave to report the Bill back to the Senate and recommend
its passage without amendment.

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13 All of which is respectfully submitted
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15 Senate Chairman
16 of Committee on Federal Relations
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18 Isaac Allen

19 C. E. Thom

20 “Negro Exclusion Bill,” 1858 LP: 1223

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Communication from Public

Name: Matt W

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Comments for Public Posting: I fully stand with SELAH Eagle Rock and many other organizations calling to reallocate funds from the LAPD. Transfer \$1 billion from the police and into permanent public housing that would yield 8,333 units of modular housing at \$120,000 each. Do that every year until the end of the decade, and we will finally end homelessness in Los Angeles. Stop the pretextual and minor traffic stops that harass and kill people of color. [In addition to the salaries involved, lawsuits and settlements from this abuse and these murders cost \$214 million.] Stop using the police to tear down homeless encampments and persecute and criminalize unhoused people. [\$9 million to patrol shelters and \$57 million for encampment sweeps] Stop the waste and the bloating: --over \$500,000 per housing unit with the HHH funding, --over \$100,000 per tool-shed sized tiny home, --millions for temporary congregate shelters that cannot be fully used, --\$2,600 per month per space on parking lot encampments, --31.5% of LAHSA's over \$807 million budget [since 2015-16 LAHSA added 338 new staff and increased its budget by 728%] Instead create permanent modular and innovative public and social housing that only costs \$120.000 per unit.

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Name: Laura Zavala

Date Submitted: 05/19/2021 04:12 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi my name is Laura Zavala and I work with InnerCity Struggle and a supporter with the Make LA Whole Coalition. We want to thank Councilman Price and the members of the Budget and Finance Committee for supporting the working families of Los Angeles. We support the recommendations within the Budget and Finance Committee's report and urge the City Council to adopt it as proposed. This year's budget begins to demonstrate responsible policy-making and reflects the Council's commitment to earmark and use these funds in a manner that truly benefits the under-served within the city of Los Angeles. Thank you. - Laura

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Name: Kristina Irwin

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Kristina Irwin and I am a resident of Council District 5. I am a mother of three young children and am very concerned about their health and safety. We must not allow another Aliso canyon type environmental disaster to occur in Council District 5 due to the lack of proper inspections and maintenance of onsite oil drilling equipment. Given the amount of the City Budget, it is not too much to allocate the proper funding for Inspectors of the oil drilling operations. Protecting the health and safety of all residents of the city is not something that we can afford to delay any longer. I respectfully request you support the funding of the Inspectors for such a high priority item. Thank you Kristina Irwin,

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Name: Ruby Rivera

Date Submitted: 05/19/2021 06:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi my name is Ruby Rivera. I'm the Director of Organizing with InnerCity Struggle and a supporter with the Make LA Whole Coalition. We want to thank Councilman Price and the members of the Budget and Finance Committee for supporting the working families of Los Angeles. We support the recommendations within the Budget and Finance Committee's report and urge the City Council to adopt it as proposed. This year's budget begins to demonstrate responsible policy-making and reflects the Council's commitment to earmark and use these funds in a manner that truly benefits the under-served within Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Yanira Isabel Gonzalez

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi my name is Isabel Gonzalez I'm a resident of South Los Angeles, constituent of Councilman Price and a supporter of the Make LA Whole Coalition. I want to thank Councilman Price and the members of the Budget and Finance Committee for supporting working families of Los Angeles. I support the recommendations within the Budget and Finance Committee's report and urge the City Council to adopt it as proposed. This year's budget begins to demonstrate responsible policy-making and reflects the Council's commitment to earmark and use these funds in a manner that truly benefits the under-served within Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name: Carolina Goodman

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles to strongly urge LA City Councilmembers to allocate additional multi-year funding to the Los Angeles Justice Fund. The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization encouraging informed and active participation in government. It helps shape public policy through education and advocacy. The League of Women Voters of Los Angeles stands strong in its support for SB 54 The California Values Act, which recognizes the contributions of our immigrant community members. While the Mayor's budget does not reflect a commitment to immigrants and due process, we urge leaders like you to move the LA Justice Fund from a pilot program to a permanent one. That pilot has been incredibly successful, providing full scope representation to 568 community members and access to legal services to over 2,000 people. The LA Justice Fund is an essential program that combats racial injustice in our City. Additionally, to truly align with racial justice principles, we strongly urge you to also remove the criminal carve outs from the LAJF structure as their very existence goes against the notion of equity and justice. The disparate racial impacts of the criminal system flow directly into the immigration system; immigrants of color bear the double oppression that comes from over-policing by both law enforcement and immigration enforcement. The City must stand with communities of color by meaningfully investing in programs like the LAJF that combat this unjust system by ensuring due process and accountability. The City must do its part by allocating one-third of the program costs: \$6.42 million over the next two years, with \$3.16 million earmarked for Year 1 and \$3.26 million for Year 2. This amounts to only .00028% of the City's annual \$11.2 billion budget. Multi-year funding is essential to address the scale of the problem and the realities of immigration court proceedings, which often last years. Without a multi-year investment, it is impossible to build capacity and grow the program to ensure critically-needed representation. Los Angeles can and must do better. We have a moral obligation to do the right thing. Respectfully, Carolina Goodman

Communication from Public

Name: Scared

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Comments for Public Posting: Good Morning, I would like to request and demand reinstatement of LAPD's budget. As a person of color the scariest thing to my family is the inability to walk safely in our neighborhood. Intimidation by local gang members & drug sales along with prostitution are rampant. Stop catering to the mob and stand up for your constituents. I realize none of you live in these high crime areas but those of us that do WE are afraid, calling the police will place a target on our back. We need involved proactive policing, give them the funds to do their job. You have abandoned your community in the name of saving a few dollars!

Communication from Public

Name: Waldo Gonzalez

Date Submitted: 05/20/2021 10:01 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Good Morning LA City Council members, my name is Waldo Gonzalez, a supporter with the Make LA Whole Coalition and also representing InnerCity Struggle (ICS), a community organization based in the Eastside of Los Angeles. I am speaking on item #21-0600. ICS serves some of the highest need and most vulnerable communities in Los Angeles, as such, the communities that we serve bear a higher burden when resources for education, childcare and technology are lacking. The COVID-19 crisis has exposed just how vulnerable our communities are to being affected by the public health crises and the need that has risen for thousands of families and students who were already affected by inequitable community conditions. We want to thank Council President Nury Martinez, Councilman Price and the members of the Budget and Finance Committee for supporting the working families of Los Angeles. We support the recommendations within the Budget and Finance Committee's report and urge the City Council to adopt it as proposed. This year's budget begins to demonstrate responsible policy-making and reflects the Council's commitment to earmark and use these funds in a manner that truly benefits the under-served within Los Angeles. We stand ready to work with the City on this important effort. Thank you.