

Communication from Public

Name: Mark Gauthier

Date Submitted: 09/21/2021 04:23 PM

Council File No: 21-0863

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council Members, Please approve the important Housing Now legislation that will fund quick access to housing and needed services for our houseless neighbors. Los Angeles needs these state and federal funds to purchase and quickly convert motels into housing with services. With the Housing Now legislation our houseless neighbors can receive services and housing they need. We need to treat our houseless neighbors with the care and respect we would expect when we are in crisis ourselves. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Francisco Martinez

Date Submitted: 09/21/2021 11:08 AM

Council File No: 21-0863

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council: The Southern California Association of NonProfit Housing (SCANPH) is a nonprofit membership association representing affordable housing developers across the region – and the bulk of the work our members do is in the City of Los Angeles. Our mission is to facilitate the development of affordable homes across Southern California by advancing effective public policies, sustainable financial resources, strong member organizations, and beneficial partnerships. We are writing to express our support for the Housing Now program motion on today's agenda, Item 29 (21-0863). This motion will expand housing options and increase flexible rental housing subsidies to help individuals transition from homelessness to housing in the City of Los Angeles. SCANPH supports the implementation of the City of Los Angeles' Street Engagement Strategy, and we are grateful that Council unanimously supported the Street Engagement Strategy last week. We also support the additional 10,000 ongoing flexible housing subsidies. The approval of the Housing Now program will provide the resources to place unsheltered folks in permanent housing, which we believe is the most effective and proven long term solution to homelessness and severe housing insecurity. SCANPH and our members are very grateful for your leadership. We are in the middle of a housing crisis that is most acutely felt right here in Los Angeles. We encourage action to house more of our unhoused Angeleno neighbors. The SCANPH members who build and operate affordable housing need strong partners like you in order to continue this collective responsibility of building safe, affordable homes for everyone.

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September 21, 2021

Los Angeles City Council
Los Angeles City Hall, Room 340
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Support for Item 29 (21-0863) on today's agenda ("Housing Now")

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Francisco Martinez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Francisco" and last name "Martinez" clearly distinguishable.

Francisco Martinez

Policy Director

Southern California Association of NonProfit Housing (SCANPH)

Communication from Public

Name: Joe Kaspar

Date Submitted: 09/19/2021 11:39 AM

Council File No: 21-0863

Comments for Public Posting: You folk clearly do not understand that providing free housing and services will only attract more homeless people; eventually we will be attracting and paying for an unsupportable mass of indigents - where is the money needed coming from? And no, state and federal funds are not free.

Communication from Public

Name: Zeke Sandoval

Date Submitted: 09/21/2021 09:24 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Good morning, this is Zeke Sandoval speaking on behalf of PATH (People Assisting the Homeless), in support of Item 29, regarding the proposed Housing Now program. PATH has worked for years alongside the County Department of Health Services on their Housing for Health program. It's been a fantastic way to assist our unhoused neighbors with particularly acute health problems. The flexibility also allows us to house people who are otherwise left out of federal vouchers, like our undocumented residents or people who have gone through the criminal justice system. We're pleased that the City is taking a proactive approach to supplement the County's flexible rental housing subsidy program. We want to stress the importance of including funding for supportive services alongside the subsidies, in the interest of long-term success for people getting off the streets and into homes. As the motion notes, the hard work of case managers and other support staff is what keeps people stably housed. We look forward to working with City and County staff on this Housing Now partnership program. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Tara Barauskas

Date Submitted: 09/21/2021 08:27 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a community member residing in CD-11, and an affordable housing developer by profession, I would like to strongly support the Housing Now measure. We need fast, actionable solutions and this measure would help address homelessness quickly and effectively. Please vote yes on this measure!