

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I have lived in a mixed-use building at Pico and Barrington for about 5 years now. During this entire time, there have been seriously ill people with apparently nowhere else to go living in the bus shelters, in the alley, along Exposition, and under the freeway overpasses. It is rare that there isn't someone psychotic yelling in the intersection at night. One Christmas Eve, I found a woman lying face down in a puddle in the rain in the alley. This human misery is beyond shocking - it has apparently deadened us all. Of course we need to house people. How can it even be in question? Please support Housing for Health.

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Comments for Public Posting: This process pains me and zero politicians except for Honorable Buscaiano and his team seem to have a clue what to do. Let me help you. First of all, we shouldn't call the homeless homeless or "experiencing homelessness" (and they certainly are not "unhoused neighbors" because neighbors care about their community whereas "unhoused neighbors" don't at all. At a minimum they leave trash everywhere). The root cause is not having or not having a home, they have pathologies that resulted in homelessness. We need to address the pathologies that in my experience can be bucketed as follows: financial hardship, drug addiction, mental illness, poor choices. These are far more accurate definitions. Secondly, it is inhumane to allow people to live on the street. If they do, they will deepen the issues I mention in my first point. It is also repeating the tragedy of the commons. It needs to stop now by making it illegal in certain areas (I am in favor of certain areas legal places to live without a roof). Thirdly, if you keep having are no consequences for living on the street in a beautiful part of the world with excellent weather, this what you have done - you have created a moral hazard where the externalities are paid for by the tax paying citizens and you attract people listed under point 1 to Los Angeles. Fourthly, the City budget cannot buy up all of LA to house "the homeless". The private sector is too big. You are wasting resources. You need to allocate resources more efficiently. Here is the solution: 1. Make sleeping on the street illegal by a determined date (say in 6 weeks, plenty of time for the able to stop doing it on their own) 2. Call in FEMA. This is a disaster at the Federal level. 3. In 6 weeks, have FEMA start removing all non California homeless and send them back to the states from which they came. 4. Set up cheap temporary camps in cheap real estate areas (Antelope Valley for instance or old military bases) and house all California homeless in LA there. 5. Provide wrap around services at these camps. 6. Arrest those who do not comply. Happy to help as a consultant. I could clean LA in about 6 months given the resources. Time to get to work.