

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: You kicked people out unconstitutionally in front of international guests and leaders!? Fuck me, I knew Paul Krekorian doesn't give a shit about anyone but himself, but this was one of the more embarrassing things he has done for this City in a while. And Karen Bass just watched!?? All you croonies just watched?? You don't give a fuck about human rights and now you displayed that on an international level. I am so fucking embarrassed to be living in Los Angeles under this leadership. I'm so tired of watching you all break the law and pass laws that break the law. What happened to precedent? To honor? The Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act applies to California State agencies, boards, and commissions to assure that "the meetings of public bodies and the writings of public officials and agencies shall be open to public scrutiny." The act facilitates accountability and transparency of government activities and protects the rights of citizens to participate in State government deliberations. It differs from California's Brown Act, which applies to open meetings at the county and local level. The act also reaffirms, "The people of this state do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies which serve them. The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created." SO STOP KICKING PEOPLE OUT. WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO SCRUTINIZE YOU! As the leader from Rwanda today said, "This is democracy at work." Let us have democracy. In 2006, the Supreme Court of the United States upheld a ruling that 41.18 was a violation of the Eighth Amendment, which prohibits cruel and unusual punishment. (Jones v. The City of LOS ANGELES). Later, in 2018, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld in Martin v. Boise that cities cannot enforce anti-camping ordinances if they do not have enough homeless shelter beds available for their homeless population. So please tell me why this city council passed 41.18 in 2022 and continues to vote for its expenditure with impunity. The Inside Safe program is harmful. You are destroying people's homes and belongings. It is disturbingly cruel to require that someone throw away their secure shelter in order to place them in a temporary and carceral housing system that will not end in our neighbors in Permanent Supportive Housing when

you know for a fact that that between 3-6 people are dying each day as a result of the lack of affordable housing in this city. Instead of investing in temporary vouchers that have conditions and are going to expire before the housing is physically created, let's invest our funds into our communities social services and green spaces. As research has proven, well-resourced communities are low crime communities. Let us provide resources to all areas of our city equally, regardless of the median income level of that zip code. We're not addressing public health, quality of life, and our relationship to nature. Implementing the Expanded Vision plan for the Emerald Necklace will yield significant long-term benefits to Los Angeles County and its residents. These include safer places for kids to play, cleaner air and water, improved public health, more habitat for wildlife, better resilience to climate change, better historic and cultural preservation, and the jobs and investment that come with a robust green economy. This Regional Park Network has the potential to become a world-class park network on the scale of Central Park in New York and will be a significant piece of the vision for an urban Los Angeles connected by river green-ways. In the United States, the Fair Housing Act of 1968 was passed to fight the practice of redlining. According to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, "The Fair Housing Act makes it unlawful to discriminate in the terms, conditions, or privileges of sale of a dwelling" So why the hell is Los Angeles determined to let classism be its ruin!? The blueprint has been laid out for you. You just need to make the right decision today and work to repeal 41.18 immediately. The corruption of LA Housing will be the demise of the City if you cannot heed the word of the people. Do the surprising and repeal 41.18, and don't go back to court over a question that has already been answered. Just be better. We have the funding, it just needs to be better allocated. Speak with the voices that are most impacted by your decisions instead of yelling and bullying them out of these city council chambers. We, the people, demand better of you.