

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Kudos to O'Farrell for standing up for his constituents and for our scarce community resources. I strongly support this list of sites for 41.18 in CD13. We have personally witnessed the damage that unregulated camping can do both to unhoused citizens who are not encouraged to take part in rehabilitation programs and also to our community in the form of theft, drug abuse, harassment, and pollution. My neighbors and I have taken it upon ourselves to clean the area around the Las Palmas Senior Center weekly, but I cannot count the number of times we have been harassed -- and even chased -- by homeless people in that area. Our building has experienced a surge in trespassing and break-ins, and It's not safe for us or for the seniors who live in multiple complexes in the immediate area. The sidewalks are blocked on Las Palmas, trash piles up in the gutter, and in the absence of any plan more sophisticated than leaving the homeless to suffer on the street, we must do what we can to keep public areas clean and clear for everyone's enjoyment. Thank you, Councilmember O'Farrell, for going above and beyond to make our city a better place.