

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Los Angeles as both a city and county is so deeply invested in keeping unhoused people in the worst situations possible. Contrary to the Guidelines for the Implementation for Adequate Housing published by the United Nations General Assembly Human Rights Council Forty-Third session, Los Angeles plans to continue to violate the human rights of the displaced. Los Angeles does this by creating committees and authorities about the unhoused but refusing to involve the unhoused community members in the planning and implementation of housing resources which is a violation of Guideline No. 3. "Ensure meaningful participation in the design, implementation and monitoring of housing policies and decisions". People suffered through Project Roomkey for two years, living in 2 or more locations, only to be shuffled into other interim housing or back into congregate shelters. Grievances are routinely ignored and participants are treated as inmates. Project Roomkey continues to be a source of abuse and suffering for many. Of the 6,139 participants who did NOT move into permanent housing, some people have since been exited to the streets and/or died. Housing navigation providers like Helpline Youth Counseling Inc, Weingart, Salvation Army, Downtown Women's Center, and The People Concern are woefully incapable of providing compassionate and professional navigation support. Case managers routinely dehumanize clients and pressure them to live in spaces that do not meet their needs. There is no effort to understand the circumstances that led to housing insecurity or the capabilities of the unhoused outside of their current living situation. Those with vouchers and subsidies struggle to find places willing to rent to them because the City Council's stigma towards the unhoused is reflected in public opinion including property owners. These property owners serve as gate keepers, keeping people homeless. There is a pervasive idea that the unhoused are too filthy to live indoors and incapable of maintaining a home. People deserve affordable, modern homes that they can be proud of. People like Councilmember De Leon are too financially invested in programs like "Tiny Homes" to admit they are smaller in cubic square feet than the American Correction Associate standard for a prison cell. Councilmember De Leon and others are also deeply invested in municipal codes such as 41.18 which are violations of Guideline No. 5. "Eliminate

homelessness in the shortest possible time and stop the criminalization of persons living in homelessness". If Los Angeles is not doing everything within their power to make sure units on the market are affordable and habitable, there will only be more and more people on the street. Los Angeles as both a city and a county has blood on their hands and will be held accountable.