

Communication from Public

Name: Erika Feresten

Date Submitted: 01/08/2023 10:22 AM

Council File No: 22-1328

Comments for Public Posting: Our history books are full of how policies of care pulled us together in times of crisis, from the San Francisco Earthquake in 1906 to the Flu of 1918, and even the wealthy received ration cards during WWII. Now our country, our state, and particularly our city of Los Angeles is facing a humanitarian crisis of children, teenagers, families, veterans, refugees, people of color, and people with physical and mental disabilities being unhoused. Like the crises we've met in the past, it will take all of us, even the people on the Westside of Los Angeles, to do our part and provide housing for the most vulnerable in our community.

Councilmember Park's opposition to the Disability Community Resource Center from developing the property at 12901 Venice Blvd is callous and un-American. The DCRC has maintained and operated the property for over 40 years. Supporting the DCRC to own and develop new housing for unhoused people while maintaining office space to provide on-site services advances solutions to solving the unhoused crisis we are facing on the Westside. CM Park's attempt to characterize this as a backroom deal and argument that a private developer would better provide affordable housing on the Westside demonstrates her ignorance, bias, and/or corruption in solving this humanitarian emergency. I urge the rest of the City Councilmembers to reject CM Park's attempt to keep the Westside from doing our part to address the housing crisis.

Communication from Public

Name: Laura Temming
Date Submitted: 01/08/2023 10:34 AM
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Communication from Public

Name: Eric R Ahlberg

Date Submitted: 01/08/2023 05:10 PM

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Name: Samuel Richard

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