

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: This motion appears to try to assist people living in RVs, but it's quite apparent that it is yet another tool to expand banishment of visible homelessness from certain neighborhoods. Sometimes voices of those complaining about poverty may be louder, and thus more heard, by elected officials. I write to ask elected officials (with souls that are still intact) to start meaningfully speaking on behalf of, and indeed amplifying the voices of, those folks who know, see, and feel the impact of policies of apartheid wrapped up in language of 'solution' and 'progress.' Homeless people are disproportionately Black, disproportionately targeted by policing (LAPD's own data), and are dying at a rate of nearly 6 every day. Expanding human rights via the right to housing is progress. Scuttling human rights as a tool of gentrification is political cowardice and leans into genocidal logics of settler colonialism and white supremacist manifest destiny. Have a good day!