

Communication from Public

Name: Tiana McKenna

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Comments for Public Posting: While this motion sounds reasonable upon first glance, upon closer inspection it's clear that this is simply another attempt by local officials to make homelessness less visible and penalize the unhoused because wealthier, louder residents are offended by their presence. There are many ways to address the housing crisis that don't involve fining or segregating those who are most impacted. The answer is to house people, not to waste efforts forcing them to secluded areas away from the communities, services, and resources they rely on.

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Name: CHRIS R RIDDLE

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Communication from Public

Name: Gina Viola

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Comments for Public Posting: Could you ghouls be any more heartless. Where in the hell do you want people to go? You've made it very clear folks cannot be in encampments and now you don't want them in vehicles that VERY CLEARLY can be used for housing? I mean, this is just absolutely ridiculous and would be funny if it weren't so cruel and deadly. You make it very clear, day after day, that what you value most is not having to see poverty. Every time I see you GHOULS post pictures of SIDEWALKS AND STREETS you've banished humans from, I'm reminded of what you value most ASPHALT. Your inhumanity has come at a grave cost to our entire community/society. You have green lit the way for folks to see humans as criminal trash. Yes, this is on you, this council, this city, this county for the way it left this crisis to fester for FUCKING DECADES and now decides to just scoop it away, into the trash or into jail and eventually prison. You know what, just finish what you started and leave us the fuck alone. Give up parcels of govt owned land in each of the council districts and let us live. The only services you have brought to this situation are sanitation and carceral. And the sanitation you've brought is to throw away people's belongings and now tow away and destroy people's vehicle homes. When we've asked for trash services you can't be bothered. There are 100K people working for LA County, 70K people working for LA City. You could repurpose ONE THIRD of those and give them each one unhoused person to advocate for. 2 years - we'd be out of this in 2 years. What in the actual fuck are those 170K people doing now? I'd really like to know. Our city is falling apart more and more every day, and the county doesn't look much better. Oh maybe except for CD11 - it sure looks nice over there. I am seriously calling on a demand to audit each and every city worker to find out what they are possibly doing that could be more important than this? It is NOT HARD to connect and advocate for someone who is having difficulty doing it on their own. I would imagine it's even easier for those WHO ACTUALLY WORK FOR THESE SYSTEMS. But that doesn't enrich your croonies does it? Between developers, oligarchs and now the non profit industrial complex you've poisoned - impoverished communities don't stand a chance. It's time for the city of LA to advocate for things that actually WILL DO SOMETHING ABOUT OUR POVERTY

CRISIS. Get on board and work Governor Newsom to pass Calcare in 2024. This would be a game changer. Repurpose much of the city staff to advocate for folks struggline with poverty. Repurpose government owned lands and turn them into community land trusts. What's most shocking is how many actual solutions there are to this crisis, yet you DO THE SAME DAMN THING OVER AND OVER AGAIN! Destroy what folks are living in, wait for them to be at their most vulnerable and then lock them up. WE SEE YOU.

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living on a fixed income. We need to start with a Care First approach - not exile them to a far-away industrial road. Surveyed and interviewed people living in RVs predominantly desire 24hour Safe Parking and linkage to permanent housing, suggesting the need for real safe parking programs and a path to real permanent housing. People dwelling in vehicles are a diverse group. Any attempt to assign traits to the group as a whole is lifestyle discrimination.

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Name: Carter Moon

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Comments for Public Posting: Once again, Councilmember Park proposes a motion with the appearance of assisting the unhoused, but which in reality is another tool of banishment and the police state that is Los Angeles. She is not interested in actually assisting the people living in RVs so much as she is in permanently removing them from her constituent's sight. People living in RVs have been very clear about what they need, 24 hour safe parking near city services they are already connected to. Towing people away to a far-flung corner of the city disrupts their access to services and the community they are used to, which prolongs the process of getting people into permanent housing that adequately meets their needs. We have already seen repeatedly that people placed in Inside Safe in Council District 11 have experienced an enormous disruption in their access to services and basic things like food, why should we expect anything different with this RV program? This comment is going to fall on deaf ears. The council has already made up its mind that this is necessary based on the scarecrow of "vanlords" and criminality among a small faction of people living in RVs. But make no mistake, this motion will do nothing to address the underlying causes of disabled, elderly people being forced to reside in RVs because they have been priced out of places like Council District 11. Traci Park does not actually care about addressing these issues because she is a white supremacist segregationist who is bought and paid for by corporate real estate interests. I hope the rest of the council can show a little more integrity than my own despicable council member and vote no on this motion.