

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Yvonne Sun and I am the director of senior services at Special Service for Groups, a non-profit organization in Los Angeles County. My department, SSG SILVER, specializes in meeting the needs of AAPI older adults and advocating for culturally appropriate services for AAPI seniors. On September 14th, SSG SILVER was called to respond to the aftermath of the fire that took place on 877 Bunker Hill in Chinatown. The fire displaced over 45 low income older adults that have lived in the property for the majority of their adult lives and raised their family there. As a result of the fire, the residents lost all of their personal belonging and sustained long term psychological trauma. After the fire, we learned that the fire originated from an abandoned construction site adjacent to their building. In addition, the residents had witnessed multiple incidents of vandalism at the site with no resolution. Given that majority of the residents are low income, they do not have means to replace their lost property not to mention mementos that are irreplaceable. The lost of the building also mean that they were removed from a community that they had been apart of and forced to relocate. This was both emotionally and physically challenging as some of the seniors were very advanced in age and have a number of physical disabilities. I want to thank the city council for the motion to help safeguard the residents from similar incidents in the future. Thank you.