

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I wish to express deep concerns regarding the tiny home project imposed on the Metrolink Sun Valley station - a decision that reflects extremely poor planning and disproportionately impacts a community already burdened by homelessness and persistent public safety challenges. Proceeding with this project without thorough analysis or meaningful community engagement imposes additional hardships on a vulnerable environmental justice community. Concentrating such a facility in an area historically underserved and lacking critical resources is inequitable and discriminatory. By undermining residents' constitutional rights to safely and peacefully enjoy their homes and public spaces, this project raises serious questions of legality and legitimacy. Land use and planning decisions must be transparent, participatory, and robust. They must not be pushed forward by waiving essential planning, zoning, and legal safeguards under the pretext of an emergency crisis. Procedural shortcuts such as this are unacceptable, particularly in marginalized neighborhoods facing ongoing environmental and social vulnerabilities. Sun Valley residents have waited decades for promised public safety improvements and infrastructure upgrades - commitments that remain unfulfilled. These fundamental community needs cannot be overshadowed or conflated with emergency housing measures or superficial attempts to beautify the Metrolink station. Investments that serve the community must stand on their own merit, not be sacrificed for short-term, inadequate solutions. Furthermore, I am deeply concerned by the repeated public promotion of the newly instituted "neighborhood watch," a program that was unlawfully initiated and delegated by Councilmember Padilla to her staff member rather than properly established in collaboration with the LAPD and community members. Such an arrangement creates a troubling conflict of interest and risks further eroding public trust. Genuine neighborhood watches foster accountability and impartiality through law enforcement partnership, not political expediency. Year after year, the very residents now asked to participate in this watch have reported homelessness, crime, and infrastructure neglect with little to no meaningful response. Simply participating in this new neighborhood watch will not break the cycle of systemic neglect. Our community deserves real, substantive

solutions rather than superficial efforts or politicized gestures. While emergency crisis provisions may guide certain regulatory decisions, the city's municipal responsibility requires diligent, location-specific analysis - especially in environmental justice areas such as Sun Valley. Blanket waivers of planning, land use, or zoning laws place already vulnerable communities at even greater risk. Emergency status should never justify bypassing careful assessments, rigorous stakeholder outreach, or necessary legal protections tailored to local circumstances. Sun Valley deserves more than cosmetic projects or politically motivated neighborhood watches. I urge this council to relocate the project to a more appropriate site for such hazardous endeavors, and to forego reliance on generic emergency ordinances in favor of an enhanced review and outreach process grounded in the unique needs, characteristics, and protections of this community. I respectfully encourage you to allocate time within your demanding schedule to personally visit the area surrounding the proposed tiny home village near Vinedale Avenue and Roscoe Boulevard, situated approximately 600 yards from the project site. Observing firsthand the prevailing conditions and on-the-ground realities will provide invaluable insight into the profound and unintended consequences that this burdensome project is likely to exacerbate within an already vulnerable community - one in which the presence of illegal portable toilets has resulted in hazardous waste contaminating the streets, a pressing issue that has regrettably not yet been adequately addressed by city authorities. I will refrain from detailing the problematic behavior and illicit activities, including drug trafficking, prostitution, vandalism, violence, theft, and other criminal conduct, associated with most individuals residing in the trailers at this location. This is how the city can truly demonstrate a genuine commitment to equity, transparency, and thoughtful, responsible development.