

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. I also oppose CF 25-0919, as it represents an improper continuation of the original motion and should be considered unlawful. This matter warrants independent evaluation as a stand-alone motion and must not be linked to any tiny home project proposal. 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.

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly and unequivocally oppose Councilmember Imelda Padilla's motion to move forward with the Sun Valley Metrolink Station Tiny Homes Project. Our community has already borne the burden of similar projects—most notably the one at Branford Street and San Fernando Road. Rather than being a source of hope or improvement, that site has become a symbol of neglect. The area surrounding it has deteriorated, becoming unsightly, unsafe, and demoralizing for the residents who live nearby. How can we be expected to accept another such project when the existing one has failed to uplift our community? If the Branford/San Fernando location had become a place we could point to with pride—a model of compassion, safety, and effectiveness—perhaps we would feel differently. Perhaps then, we could have stood beside our Councilmember to be part of the solution to the homeless crisis. But that is not our reality. There has been no meaningful outreach to our community. No plan presented to explain how this project will actually benefit the people of Sun Valley. Will it help remove the unhoused already living on our streets? Will it be exclusively reserved for those from our community—our neighbors, our veterans, our seniors who have fallen on hard times? Or will it simply bring in more unhoused individuals from outside, further overwhelming a community already stretched to its limits? We are not heartless. We understand the urgency of the homelessness crisis. But we are also tired—tired of being the easy target, the community that is expected to carry the weight while others are spared. We are hardworking people who take pride in our homes, our streets, and our families. We deserve to be heard. We deserve better. Until real solutions are proposed—solutions that respect the dignity of both the unhoused and the residents of Sun Valley—we will stand in firm opposition to this project. We will not allow public spaces meant for our community's benefit to be handed over without accountability, transparency, and a plan that truly serves us.