

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: The Domestic Violence & Homeless Services Coalition (DVHSC) is focused on ending homelessness in LA for survivors of domestic violence and their families. Domestic violence, human trafficking, and sexual assault survivors are uniquely vulnerable. We ask for clarity in this motion on how sensitive properties, such as address information for DV shelters, will remain confidential. Research and service providers repeatedly confirm that survivors face not only physical and emotional harm, but also ongoing threats when location data is not protected. In the context of aligning data systems, data protection and data sharing options for survivors are essential to prevent re-victimization or inadvertent exposure to perpetrators. For survivors of domestic violence and intimate partner violence, confidentiality is a core component of safety planning that enables survivors to seek help without fear that their perpetrator will track them down, intercept communication, or exploit their shared information. DVHSC is available to partner with the City and provide implementation support to ensure identifiers and data tracking are inclusive of survivors' needs for confidentiality and safety. Thank you for your consideration, and your continued commitment to supporting survivors experiencing homelessness