

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: One of Los Angeles County's largest housing and social services agencies and present in every Service Planning Area (SPA), The People Concern is an expert in connecting with people on the streets, bringing them inside and then keeping them inside. 92% of people placed in permanent housing by The People Concern never experience homelessness again. We appreciate the Committee's consideration of the renewal of the lease to continue operating the existing Bridge Housing site known as 'El Puente' at 711 North Alameda Street. The People Concern has been operating this site since it was created by the City of Los Angeles in 2018, providing 45 emergency shelter beds, meals, personal hygiene facilities, and supportive services to people experiencing homelessness, including efforts to help residents try to secure permanent housing. As noted in the report, since 2018 El Puente has served over 200 different clients with housing and supportive services with at least 64 placements in permanent housing. We appreciate the community support for this site, and for the opportunity to partner with the City of Los Angeles on it.