

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: The Downtown Women's Center (DWC), the only organization in Los Angeles focused exclusively on women and gender-diverse individuals experiencing homelessness, strongly supports the motion to establish an ad hoc Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) working group. EHV's are a critical housing resource, particularly for women and gender-diverse people who face unique barriers to stability. Nationally, over 75% of voucher holders are women. At DWC, we see daily how these vouchers provide a pathway out of homelessness for survivors of domestic violence, older adults, and individuals with complex health needs. Without continued support, many are at risk of returning to homelessness when time-limited assistance ends. We support the motion's priorities: identifying one-time and ongoing funding, transitioning eligible households to long-term subsidy programs, crafting an exit strategy that includes case management and job readiness support, and exploring the feasibility of a locally funded subsidy program. These are essential steps to ensure EHV holders remain housed through 2030 and beyond. We urge City Council to adopt this motion and act with urgency to protect the stability and wellbeing of thousands of Angelenos.