

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: The Structure and handling of this endeavor has been and continues to be disastrous; particularly paragraphs "4" and "5" of the Council's RESOLVE that suspends competitive bids and ridiculously unleashes exorbitant high spending for poor services at taxpayers expense. You have been paying hotels owners \$4600 per month for a single barely livable room, where there is little to non-existent supervision or regulation whereby drugs and crimes are rampant and people are turning up dead from an overdose or violent crime. You demonize good landlords who charge less than 1/2 for an entire apartment to the price you're paying for a single deteriorated room in a drug infested hotels that are not held to the same habitability requirements as everyday residential landlords. People go in the front door but out the back door if they're not allowed to do their drugs which creates a revolving door whereby you keep asking for more money from taxpayers to put a bandage on a sickness that is killing our people and destroying our communities. You need to declare a state of emergency on drug use and start requiring treatment for the homeless instead of ignoring that it is a core issue to some individuals remaining homeless otherwise, you're going to be paying for the rest of their lives because they'll never be able to maintain permanent housing. As a landlord that has become known for working with agencies, I personally spoken with frustrated caseworkers that are tasked with serving this population as they attempt to navigate housing for people on their caseload. But as a citizen going about my business in my community, I have personally witness people doing hardcore drugs on the main BLVD because you have normalized this behavior and on 3/22/2023 a young man OVERDOSED right before my eyes in the 7-11 parking lot on Santa Monica Blvd and Sawtelle. I had to call 911 and myself along with another rendered emergency service to spare this man's life until the paramedics arrived and took him away. He turned purple and stopped breathing. Do you get that. The County put out a report this weekend that confirms that the majority of homeless people that died on the streets was due to drugs so stop blaming landlords for people dying on the streets. Do your jobs and stop misplacing blame as fueled by all the loud talking people seeking money and favors from you. Treat the whole person and incorporate treatment. You are not solving any problems. You

just keep doing the same things that have proven not to work and you refuse to acknowledge that and try something different. I would wager that there are some that don't even want to solve the problem. Homelessness has become big business and a lot of people are making a lot of money off of it but it surely is not the everyday landlord.