

Communication from Public

Name: Laddie Williams

Date Submitted: 02/04/2024 01:15 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The CD7 Pilot Project does not use LAPD! It is a trauma-informed program that allows people to voluntarily transition into interim housing, offers vehicle storage options, and offers incentives to trade in their vehicles for disposal - without law enforcement. It is voluntary, there is coordination with services, and the focus is not specifically on the destruction of vehicles with LAPD assistance. Please STOP LAPD's funding and fund those unhoused and living in RV's. This money could be used to assist people to get housing, fix the RV's so there operable, tags up to date so there legal. We have property up near LAX Airport that could be used for safe parking, and offer services for people living in their cars.

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Name: Peggy Lee Kennedy

Date Submitted: 02/04/2024 11:18 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please find attached opposition letter to agenda 16 to be posted on the council file.

Dear Housing and Homelessness Committee Members,

Vote NO on the Agenda #16 Motion Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at the LACity Housing and Homelessness Committee.

There currently is no LA Citywide trauma-informed program supporting transition from inoperative RVs into housing. Expanding the CD7 Pilot Project could be that. **Except the CD7 RV pilot project does not use the LAPD !**

So transferring money from the RV Project fund to the LAPD is not about using the CD7 Pilot.

However, the LAPD does support the current CAO RV citywide strategy, which is focused on towing and destroying RVs without providing reasonable access to services or resources - things that would help Vehicle Housed people.

Funding for real services and resources is what we need. Please prioritize funding to match needed services and resources for housing people! Not for more law enforcement.

RVs lived in by extremely low-income people can fall into disrepair, but towing them without the needed resources built into any program is simply cruel.

And the "Safe Parking" program is outrageously insufficient compared to the existing and projected numbers of vehicle-housed in LA. Meanwhile, public parking lots sit empty every night.

We need to fund real solutions and not LAPD.

Peggy Lee Kennedy
Venice Justice Committee



Communication from Public

Name: Christopher C Tilly

Date Submitted: 02/05/2024 08:49 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a professor of Urban Planning at UCLA and as a long-time resident of LA (CD11), I'm writing in opposition to Agenda Item #16 in the upcoming Housing and Homelessness Committee meeting. This item would transfer funds away from a constructive pilot program to help unhoused people transition out of RVs and into housing, and shift it to punitive and ultimately unproductive towing and destruction of RVs. Especially with a likely wave of evictions coming, destroying people's place of habitation instead of helping them transition to stable housing, makes no kind of sense.

Communication from Public

Name: Judy Branfman

Date Submitted: 02/06/2024 01:43 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to ask you to vote NO on the motion in Agenda #16. We do not need to create more homelessness. We need to use the money from the CD7 Pilot Project (and expand it) to develop a trauma-informed program to help people transition from inoperable RVs into real housing. We need funding for real services and resources. Please prioritize funding for services that will house people! Law enforcement does not solve the problem. There are many, many people who are priced out of traditional rental housing, and a vehicle is the logical, inside choice (when it is even possible), often for the long-term. RVs lived in by low-income people can fall into disrepair, but towing them without repairing or replacing them with housing and other needed resources is cruel and inhumane. The "Safe Parking" program is another program that needs greatly enhanced resources – currently is it dramatically insufficient compared to the numbers of vehicle-housed in LA – while public parking lots sit empty every night. We need to fund real solutions to these problems, not merely towing people's homes away and then pretending the problem doesn't exist. This money can be spent in much more productive and solution-oriented ways.

Communication from Public

Name: susan millmann

Date Submitted: 02/06/2024 10:59 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Housing and Homelessness Committee Members, Vote NO on the Agenda #16 motion. why would the City take money from services to law enforcement? There currently is no LA Citywide trauma-informed program supporting transition from inoperative RVs into housing. However, there is a Pilot Project in the CD7 that can be expanded. This would actually help people and not make City policy a war on poverty. The CD7 RV pilot project is not affiliated with the LAPD ! Transferring money from the RV Project fund to the LAPD only fuels a war on poverty and continues 30 years of failed policies. Providing fund to The LAPD focuses on towing and destroying RVs without providing real access to services or resources, which would help Vehicle Housed people. Funding for real services and resources is what is needed. Please prioritize funding to match needed services and resources for housing people! Not for more law enforcement. For so many who are priced out of traditional rental housing, a vehicle is the next logical, safe choice. This turns into a longer-term solution due to lack of low-income housing in Los Angeles. RVs lived in by extremely low-income can fall into disrepair, but towing them without the needed resources is simply cruel. And the "Safe Parking" program is outrageously insufficient compared to the existing and projected numbers of vehicle-housed in LA. Meanwhile, public parking lots sit empty every night. We need to fund real solutions and not LAPD. This is about poverty and making the City's policies a war on poverty is disgraceful! Sincerely, susan millmann 50 year venice resident and homeowner

Communication from Public

Name: Andreea Theodore

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Comments for Public Posting: The only way to stop homeless seniors from sleeping in cars is to increase spending on housing vouchers. The only way to stop homeless vets from living in RVs is to build housing at the West LA VA land. The only way to stop homeless families and children from sleeping in RVs is to provide emergency housing funds. Spending almost a million dollars for LAPD salaries is a waste of money. Housing vouchers, emergency rent assistance, motel vouchers, supportive services all cost money. Tax payer funds should not be wasted when real solutions cost money. Confiscation of personal property is illegal. RVs cars offer temporary housing for those who have no other choice but to use their personal property to survive freezing temperatures and record rainfall. No one deserves to die from hypothermia on the streets. Seniors are dying in record numbers that we are aware of and choose not to make humanitarian decisions.