

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** LA City has been spending egregious amounts of money on the Inside Safe program when it knows more Inside Safe clients were OUTSIDE than permanently housed after the first 10 months of operation. Per LA City's data contained in their report dated October 10, 2024, as of Aug 31, 2024, there are 643 out of 1910 Inside Safe clients now living outside from the first 10 months of operation (Dec2022-Oct2023) and, per the City, 630 people are "permanently housed" - that is 643 Outside & 630 Housed. Accounting for Time Limited Subsidies from the "permanently housed" figure, only an estimated 71 or 72 people of that 630 are in Permanent Supportive Housing or Subsidized Housing. The Mayor is now asking for \$150,000.00 out of the Homeless Emergency Fund to store RVs so they can be destroyed without expanding 24/7 RV Safe Parking—or even a cost analysis of using Safe Parking compared to using Inside Safe. Per the October 10th report, the first RV Inside Safe at Forest Lawn from 12/6-12/8/2023 brought 31 people inside and destroyed the vehicles they lived in. Out of the 31 clients, 6 have been "permanently housed," and 7 are now unsheltered homeless as of Aug 31, 2024. Again, more Outside than Housed. LACity is blocking Permanent Housing and destroying RVs. A better use for the \$150,000 RV storage lot funds (plus the \$250,000 already earmarked for the LAPD "to support the initial phase of the new Vehicle Recycling Program (VRP)") would be towards funding and approving projects for permanent supportive housing. Use them to forward the approval process for projects like the Venice Dell Community rather than giving funds to the City Attorney to block such projects. As the report explains on p.5, "people who are voluntarily brought indoors through both operations and response efforts to address repopulation can only be done [sic] when there is available housing that is either brought online or backfilling Inside Safe slots that are open as a result of participants moving through the continuum into permanent housing or exiting the program for other reasons." Although this ungrammatical sentence is astoundingly confusing, it signals what the rest of the report makes clear: Inside Safe cannot work unless permanent housing is available for folks in interim housing to move into, which, according to this report, it definitely isn't. We must evaluate any homeless strategy based on real permanent

housing as a defining success, not Instagram pictures of cleared sidewalks. If LACity continues with the current Inside Safe operation as is, it will keep being an expensive process of mostly moving people in and out of costly temporary hotel shelters and the continuation of at least six unhoused people dying every single day.