

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: As a lifelong Los Angeles resident, and practicing family physician with extensive background in serving persons experiencing homelessness (PEH), I encourage Mayor Bass and the City of Los Angeles to expedite their efforts at removing PEH from the streets. There are innumerable statistics showing that street living is hazardous to health and well-being, and prevents PEH from accessing necessary medical care. Allowing PEH to continue living on the streets is causing those individuals direct harm, and is a source of shame for our city. In addition, the outbreak of homeless encampments poses very real public health threats for not only the PEH but for the community at large. It also places an unfair burden on businesses and residences in close proximity to these encampments. I advocate for expanding shelter and other housing access as well as drug-treatment programs, and using existing laws to enforce the removal of encampments.