

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I am extremely disturbed by the city's current housing situation. Instead of investing in affordable housing, we are spending funds on merely hiding poverty & homelessness. According to your own data, far more people from Inside Safe end up back outside than permanently housed; and the people you are calling "permanently housed" are put in to time-limited subsidized housing. Time-limited is literally *not* permanent housing. Inside Safe cannot work unless there is permanent housing for people to transition to, and there simply isn't. The real purpose of Inside Safe is to appease property owners who do not wish to see homeless people. Shame on you

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Comments for Public Posting: I write as a Los Angeles citizen and homeowner (here 15 years), and a Professor of Urban Planning at UCLA. The fundamental constraint on keeping people housed is insufficient affordable housing, along with insufficient short-term shelter and insufficient safe parking areas for those living in vehicles. Thus it is not surprising that according to City of LA data the majority of unhoused people relocated by Inside Safe are once more living outside, and a large percentage of those counted as being in "permanent" housing are in fact subject to Time Limited Subsidized Rental Housing, with no evidence that they will be able to continue living there once subsidies expire. In this context, Inside Safe accompanied by encampment clearances and RV removal is a net negative. Clearances and RV towing disrupt people's living arrangements, destroy their property, and destabilize their lives, with a minority winning a rare "lottery ticket" to permanent housing and the majority cycled back into homelessness. This is a cynical PR exercise aimed to convince voters that the City is getting rid of unwanted homeless neighbors but in a humane way that moves them into housing. But at the same time it is a diversion of resources from taking steps that could actually, slowly but surely, solve the problem. Create more safe parking areas. Help keep encampments safe and clean. And most important, speed up and expand the process of creating affordable housing, including permanent supportive housing for those with special needs. To take one example, it's a continuing scandal that the City is holding up the Venice Dell Housing in my own CD11, which has gotten all necessary approvals but has not received final Coastal Commission signoff because the City refuses to take it to the Commission--due to a vocal minority of NIMBYs.