

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: For 40 years, PATH has served Angelenos experiencing homelessness. Our teams have proudly leapt into action to meet the needs of this emergency, but ongoing payment delays have stretched us to a breaking point. Right now, we are awaiting millions of dollars in unpaid interim housing bills from the last fiscal year. We have canceled outreach contracts with several City Council offices. We are operating in good faith for this fiscal year but remain deeply concerned about the City's ability to process payments. Our bank has declined to issue us credit next year, and we are using our unrestricted funds to make up for City payment delays instead of direct assistance for our participants or support for our staff. All this highlights the contrast between the City and the County. LA County began a model this fiscal year that balances accountability with efficiency, and it is working. To be clear: we want to be accountable to you and the public. We want our teams focused on the interventions most effective at getting people into stable permanent housing. Advancing us the funds to do so, like the County does, enables us to actually pay our staff, our participants' landlords, our vendors, and all our bills on time. Shifting our focus to ad hoc pleas for money from the government, instead of serving the most vulnerable, is an outcome all of us want to avoid. As written, the memo does not answer critical questions on when providers will be paid, at what percentage of our contract amount. PATH is always available to answer questions on our processes, our contracts, and our current status. Thank you.