

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm an advocate for women experiencing homelessness and I'm commenting about Item #23 – specifically the city's use of ESG – COVID funds for Rapid Rehousing and Shared Housing. It's essential that the City Council restores the original 97 million dollars for Rapid Rehousing and Shared Housing proposed by the CAO's office, which has since been revised to a 30 million dollar funding plus two additional 30 million fundings only if oversight reporting shows LAHSA goals have been met. If you approve the 30 million for Rapid Rehousing and Shared Housing, 2-thousand of our temporarily housed neighbors will be left without a permanent housing solution after Project Roomkey winds down, which goes against the very policy of this Council, the County, and LAHSA. As a general public comment, I want to reiterate how critical it is for local government to provide pathways to long-term housing solutions for everyone who has found more stable living situations during the COVID-19 pandemic. As a DV survivor myself, this is particularly important. Those experiencing domestic violence have been at extreme risk during the lockdown. Over 1,500 individuals who have participated in Project Roomkey have past or current experience with domestic or intimate personal violence. This clearly emphasizes why the City must work collaboratively with the County and LAHSA to implement a clear, single strategy to house and support our most vulnerable neighbors.