

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ronicka Scott

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2020 08:03 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0841

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**Name:** Mariah Megginson

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**Name:** Brady Collins

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Members of the LA City Council, My name is Brady Collins and I'm with the Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance (KIWA). While KIWA is known as a workers' center, we in fact also develop affordable housing. Casa Yonde, our first project, has a portion of units set aside for previously homeless individuals and transition-aged youth. In the years that we have provided tenant services to these individuals and their families, we have seen first-hand the transformational change that permanent supportive housing can have on an individual life trajectory. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the homeless services system has worked hard to temporarily house thousands of our most vulnerable neighbors experiencing homelessness. We now must provide them pathways to permanent housing to ensure that they do not end up back on the streets. By cutting the Rehousing funding in the CAO's report from \$97M to \$30M, we would leave over 2,000 of our temporarily housed neighbors without a permanent solution. We need the City Council to amend Item 23 and approve \$97M to permanently house 3,000 of our most vulnerable neighbors, as outlined in the CAO's original report. Thank you for your consideration and leadership.

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**Name:** Daniel Jackson

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Scott B Edens

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2020 08:46 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** To keep it short and sweet, I am a formerly homeless Veteran individual who has taken up street outreach these last 3 years as a profession. What we have learned and I have found to be true with my lived experience as a homeless individual as well as an outreach worker is that it is much worse to overpromise and underdeliver than the counter. These people have been praying that the room key situation would lead to permanent housing. I know because I've seen it. The thought of going back to the street has set them into an absolute panic. Please, we must find a way to complete the race for those who have agreed to permanent housing and not throw them out into the dirt. This could be our finest hour or a moment we shudder at with our souls as we look back and see the most vulnerable we failed because we didn't deliver. Thank you, this is actually a fight we can win!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** ARTHUR M ROSS

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**Name:** Denise Ramirez  
**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2020 09:22 AM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Good morning, council members. I am writing to you as a frontline worker and concerned member of our community. Please listen to my plea and do what you have been entrusted to do, lead with just resolve and integrity. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the homeless services system has worked hard to temporarily house thousands of our most vulnerable neighbors experiencing homelessness. We now must provide them pathways to permanent housing to ensure that they do not end up back on the streets. By cutting the Rehousing funding in the CAO's report from \$97M to \$30M, we would leave over 2,000 of our temporarily housed neighbors without a permanent solution. We need the City Council to amend Item 23 and approve \$97M to permanently house 3,000 of our most vulnerable neighbors, as outlined in the CAO's original report. Now is not the time for cowardice. Lead our community to better days, days where we boldly stand against systemic oppression. Thank you.

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**Name:** Toni White

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**Name:** Zondre Johnson

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**Comments for Public Posting:** As a person with lived experience, I feel that it would be cruel and unusual punishment to put a person back out on the street after being temporarily housed during the pandemic time. Individuals have finally come to the point that people really do care. When you feel safe you are able to think about a future. When you are not safe the only thing you can think about is survival only. I ask that empathy and racial equality stand up because the majority are disenfranchised from this city due to economic conditions and reasons.

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**Name:** Theodore Patton

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, my name is Mr. Theodore Patton, I carry many titles, but as a former homeless man, I felt it's my duty to speak up, when it comes to funding for the homeless, had it not been for the funding the Shelter received, who knows in which direction my life would have gone in. I Thank all those who aided in what ever way they did. And that's why it is important to give as much money for project room key as possible, because those same people who will receive help life could be prolonged/saved if we help now, and that is just the right thing to do, love our neighbors. You love them in many ways, but love is a verb an action word. Let us stand together and help our neighbors, our city and more importantly our conscious.

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**Name:** Dr. Va Leci Adams Kellum

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am Dr. Va Lecia Adams Kellum, the President & CEO of St. Joseph Center. We strongly support a funding allocation of \$97 million for Rapid Rehousing/Shared Housing, as recommended in the CAO's report. Through the redeployment of resources, collaboration, and a lot of hard work by St. Joseph Center and many other partners in the homeless services system, we have successfully provided temporary housing to thousands of vulnerable people experiencing homelessness. We must now provide them with access to permanent housing to ensure that they do not end up back on the streets. By cutting the Rehousing funding in the CAO's report from \$97 million to \$30 million, we would leave more than 2,000 temporarily housed people without a permanent solution. It is imperative that the City Council approve at least \$97 million to permanently house 3,000 of our most vulnerable neighbors, as outlined in the CAO's original report.

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