

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lauren Natoli

**Date Submitted:** 09/08/2020 02:34 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0841

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am in support of 20-0687. This item contains within, among other items, funding for 525 pallet shelter beds in four locations across Los Angeles. As we crawl deeper into the COVID-19 pandemic every day, we do not yet know the incoming impact of economic disaster on the lives of families and individuals. Currently, Los Angeles is far behind the amount of beds needed to house the 41,000+ people reported during the January 2020 point-in-time count, and 525 is a much needed increase in bed availability. Close to 10,000 vehicles in LA are used as dwellings for people who have lost their homes, and I am in support of the 140 Safe Parking LA spaces that are seeking approval. Before the pandemic becomes worse, I urge that the city care for those already experiencing homelessness, strengthen systems meant to prevent people from falling into homelessness, and provide safe, legal spaces for people living in their car to park overnight, including restrooms and hand washing stations for dignity and COVID-19 preventative best practices.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jackie Vorhauer

**Date Submitted:** 09/08/2020 11:17 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0841

**Comments for Public Posting:** The Center operates a Project Roomkey site for about 100 people. We do not know how some of our guests survived on the streets before this. And we do not know how they will survive if they have no permanent housing with supportive services after Project Roomkey ends. Homes (and services) end homelessness! 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.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Upward Bound House

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Zach Schlagel

**Date Submitted:** 09/08/2020 11:43 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** On behalf of PATH (People Assisting The Homeless), During the COVID-19 pandemic, we ask that the Council amend item #23 to provide \$97M as initially recommended by the CAO. This is imperative because the homeless services system has worked tirelessly 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 to back down from this fight and to leave the most vulnerable with less options.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lisa Abdishoo, MD

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brian Rosenbaum

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Carter Hewgley  
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## Communication from Public

**Name:** David Levitus

**Date Submitted:** 09/08/2020 11:57 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The homeless services system has worked hard to temporarily house thousands of our most vulnerable neighbors experiencing homelessness during the pandemic. We urgently need to provide our unhoused neighbors pathways to permanent housing to ensure that they do not end up back on the streets. That would be terrible for them and for all of us. By cutting the Rehousing funding in the CAO's report from \$97M to \$30M, the City would leave over 2,000 of our temporarily housed neighbors without a permanent solution. It's crucial for City Council to amend Item 23 and approve \$97M to permanently house 3,000 of our most vulnerable neighbors. This is what was outlined in the CAO's original report and we need to follow through.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Julie Han

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ruth Schwartz

**Date Submitted:** 09/08/2020 03:00 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0841

**Comments for Public Posting:** Shelter Partnership strongly advocates for the City Council to amend Item 23 to allocate \$97 million in ESG-COVID funds for Rapid Rehousing as originally recommended by the CAO. The full \$97 million is needed to permanently house the 3,000 people experiencing homelessness who have been temporarily housed due to the enormous, successful efforts of the homeless services system with Project Roomkey. It is critical that we continue the Project Roomkey momentum and provide pathways to permanent housing for all 3,000 of these vulnerable individuals by approving \$97 million.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Wendy Wang

**Date Submitted:** 09/08/2020 05:53 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Council President Martinez and Council Members, Today, we are joining other homelessness and affordable housing champions to respectfully ask you to invest all \$97 million , as outlined in the CAO's original report, to permanently house 3,000 of our most vulnerable neighbors. During COVID 19, the City of LA, LAHSA, service providers and others have worked tirelessly to temporarily house thousands of our neighbors experiencing homelessness. Now, we must provide all of them permanent housing to ensure that they do not transition back to the streets. If Los Angeles only approves \$30 million (of the \$97 million that was articulated by the CAO in the August 12, 2020 report), it is our understanding that 2,000 of our temporarily housed neighbors would have no permanent housing. Therefore, we are asking you to adopt and invest the full amount of \$97 million necessary so that the system can transition all 3,000 of our most vulnerable neighbors to safe and permanent housing. Since Fall has arrived and some individuals have highlighted a possible resurgence of COVID-19 to coincide with the regular flu season, the urgency of finding permanent housing for these vulnerable neighbors is now. Thank you for considering our comments.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brittney Wiley

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