

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Miki Jackson for AHF, Healthy Housing, Housing is a Human Right. Comment on ITEMS 1, 10, 11 and 25. There are a number of items on today's agenda that concern the use of taxpayer funds for housing for vulnerable populations who either unhoused or at risk of losing their housing. There are also items about providing various forms of support for people in need. All use of public funds must require have complete transparency and accountability in every aspect of use and management built in at every step and aspect of a project, from earliest discussion, planning, execution, completion and continued use. As regards any funds to be invested in housing it is imperative that close attention to total cost per unit of housing. Too many units are costing upwards of \$500,000 to \$600,000 each. At these costs it assures that it will be impossible to build enough units to have a real impact on the many thousands upon thousands of unhoused people in our city. We must find ways to cut costs and must have great transparency and accountability for every dollar spent. I encourage more creative solutions that will dramatically reduce per unit costs. repurposing, rehabilitating and reusing existing structures is essential. Healthy Housing Foundation by AHF has delivered hundreds of units in a few short years by following this formula. We have been able to deliver 2 to 3 units and up for the cost of one unit being built in the usual government funded public/private partnership model. we urge the city to get serious about aggressively pursuing these and similar models. With a looming catastrophe of evictions and homelessness springing from our COVID emergency on top of our existing record numbers of unhoused people on our streets, we are already woefully behind. Our city is in a crisis and we must behave like emergency responders, not self interested politicians and bureaucrats endlessly debating trivial points and playing politics.

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Name: Lauren Natoli

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Comments for Public Posting: I am Lauren Natoli from AIDS Healthcare Foundation. In the current homelessness crisis, Los Angeles needs more affordable housing. I am pleased to see that there are several projects currently being discussed, but I am concerned by the high ticket price. This is something that homeless housing projects in LA have been criticized for before, and yet projects continue to filter through the Housing Committee and Council unchallenged with high ticket prices and zero transparency. I ask that there is accountability for the money being spent so that there are a higher quantity of stable affordable housing units in LA.