

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I am always confused about the advocacy and progress of this protest. It gets scattered and overly personal. Someone has to bring all concerned entities together and not fragment the concerns. When is the city council going to review this? Then what happens? Many think this idea came from Mayor Garcetti, will this interfere with an honest audit? What kind of review will be given to the budget and overall management of city shelters. I have been at East valley and all the officers are there. Few at west valley. I have been going to the dog park for 25 years and have seen little interface. What oversight is being done with all employees at LAAS and why can't they be balanced between the 2 (3,4,5,6) shelters. I have seen little oversight and a commission that rubber stamps everything. Giving Barnette control over a community q&a is not going to effect change, it allows a rational to continue to be repeated and validated by a lack of challenge by city authorities. How can the community get involved beyond the one shelter issue? It's just petition after petition with no continuity or continuation of action. I would suggest a commission to be led by John Lee, Bob Blumenfeld and Paul Koretz, with heads of other functioning city departments that can review and advise without the fear of rebuke by Barnette, Garcetti and the LAAS commission. Is it possible to shift funds to budget more appropriately to each area, are funds so tight that it is not possible to run this department efficiently? We have heard budget excuses for decades and it feels like crying wolf, and we have no information to confirm or deny without this being independently audited with real investigation into employees, present and retired, work loads, efficiency and lack of fear of retaliation for sharing the truth. There may have to be organizational changes to streamline a troubled department that are not being addressed with just a protest movement to keep one shelter open. These are all things that I believe should be done and of course outlining the real impact of having an area without a shelter with city authority to serve such a large area of community. This is an area which has had extensive volunteers and rescues who are experienced with both shelters and have a wealth of information on impact. And the Bond issue. People are curious about the Bond issue, how that was spent on all the shelters, on West Valley. Many feel that they voted for this bond to keep the shelters going, and to use this bond

to upgrade a shelter and then give it away seems disingenuous. Politically this perception may taint any possible future funding bills. Should a new one be considered before we shut off that possibility in the future by this action? There are too many questions and I don't think this should be a thread on various blogs, this needs a real investigation with intent to resolve a real and continuing problem with an important city department.