

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** We, the undersigned, are members of the Los Angeles Coalition to End Youth Homelessness, recommend the 25% of The City of Los Angeles Homeless Housing Assistance, Prevention Program Funding (HHAP) designated to transition aged youth.- Los Angeles is home to over 4,000 youth experiencing homelessness. - The youth system has been underfunded and overlooked for years. The need far outweighs the available resources. - Young people will be disproportionately impacted by the economic fallout of COVID-19 as they are chronically underemployed, have unstable social networks, and less social safety net. - 33% of young people currently experiencing homelessness have become homeless since March 2020. - 92% of homeless youth cite fragile social networks as their cause of homelessness. - One-third of young people identify as having a health condition that makes them COVID vulnerable. - The pathways into homelessness for young people are different than adults; so the pathways out must be different. Targeted investments are the only way to divert youth's trajectories from chronic homelessness to long-term self-sufficiency. - Ending youth homelessness through targeted investments diverts young people from a lifetime of homelessness and systems engagement.