

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dave Ellis

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**Council File No:** 20-0102

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmember Mark Ridley-Thomas & Members of the Homelessness & Poverty Committee, I would like to introduce SafeHuts™ ([www.safehuts.com](http://www.safehuts.com)) as a viable solution to your unsheltered homeless problem. Manufactured in Adelanto, California, our 64 square foot mini-homes are constructed with fire-resistant fiberglass and have been approved by the City of Los Angeles Building and Safety department. We warranty the units for 50 years. SafeHuts™ is not permanent housing, rather our one-bed insulated structures function as temporary housing that provides a safe low-cost structure for those experiencing homelessness as they transition to permanent supportive housing. SafeHuts™ are solar-powered eliminating the need for costly permanent electrical infrastructure. Additionally, we have partnered with Sanitrax International (<https://www.sanitrax.com/>) to provide sanitation solutions. (toilets, sinks and showers) Sanitrax is the largest provider of temporary sanitation services in the world, including outdoor events at the Rose Bowl, Colosseum, Dodger Stadium, and Greek Theater. Sanitrax' sanitation solution eliminates the need for costly permanent water and sewer infrastructure. We stand ready to assist the City of Los Angeles with a safe, comfortable, and cost effective solution to humanely shelter individuals living on the street. Best, David Ellis  
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**Sample One Acre Site Plan  
100 Homeless SafeHuts™ Village**



Pricing assumes city provided site with available water, sewer, and power.

PRODUCT	QUANTITY	PRICE	NOTES
One bed SafeHuts™	70	696,500	Delivery and installation included
Two bed SafeHuts™	15	261,750	Delivery and installation included
<b>Housing</b>		<b>958,250</b>	

**Sanitrax Sanitation option (if city does not provide water and sewer)**

PRODUCT	QUANTITY	PRICE	NOTES
Sanitrax Sanitation (Vacuum sealed for COVID)			
Toilets	6		Meets Emergency Housing California Building Code – Title 24, Part 2
Showers	6		Meets Emergency Housing California Building Code – Title 24, Part 2
Washbasin	1		Meets Emergency Housing California Building Code – Title 24, Part 2 (Code requires gender specific toilets and showers)
<b>Sanitation</b>		<b>301,000</b>	<b>Includes delivery, installation, and all ancillary equipment</b>

<b>Total Housing + Sanitation</b>		<b>1,259,250</b>	
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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alexandra Cave

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Shelter in Place - Not Sweep and Displace! This is a public health emergency. Displacing people spreads the virus. LA City suspended CARE+ sweeps due to shelter in place orders and CDC recommendations at the beginning of the pandemic. Suspending CARE+ could potentially be one of the most effective things that the City has done to prevent the spread of COVID. CARE+ sweeps force unhoused residents to move all of their belongings and relocate, which is in direct violation of the CDC's guidelines against displacement of unhoused residents during the pandemic. There have been recent cases of COVID outbreaks among LA City employees who sweep encampments. Sweeps pose an even greater risk than before, to both the housed and unhoused community. These are the things that will help manage encampments and address public health concerns: hand washing stations, laundry, garbage cans, regular trash pickup, showers, pest control Sweeps continue to destroy life saving medicine, birth certificates, and irreplaceable belongings. Stop wasting our tax dollars and inflicting harm. Focus on housing people: For the same cost as a single sweep, the Services Not Sweeps coalition provided motel rooms for 20 Hollywood residents for a week this summer. Commandeer the Hotels City Council could use their influence to urge Mayor Garcetti to commandeer hotels to house every unhoused Angeleno immediately. During an emergency, Garcetti has the legal authority to commandeer hotels under eminent domain and emergency powers due to the COVID pandemic but has refused to do so. San Francisco's City Council ordered SF's Mayor to commandeer hotels to house everyone experiencing homeless. Why hasn't LA City Council done this? LA has 70,000 hotel rooms which will remain vacant for the next five years, according to a UCLA report. Mayor Garcetti has refused to commandeer a single hotel during a pandemic and environmental crisis. Seize the hotels - friendly negotiations do not work. We cannot count on the goodwill of hotel owners to open up their hotels to save lives. The Omni Hotel, for example, has cited that they refused to participate in Project Roomkey because of the risk of damage to their brand. By allowing hotels and landlords to opt out of participating in Project Roomkey and Covid rental assistance funds, City Council is leaving Angelenos to die from the pandemic and exposure to the elements. Seize the

hotels and cancel rent. LA City Council subsidizes these hotels with public funds while they refuse to serve the public interest. Why are we still promising hotels \$1 billion in taxpayers' money during a global pandemic and homelessness crisis? The City needs to rethink its priorities and apply pressure on hotels to give back to Los Angeles. We need homes, not vacant hotel suites.