

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Benito Flores

**Date Submitted:** 02/11/2021 11:53 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1552

**Comments for Public Posting:** WHO CREATED HOMELESS PEOPLE? Who made laws for the rent to go up and UP? Who made laws to keep min. wage loooow? Obviously homeless people have zero control over these two laws. Obviously City Council does have full control of both rent up and min. wage laws. THE CITY COUNCIL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CONVERTING MIN. WAGE WORKERS INTO HOMELESS PEOPLE. Then regarding El Sereno Caltrans Properties, according to existing law, Roberti Act, Caltrans can sell the properties to owners or to El Sereno Community Land Trust(ESCLT), Caltrans stands in violation of the law by refusing. If The City wants to purchase, then sell immediately to ESCLT, to make permanent really affordable housing. If the City wants to convert these properties into "emergency Transitional Temporary housing" that is really bad, the set of rules for that program is unconstitutional and in violation of current California Laws, ESCLT can make the permanent affordable housing without the waste, kickbacks and corruption of the contractors of the City. PLEASE ENABLE COMMUNITY LAND TRUSTS IN ALL THE CITY AS A REAL SOLUTION. You have 100,000 empty hotel rooms, but only 41,000 homeless people, you can house all homeless people and still remain 59,000 empty hotel rooms  
Sincerely Benito Flores

**WHO CREATED HOMELESS PEOPLE?**

Who made laws for the rent to go up and UP?  
Who made laws to keep min. wage loooow?



With these 2 laws City Council stole our salary and housing.  
It is not charity that homeless people seek, but **RESTITUTION**

**INDICT CITY COUNCIL  
REPLACE CITY COUNCIL**



Nearly three homeless people are dying daily in the county, 2019

Tio Benito  
Reclaimer

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sonia Suresh

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**Comments for Public Posting:** On Item 8, SAJE is in support for the use of public land for affordable housing. We also would like to uplift our partners at the El Sereno Community Land Trust call for the land to be transferred to them. CLTS are a more equitable and sustainable option and the land should be in the hands of the community who have been organizing for this.



My name is Sonia Suresh, I am with Strategic Actions for a Just Economy (SAJE). SAJE works for community-serving economic development, tenant rights and access to healthy and affordable housing for all. I am providing public comment on items 1 (council file 20-0102), 7 (council file 21-0063) and 8 (council file 20-1552).

On Item 1, SAJE is in support of establishing a right to housing framework which will address many of the systemic issues that have led to our current housing crisis. As part of SAJE's housing decommodification work we are working towards establishing housing as a human right, not as a means for profit. City established RTH framework will provide us with the institutional support needed to enact this decommodification work successfully.

On Item 7, SAJE is in support. We know available land is a large factor in what has led to lack of affordable housing as well as the rising numbers of evictions and homelessness. We believe that public land should be used for public good and that land already in the hands of the government should be low hanging fruit for addressing the lack of affordable housing. We appreciate the new urgency and different criteria being used to look at the land available. We are urging the council to act on the report in a timely manner. We are also advocating for the identified land to continue to be held by the government and to be considered for CLTs or social housing later once long term plans are established for these sites.

On Item 8, again we are in support for the use of public land for affordable housing. We also would like to uplift our partners at the El Sereno Community Land Trust call for the land to be transferred to them. CLTS are a more equitable and sustainable option and the land should be in the hands of the community who have been organizing for this.

Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Natividad Carrera  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** I would like to commend council member De Leon on taking action in regards to the Caltrans properties in El Sereno. It is long overdue for the empty properties to be handed over to use for the public good. I have two main points. One is, your main obstacle in this process is Caltrans. They have blocked community control of these properties for decades. You really need to put political pressure on them to declare these properties surplus. Also don't let them tell you it's not possible without further legislation. Under the Roberti bill there is a path to gain public ownership of these properties, by having Caltrans declare them surplus and transferring them to a public HRE. My second point is that there are already people on the ground in El Sereno who have been pushing for using these properties for the public good, principle amongst them is the El Sereno Community Land Trust. We have the resources and the know how to get most of these properties up and running in six months, and even more given a years time. Please include us in the process for figuring out what to do with these properties. The Land Trust is the solution people in the community have come up with for resolving the issue of the empty Caltrans homes, and we should have a seat at the table for finally reaching a solution the community can benefit from. Thank you council member De Leon. We look forward to working with you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Maansi Shah

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**Comments for Public Posting:** In the midst of multiple crises of housing affordability, homelessness and COVID-19, the City should be looking to diversify their techniques in solving pressing problems - community land trusts offer that flexibility, improving social and health outcomes for nearby communities and stabilizing fluctuating home values (thus preserving affordability long-term). I urge the City to facilitate the purchase and transfer of the vacant Caltrans properties to land trusts in the region.