

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge the Homelessness and Poverty Committee to support council file 12-1690-S17. The San Fernando Valley is critically short of emergency shelter for the unhoused. There is only one shelter for the entire Valley. It is in Pacoima which is too far away for many of the unhoused and it is often full. There is nowhere for people to go in cold, wet weather in the valley. Just as critical, there is nowhere to go in extreme hot weather. This is literally a matter of life and death for the city to address basic shelter in extreme weather for the unhoused. This motion that calls for the city to identify the needs and resources for winter shelters is an important first step. I urge you pass this motion to better understand the needs and resources available. The motion only mentions winter shelters. I would like to suggest that the motion be amended to add shelter needs for summer heat. Once these reports are completed and ask that you follow through and work to provide emergency winter and summer shelters in every council district. Thank you for your consideration.