

Communication from Public

Name: Matthew

Date Submitted: 02/23/2021 04:01 PM

Council File No: 19-0774-S1

Comments for Public Posting: My concerns as a resident of NE Eagle Rock: 1) Location: This particular location is wrapped on 3 sides by a freeway offramp, and on one side by a busy boulevard. With currently 8-12 homeless people in the lot, we are already having constant issues with people running across traffic on Figueroa Blvd, as well as congregating on the NE corner of Eagle Rock Park (often engaging in illegal activities like drug use, rummaging through stolen cars, etc). We feel this location is a poor choice to support a large number of individuals, as they have nowhere to go except across the boulevard and into Eagle Rock Park. 2) Size proposal: We understand that Kevin de Leon's office has proposed a 75 bed solution, which we have strongly disputed with them. The parking lot currently houses maybe a dozen folks, and with a substantial amount of issues already impacting local residents (increase in gang activity, tagging, petty crime, harassment of neighbors, drug use, dumping, etc). - The entire homeless population of Eagle Rock stands around 40 people. We think a much wiser idea would be to have bridge housing for between 25 and 40 individuals total. 3) Dry site: Easily the most important issue to us is ensuring this bridge housing location is dry. We are all for helping those who need assistance, but not if it includes enabling addicts and alcoholics, and bringing more of them into our community only a few hundred yards from our houses. I will remind you that open and easy access to drugs resulted in someone dying of an overdose at the lot just a few months ago. This is something we would like to avoid again at all costs.