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Comments for Public Posting: I am not sure if this motion is well-worded. Sanitation is a benefit for the entire community. Both those housed and unhoused have to face issues when there is poor sanitation. I'm unsure if the consequences of not cleaning the street among those who are living there has been taken into account in this motion. For instance, just south in San Diego, the community dealt with a Hepatitis A outbreak among those who are living on the street because of a lack of sanitary practices and the city's neglect. I saw lines of people waiting for Hep A vaccines, and the city responded with some washing stations and porta potties but how many were sick until this was rectified? Just a couple of years ago a service provided for people on Skid Row was visiting the site, he had an open wound and got a staph infection, his lower leg had to be amputated. It is disturbing that he was just walking on Skid Row and attained this deadly infection; he did not lie in someone's tent or have physical contact with people, just walked on Skid Row. I hope the city is conscious about not requiring sanitation for folks already in vulnerable medical conditions. Because of a California law hospitals can eject the homeless due to lack of payment instead of until they are healed. Seeing the streets cleaned around homeless encampments I thought demonstrated that the city cared about the health of the community, now it's being twisted the other way. I hope this motion is rethought with an understanding of infectious diseases and public health.

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Comments for Public Posting: I support this motion. The CARE+ sweeps are both cruel and illogical. The city needs to follow CDC guidelines for not displacing people during a pandemic and address houselessness in a humane, logical, sustainable manner. There are experts (Nithya Raman being one!) who know what we can do to address houselessness in a way that honors the humanity of all, but the way the city has been doing it is NOT it. We need change. We need SERVICES NOT SWEEPS.