

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jeremiah J. Rodriguez

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2021 08:48 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0102

**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly and enthusiastically support all efforts to establish a Right to Housing. -Jeremiah J. Rodriguez

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Leslie

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2021 08:59 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0102

**Comments for Public Posting:** In my estimation, homelessness is the most pressing problem in Los Angeles today. Solutions addressing this dire situation are long overdue.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stacey Greenwald

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2021 10:01 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Show me exactly where in the United state's Constitution does it say we all a Right to Housing!! Ridiculous!

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** maria skelton

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2021 10:19 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** i truly support this and thank you so much

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2021 12:12 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** A right to housing is necessary for every Angeleno, and indeed, for every American. In a city as wealthy as Los Angeles it is an injustice and a travesty that we refuse to house every single human being in a safe, warm, and dry home, without onerous restrictions on their autonomy. The unhoused and those experiencing housing insecurity deserve the exact same safety, dignity, and hygiene that everyone else does. In one of the most expensive cities in the nation, it is absolutely imperative for local government to take care of ALL of LA's citizens.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stephen Lange

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2021 12:17 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I refer you to Changing The Housing Debate Part 1: Housing Is Not A Right <https://www.forbes.com/sites/rogervaldez/2019/05/27/series-1/?sh=e42fc8754acc> I also ask that you consult with Tom Wolf about the realities of the Homeless situation in California <https://www.tomwolf.org/> We have a moral obligation to offer shelter to all of those in need, but we are not obligated to provide housing to everyone who comes to California in search of fame, fair weather or easy access to services and drugs. The crisis will continue to get worse if we continue to ignore the drug abuse and mental illness aspect and pretend that what is happening in California is a result of housing prices. Sure that is a factor, but it isn't THE problem that stares us in the face every day. Mr. Ridley Thomas- talk to the people living near Buckingham and Adams. Talk to the people at 4301 W Jefferson (Jefferson and Hillcrest). The residents have suffered from people who have refused to take the shelter offered to them and have caused mayhem on the streets because they need treatment and recovery, but refuse it. So many of the homeless are otherwise able bodied men (often white) who could get a job and contribute if they were given treatment first. They could also easily find work and cheaper homes elsewhere but choose to live in LA because of the drugs and services they have access to. Please make that the priority-- not a free home that will simply amplify the problem. You also need to ask the state to amend Lantermen-Petris-Short to make it easier to get people the treatment they need.

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**Name:** Romney Woods  
**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2021 12:19 PM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Why not just purchase or lease pre-existing apartment complexes, house's and even mobile home/trailer park homes? Wouldn't it be so much more cost effective, beneficial and faster to everyone involved? Also, and respectfully, why do our most financially secure and wealthy individuals, couples, businesses, corporations, financial and banking institutions repeatedly donate millions of dollars every year to already financially well off institutions? \$90 million to USC?? (Dr. Dre) How many individuals and families could of been impacted by this "single" contribution alone? Just do the math!! Sometimes the biggest problems have the simplest solutions!! Put people first!! Not financial profit!!! I have many more solutions and would love to share them with you. Thank you for the opportunity. Sincerely, R. Woods

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rouzheen

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2021 08:15 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** In support of government intervention to help the homeless population with compassion and dignity. Would also appreciate a faster response from the city council when parents are constantly reaching out for assistance as it pertains to the homeless parked/living in front of schools for instance (8500 Venice blvd block)



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Renee

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2021 08:16 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Homelessness is one of our greatest social-ills especially in the state of California. The system is broken and the recidivism rate continues to escalate even more due to the Pandemic. Mark Ridley not only cares about those that are homeless, but he has developed long term strategies that will ensure a better quality of life and improve our communities. He cares most of all for so many who have fallen through the cracks of our society and he has a history of being a champion for those that have lost their voice and society no longer hears.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Scott Coahran

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2021 08:25 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Decent, affordable housing, like quality affordable health care, is a basic human right, not a privilege

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**Name:** Ariana  
**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2021 08:26 AM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** We need affordable housing !!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Charles W Griffin

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2021 08:41 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm a minority housing provider. I own a duplex located in south central Los Angeles. I have always kept my rents low so that single mothers and elderly could have a place to live. However, all the rent stabilization fees and the other annual LA CITY fees are making it tough to keep the rent low and still make a profit. I asking that the City Council take in consideration that mom and pop housing providers don't have the income that the multiple units have and every additional fees increase is counter productive to keeping the rent low. Another issue is tenant protection. Property owners with two units cannot afford to house non paying tenants. The City has not discounted utility costs, LA county has not discounted property taxes and no discount issued for federal and state income tax. I guess what I'm saying is these changes in the rental property business is running mom and pop housing providers out of business and eventually the big investors will take over. Thank you for your consideration of my concerns..

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Christine V Higgins

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2021 08:42 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Thank you very much for coming together to help the helpless in our community. When those of us who can pull together for those who need help, our whole community benefits and is lifted up.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gavin Abercrombie

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2021 08:46 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Stop making unhoused people illegal. End evictions. Provide the unhoused with long term housing, and treat them like human beings, not prisoners. Provide them with a universal basic income so their needs are met. In a city with so much money and resources, everyone should have a right to housing. Please don't try to police our way out of this humanitarian crisis, that looks lazy at best and vindictive and cruel at worst.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Roslyn

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2021 01:02 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Can the following be established if not already in place: - Mental Healthcare facilities established throughout large city areas - Establish Mental Healthcare 3 digit emergency number - Relocate a portion of the police annual budget to fund Mental Health - Ensure the mental healthcare workers are vetted, certified training along with continual update training with room to professionally & financially grow. This field must be considered one's passion and not just a job - Ensure general guidelines is used for all mental facilities - Training how to address drug attics vs. mentally challenged individuals at or during emergency calls and/or on-one-one meetings - Establish a pathway - as the helpless individuals becomes strong, retrain them to be helpers and then eventually hire them to work with other drug attics to concur additions and etc... - Transparency, weekly/monthly reporting from all facilities. - Tract best practices and implement them - Tract bad practices and discontinue them - Meet with the frontline workers to establish ground work NOT just politicians and investors to understand what is needed and how to equip...

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ariel

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2021 01:21 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to support a Right to Housing, in so much as we desperately need the city council to take action to address the need for affordable, stable, long-term housing for all Angelenos. Starting with out most vulnerable and distant from resources: our houseless neighbors. Year after year, city council dances around this issue, and year after year we watch our mayor(s), and council members sign away affordable, stable, long-term housing access to developers. You are all complicit in the reality we see in our streets, and you have all failed to protect your districts. Right to Housing is the least you could do at this moment. Make the housing permanent, and commit to prevention!!



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Regina Wiggins Speights

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am for housing our houseless men and women in proper housing with social services. The county gives money to large organizations who tie the funds up with unnecessary "red tape". Give the money to the community grass root organizations who truly carry out the mission of ending houselessness. Stop giving to LAHSA!!! These men and women need supportive housing with mental housing, medical, transportation, ability to get ID's, job training, and true compassion. Stop giving monies to entities who are looking to get rich off the city/county while giving bare minimal services. I am a taxpayer and demand the city/county do better. There is no reason for anyone in this country to not have a decent home. We need harm reduction, addiction services, healthy meals, safe homes for these people. If you don't know how to make it happen....contact me. I will both show you and teach you how to make it happen! Stop sending people to jail when they need a home. I am for safe housing for all!! I have worked in the county jails.... all that will happen is the vicious cycle of systematic stigmatization and racism!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael MacNeil

**Date Submitted:** 04/22/2021 09:42 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The city needs an apartment database. How can you possibly help the homeless without one, let alone shop for an apartment?