

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: How does this proposal differ from what we have now? Voluntary compliance is the status quo, and it is harmful to both the unhoused and to the communities surrounding them. When did it become voluntary to allow the City to remove human waste, drug syringes, rotting food and rat droppings from the public right-of-way? The rights that have been conveyed on the unsheltered to live on public sidewalks ought to come with the obligation to cooperate with regularly scheduled, mandatory cleanings. Covid has not been a pressing issue for those on skid row sidewalks. They do not wear masks, do not keep social distance, they live in crowded encampments and do not remain inside their "pods." These are individuals who either due to untreated mental illness or addiction do not abide by rules, yet this proposal seeks to allow them to dictate the level of sanitation on our streets.