

Communication from Public

Name: Monique Noel

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Comments for Public Posting: Item #7 Monique Noel from DWAC and LACAN - We are in support of Councilmember DeLeon's motion for the creation of 25,000 new units by 2025. Specific and explicit measures must be taken to include women in plans to address homelessness: Prioritize immediate housing solutions for unhoused women, specifically prioritizing Black women; Convert all vacant city-owned property into housing that can be used for women and families; Ensure state, local and federal resources are earmarked to emergency and healthcare services for women; It is widely acknowledged that systemic racism is driving homelessness, Black people continue to be over represented on the streets of Skid Row — people are DYING from a lack of housing. Black women are disproportionately represented in Skid Row and disproportionately impacted by chronic homelessness. Black women dying at a higher rate, between 2018-2019, 135 houseless women died in LA city. Black women represented 9% of the total number of women living in Los Angeles County during 2018 and 2019. However, during the same period, 30% or 100 of the 337 women who died homeless in Los Angeles County were Black. Women, non-binary and transgender communities in particular are at an increased risk of harm. State violence, sexual assault, having their children taken and survival transactions are facts of life for women who lack housing. Shorter life expectancy and rising mortality rates are the only definite outcomes for women currently living on the streets of Skid Row. Women's safety is only enhanced by being housed. Plans to Place women in PERMANENT dignified housing needs to happen NOW, tents and shelters are not a solution. Vote yes on item #7.

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Comments for Public Posting: 1. Despite official acknowledgments that systemic racism is driving homelessness, Black people continue to be over represented on the streets of Skid Row — and most importantly, people are still dying from lack of housing. A year after the pandemic brought our city to a standstill, very little has been done to end homelessness, protect our community and save the lives of the most vulnerable Angelenos. Acknowledging the disproportionate number of Black women in Skid Row and the dangers unhoused women face, the Mayor pledged to house 100 women via Project 100, which launched in October 2019. Nearly a year-and-a-half later, on Feb. 10, 2021 he realized this number was too small and declared an expansion of project Roomkey — 300 more rooms, 150 of which would go to unhoused women in Skid Row. In this time, the number of unhoused women in Skid Row has skyrocketed from 1,072 to around 1,500. Clearly, 150 rooms to address a growing problem created by structural racism is not enough.

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Name: Katherine McNenny

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support Councilman Kevin de Leon's 25X25 Proposal which would set a fixed amount of new beds or units to be built or acquired in Los Angeles by 2025. I particularly appreciate the language mentioning the flexibility of housing type, as all potential solutions must be explored. I would further encourage City Council to prioritize the "Social Housing" model, whereby the City would maintain ownership of any new project, which would eliminate the type of crisis that recently erupted at Chinatown's Hillside Villa. In that case, the "private" developer ceased being subject to previously agreed upon reduced rents for tenants (which phased out) and began threatening the mostly low-income occupants with eviction. See below article for details. <https://spectrumnews1.com/ca/la-west/news/2020/04/17/tenants-of-hillside-villa-in-chinatown-push-for-eminant-domain>
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