

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Housing Advocate; District 11 Mar Vista (Bonin) 1. Where are the housing choice vouchers from the American rescue plan? Many UNHOUSED residents can help themselves get housed with those vouchers. MANY of the so called luxury apartments are vacant and they accept vouchers, I called/emailed and asked. Please quickly create a program for the "housing choice vouchers" so that unhoused residents that are in NEED can assist themselves in getting housing. Again, I've had many many many unhoused residents ask me how can they help themselves get housed, mostly so they are not surrounded by 100's of cops at night in tactical gear for simply trying to sleep in their cars or at vacant parks. Why can't unhoused residents in need of housing that can pass a background check call 211 or the DPSS in order to request either a hotel voucher or an apartment voucher that will offset rental costs based off of their total income after taxes? 2. There are too many moving parts of our social service programs. Each sub city- neighborhood should have a "housing, health, and food" social service team that is catered to them. Each sub city-neighborhood should be offered a portion of the housing choice vouchers. ReIMAGINE the shelter systems. Why do some of them close during the day? So we have buildings that sit vacant for a period of time? That doesn't make sense. With shelters, let's try to at least create private bachelor sized rooms for unhoused residents and the locations stay open! They should never close and we always give residents their keys. If you want to have security and a social worker on site, that is fine. I repeat, shelters SHOULD not close. There is no such thing as just a "winter shelter", it is a shelter that stays open and if it doesn't that means that unhoused residents must be allowed to use public spaces like beaches and parks in order to get rest. 3. Encampment to home model= ALLOW some of our unhoused residents that are able to help themselves, allow them to do that! (Car & van dwellers as well as encampments) 4. LA County needs a MEDICARE4ALL system along with more healthcare and rehabilitation locations. If LASHA sends one of their crew members into the field and it is believed that an unhoused resident is struggling with addiction or mental health; consider 1. Field nurses to go into the field and assist 2. Give unhoused residents options that are nearby and let them know where they can go or call to for help catered to them.

