

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: No to using beach parking lots for homeless people. The beaches are not safe with that influx, evidenced by the 62 fires in Venice, the house burned down with a beautiful dog dying in agony, the crime and drugs. No way.

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council and Mayor Garcetti, We do not need to waste money on a feasibility study. We need to build acute and chronic mental health facilities that are staffed with mental health professionals. I know we have heard mental health is not a city responsibility-but it is your responsibility to demand and work with the county to ensure the closed mental health facilities are reopened and filled with the poor souls wandering our streets. It is inhumane to leave them on the street. "Housing First" will not work for the mentally ill, they need professional care 24/7 until they can safely reenter society. One 405 encampment resident who is now in jail, stated he burned himself with cigarettes so he wouldn't hurt other people. Asked if any service providers offered him mental health services he said no just granola bars and water. He went on to steal a bike from a 71 year old man, knocking him to the ground, he was unconscious from the fall and rushed to the hospital dying about 12 hours later from a heart attack. We need mandatory drug rehab not safe injection sites. If rehab remains voluntary then we must quit enabling people. The voters approved needle exchange programs to save health care cost for IV drug users, to keep them safe from infectious diseases that come with sharing needles. Now the non IV drug using public has to be treated for these same infectious diseases because our streets/sidewalks/beaches and parks are littered with used needles. What is wrong with this picture? A letter to the LA times from a skid row officer stated that many skid row homeless live with relatives 6-9 months out of the year. Why not offer a financial incentive, like care giver assistance to those families to house their "homeless" family member, and enroll them in behavior modification program. What ever plan the city has for "sanitizing" the city for the Olympics in 2028 needs to be put in place now. The City and County have plenty of vacant land outside of residential neighbors where temporary supportive housing can be offered until the residents are well enough or ready to reenter society in a meaningful way.