

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello - I have become increasingly distressed with the management -- and ultimately lack of care -- provided for the unhoused population in Los Angeles, specifically for the purposes of this letter, across Mar Vista and Venice. The encampment living situations are untenable, dangerous, unsanitary -- for everyone. For the drug-addicted and mentally ill or simply vagabond, we need real housing and services (like, yesterday) to care for or reintroduce people into society. There must be under-utilized industrial zones that can be rezoned for homeless housing, as one idea. There is no perfect solution, but "voluntary" has proven a disaster. Reduced punishment for criminal activity has also proven a disaster. Our public beaches, parks, sidewalks, and neighborhoods cannot be the solution any longer. Please, please, please. Our public, tax-support spaces -- from the parks, to the beaches, to the streets, to the roads -- have been over run by a situation that is heart-breaking, but completely mismanaged. As a tax-paying, home-owning, society-contributing member of the community, it's absolutely unacceptable that elected officials haven't had the leadership to solution and act. Year over year, the situation worsens. Sidewalks, parks, beaches, etc. are PUBLIC. I would love to once again feel safe walking in the city I used to love. I would love shop-owners to welcome their customers without worrying about the feces, debris, needle, and refuse outside the door. I would love to bring our children to the parks and beaches, and not have to sidestep these things, or pass a person sleeping and wonder to myself "I hope they are alive" or "I hope they don't have a bad trip and yell at us". The comfort and rights of the unhoused individuals seem to trump those of the majority. Studies have shown that city beautification and clean green spaces reduce crime, aid in mental wellness, and so much more. If the elected officials can make some hard decisions to turn the tide, I believe we'll see positive momentum build. Please, save our city. I'm afraid we're just about out of time. Thank you.