

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing concerning the Homelessness & Poverty Committee Agenda Item 5 - "City Administrative Officer report, dated August 10, 2021, relative to evaluating site feasibility and identification of funding for potential homeless interventions in Council District 11." Neither the Marina del Rey boat launch parking lot nor the RV lot at Dockweiler State Beach are appropriate for homeless housing. The small businesses, hotels, and restaurants, which provide approximately 3,000 local jobs, are heavily dependent on tourism. The siting of homeless housing at this location, which is immediately adjacent to Fisherman's Village, the protected Ballona Wetlands ecological preserve, and the water recreation activities of the marina, would detrimentally impact access to affordable coastal recreation and would deter the very tourism on which the local economy depends. Further, the lot is designated as as disaster relief site, serves as an emergency launch area, and is used for life-flight helicopter landings. The RV lot at Dockweiler is a heavily trafficked, year-round coastal recreation destination. Siting homeless housing at this location would detrimentally impact affordable coastal recreation and lead to environmental degradation of this public coastal area. There have been no economic, community, or environmental impact studies as to either location.