

Communication from Public

Name: Estella Suarez-Hamilton

Date Submitted: 09/12/2021 11:04 AM

Council File No: 21-0979

Comments for Public Posting: When I was a teenager I visited Italy with my family. We noticed that the country was prepared for tourists by creating a system of clean pay-bathrooms that had attendants. I always admired this system because the bathrooms were comfortable, clean and provided employment. Italy at the time also had employed individual street custodians who would regularly clean the streets and alleys of garbage. We never noticed trash in the walkways and the historic buildings took the center stage. I hope LA adopts similar measures. This is a great opportunity. As someone who had to ride the bus for 4 hours a day, I would often have to choose between peeing in my pants after a long day of work or holding in excruciating pain for sometimes over an hour. I currently have a bladder disorder in response to this issue. On multiple occasions, I would be sitting at the Manchester Highway Bus Stop and I would see multiple penises exposed and urinating into the trashcans or behind the bus benches. This urine smelled horrible and when the city sanitation staff would pressure wash the flood, the smell of human urine would permeate my clothes and nostrils. Bathrooms are a Health and Safety Key Stone. In addition to bathrooms, I hope you consider adding water fountains that have the ability to dispense cold water. This would help people like me who have been tasked with riding the bus, walking to work, and often times cannot bring food or water on the bus with me. A water fountain would allow me to empty my water bottle, and refill it to minimise violating the bus rules. A water fountain would also allow access to women and men who have children and need to keep them hydrated.