

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Good morning, this is Zeke Sandoval, speaking on behalf of PATH (People Assisting The Homeless), in support of Item 6. Our unhoused neighbors residing in encampments need and want a safe way to dispose of trash, and we're glad this motion focuses on providing resources to do so. As our staff can tell you, encampment residents want to keep their living areas clean and sanitary. Like any of us, housed or unhoused, that includes having a convenient place to throw away trash and other detritus that we all leave in our wake. When individuals experiencing homelessness have to leave their belongings unattended to dispose of trash though, they know they're risking theft, damage, or other risks to their belongings or themselves. Providing encampments with trash bins is a simple fix that acknowledges the lived experiences of our unhoused neighbors. Thank you to Councilmembers Raman and De Leon for advancing this motion. We look forward to assisting the city in implementing this program and respectfully request a swift approval through this committee and the full Council. Thank you.