

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 strong support of Items 8 and 9. We can only end homelessness when we adopt a person-centered approach that connects someone with stable, long-term housing. Since 1984, PATH staff have brought tens of thousands of individuals out of homelessness and into permanent housing. To do so requires building trust among our most vulnerable neighbors – and that requires keeping our promise to get people off the streets and into homes. The amendments in Item 8 and the programs funded in Item 9 are the best avenues in which to do so. We saw this pledge deliver results in Venice, where the vast majority of individuals who left the Boardwalk remain in housing today. We continue to see these results in individual interactions throughout our city every day, where a concrete connection to permanent housing restores the faith in government so many unhoused Angelenos have understandably lost. Homes end homelessness. Items 8 and 9 are avenues in which to solidly connect people experiencing homelessness with homes. We urge a swift approval of both items, and look forward to working with all Councilmembers to implementing these goals. Thank you.