

Communication from Public

Name: Downtown Women's Center

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Comments for Public Posting: The Downtown Women's Center urges this committee and the full Council to act decisively to ensure no loss of current bathroom accessibility and to begin the development of a comprehensive, city-wide network of hygiene infrastructure. Lack of reliable hygiene and bathroom access has a disproportionate impact on women experiencing homelessness, and is cited as a major unmet need in the 2019 Los Angeles City Women's Needs Assessment. In our community of Skid Row, staffing at the existing locations should be expanded to 24 hours to meet the need and provide dignity, safety, and support. The need for 24 hour staffing in Skid Row also creates additional employment opportunities for community members. The toilets should be viewed as a hub to provide Angelenos with additional services, and therefore equipped with resources like hand-washing stations, drinking water, heating/cooling elements, etc., that support hygiene, comfort, and safety. Expanding public toilet access and hygiene infrastructure will benefit unhoused and housed Angelenos alike. It is this kind of investment that can make Los Angeles a world-class city for all.

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Comments for Public Posting: SKIDROW PUBLIC TOILETS ADVOCACY. POINTS: 1) New Skidrow Public Toilets - Must be preferably: Trailers - ADA Toilets & Flushable - We do not recommend: "ADA chemical toilets" for sanitation & public health concerns. 2) Number of Toilets for Skidrow in today's new community environment: - 5 Trailers at the moment may suffice at a minimum - 10 plus ideally to meet the growing number of underserved and houseless individuals in Skidrow specifically and eventually throughout Los Angeles. 3) Toilets Trailers amenities to support safety & public health: - Hygiene supplies for ADA Toilets Flushable Trailers users. (Hand sanitizer, Soap, clean water to wash hands (hand washing stations, toilet tissue, paper towels...) - Hygiene Stations - Kiosk with staffers/community ambassadors - Cooling/Heating resources 4) Toilets Trailers Maintenance - Janitorial Staff needed to keep the Toilet Trailers Clean, sanitized, hygienic and spotless on the hour and for at least 10 to 12 hours (Daytime)

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Comments for Public Posting: Date: November 23, 2021 Attention: Public Works Committee
Re: November 24, 2021 Public Works meeting. Item (1) 21?0979
(Bureau of Street Services report relative to the Coordinated Street Furniture Program public toilet transition plan.) Dear Committee Members, The Transit Justice Working Group a committee of the Skid Row Community Improvement Coalition (the group that envisioned the Skid Row ReFresh Spot) submitted comments and recommendations for the hearing on motion 21?0979, September 15, 2021. We know that the 14 existing automated public toilets, 5 of which are in Skid Row, are a far cry from what is actually needed to provide support and dignity for our unhoused neighbors. To reiterate some of our concerns and priorities, we seek an equitable system that is responsive to community need. Ongoing community input/feedback, opportunities for employment, 24 hour access, and creative partnerships to deliver wellness enhancing amenities are major priorities. We state emphatically that we want ADA accessible toilet trailers with supporting hygiene resources and not portable chemical toilets (porta potties) installed as a temporary resource at the 5 locations in Skid Row. Local Hiring Utilize this program to increase local hiring opportunities (input on the development, roll out, and sustainment as well as subcontracts related to the operation, upkeep and access to the amenities). Remove any barriers to hiring community members and create a process to assist individuals in securing needed documentation or training. We understand that Urban Alchemy will be staffing these locations and want to make sure employment opportunities are available to Skid Row community members. Additionally, staffing must be expanded and modified to provide 24 hour access (as human beings do not suspend the need to relieve themselves