

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge the Homelessness and Poverty Committee and the full Council to pass 21-1415. This measure has a a real potential to save lives. It would be a tragic failure of moral leadership to fail to enact it.

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Name: NoHo Home Alliance

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Comments for Public Posting: NoHo Home Alliance supports the passage of Council File 21-1415. We urge the Homelessness and Poverty Committee and the full City Council to pass 21-1415 which will help save lives and help bring important resources and services to address the homelessness crisis facing our city.



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RE: NHHA Support for Council File# 21-1415; Cedillo Overdose Prevention Legislation

Dear Chair De Leon: I am writing today on behalf of NoHo Home Alliance to support Councilmember Cedillo's proposed legislation for Overdose Prevention for People Experiencing Homelessness (PEH) (Council File 21-1415).

NoHo Home Alliance provides front line services to Persons experiencing homelessness including outreach, Access Centers at two locations, entry into the CES and housing assistance and guidance. We also partner with other organizations to provide showers, medical services, Covid testing and vaccinations and more.

This important legislation would require and expand Nalaxone training and resources for service providers and City staff who work with people experiencing homeless. It also helps identify Federal and State legislation for the City to consider that intends to increase access and reduce barriers to care and coordination. According to The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Center for Health Impact Evaluation released a report on Recent Trends In Mortality Rates and Causes of Death Among People Experiencing Homelessness (PEH) in Los Angeles County, January 2021. Drug overdose has been the leading cause of death among people experiencing homelessness (PEH) since 2017. For the combined years of 2017-2019, PEH were 36 times more likely to die of a drug overdose than people in the general LA County population. The first seven months of 2020 saw an alarming increase in overdose deaths in this population. 273 PEH died of overdoses from January through July of 2020, compared to 205 during those same months in 2019-a 33% increase. This increase was driven largely by the more frequent involvement of fentanyl in overdose deaths among PEH in 2020 compared to the

prior year. Provisional data from CDC's National Center for Health Statistics indicate that there were an estimated 100,306 drug overdose deaths in the United States during 12-month period ending in April 2021, an increase of 28.5% from the 78,056 deaths during the same period the year before. We must work together and act now to address this nation's overdose crisis since we see that fentanyl and other synthetic opioid-related deaths are surging.

Our outreach teams are trained on, and provide Nalaxone. We see first hand the critical need for expanding this service.

Please schedule this legislation to be heard as soon as possible in the Homelessness and Poverty Committee and add this letter to the council file. Your support is needed to ensure we end homelessness with housing – not overdoses. We urge your vote to pass 21-1415 through committee and support for the passage in the full city council.

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