

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** In preparing for today's Public Works Committee meeting, I realized that the item agendized to consider the PUBLIC TOILETS (Item #2) is a subject that is related to the STAP program. Public toilets have always been a part of the street furniture program and, for some unknown rationale, were not required to be a part of the new rendition of the street furniture program. While this should be addressed, it is not the reason for this comment. All of the public comments related to the elements of the STAP program are housed under Council File 20-1536. There are numerous comments related to the program from the public and there are CIS statements submitted by many neighborhood councils. Yet, today's agenda notes no CIS statements. It could very well be argued that separating out the public toilets and treating them outside of STAP consideration is piecemealing the program and also removing the opportunity of stakeholders who are "watching" the STAP program and Council File 20-01536 to be excluded from the hearing of February 9th. It suggests that this matter should be continued with proper notification to all those tracking CF 20-1536. In the future, all measures related to the street furniture program should either fall under its Council File or be dually listed to ensure full transparency. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brenda Martinez

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**Comments for Public Posting:** While acknowledging the estimated 46,000 un-sheltered and the importance of, and need for, public toilets located and available at select LA City locations. I will like to oppose the Council motion 21-0979 No rationale was given for the removal of the public toilet program from the proposed Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) program (making it an optional component). • No analysis was presented as to why the omission of public toilets from the STAP RFP was made. • No presentation was been made to the public or Council as to the long-range budgetary impacts of transferring the operation of the public toilets to the City and its General Fund. (The Council Motion presented addresses only the first six months following expiration of the current street furniture contract with Outfront/Decaux at a level of over \$2.1 million.) • No presentation was made as to options explored by Street Services/Public Works to maintain public toilets after the current street furniture contract expires. (The removal of the public toilets from the STAP program will have a number of impacts — none of which were addressed in the Initial Study/Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. ) • The staff report on the toilet issue is inadequate to justify the expenditure of City funds. It is further irresponsible to allow the responsibility of providing toilets (that have been provided to the City free of charge as part of the current street furniture program) to be transferred to the taxpayers. And, if the City wants to take on a public toilet program, then they had better open up transparent conversations as to what is needed, where and how to meet those needs followed by the issuance of an RFP so that bids can be received in an open and competitive manner.