

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of PATH (People Assisting The Homeless), I write in support of Item 6. We're also strong supporters of Senate Constitutional Amendment 2, which would remove an archaic and historically racist provision of the State Constitution currently preventing public investment in affordable housing. LA's decades-long and worsening housing shortage has pushed tens of thousands of our neighbors into unsheltered poverty, and brought hundreds of thousands more to the brink of losing their homes even before this pandemic. To end homelessness, we need to build more homes at affordable levels. For that development to happen equitably without risking gentrification, new affordable developments must be in high-opportunity neighborhoods. Currently, Article 34 of the State Constitution allows the wealthiest neighborhoods to push that housing burden onto others, and in fact was originally crafted by segregationists. SCA 2 would repeal this outdated provision. We're glad to support it and grateful to Councilmembers O'Farrell and Price for bringing it before the Committee today.