

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: For two weeks, a lady has been pushing an empty baby carriage around my neighborhood. I'll call her Mary About three weeks ago, a group of neighbors on Nextdoor convened in a Neighborhood Council Subcommittee demanding several homeless encampments be swept and then designated as LAMC 41.18 Sensitive Zones. Mary was super pregnant, & her baby came at the same time as the sweep, plus an episode of rain, & a case of COVID. Her boyfriend had a housing voucher that they could not redeem despite 7% vacancy in our neighborhood. Why didn't our Neighborhood work together to find a house for her instead of demanding Sanitation take the tent & tarp that she called "home", before it rained? Why did they then attempt to ensure that she would no longer be able to sit down in that public space again? 5,000 unhoused women give birth EVERY YEAR in LA, creating 5,000 unhoused babies, & our City had 10 months to do something about making sure Mary had Room at the Inn or the Roomkey or a landlord to take Section 8 or an Emergency housing voucher, but she kept dry not in a manger, but under a freeway ramp, & they're trying to even TAKE THAT from her after taking her stuff & her baby...& refusing to take their voucher. Why is a freeway for CARS doing more for vulnerable people than LAHSA, our neighbors & Councilmembers combined? Please be better people. Repeal LAMC 41.18. Accept housing vouchers. Cancel CARE/CARE+ Sweeps. Coexist. Thank you.