

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Raphael Plunkett

**Date Submitted:** 04/18/2023 08:34 PM

**Council File No:** 23-1200-S69

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am submitting written public comment in full support of Tanisha Saunders' nomination by Mayor Bass to be appointed to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Commission. I am Raphael H. Plunkett, a Traffic and Transportation Commissioner for the city of Diamond Bar, a community volunteer, LAAAWPPI student, and classmate of Ms. Saunders. I have come to know Ms. Saunders as a reliable, outgoing, earnest, thoughtful, innovative, and engaging person. I fully support the nomination of Ms. Saunders. She has considerable experience in public speaking and community engagement working in cross-generational settings, employing cross-cultural awareness. She has earned multiple awards for her efforts and her commitment to community. She has numerous experiences to pull from to supplement her efforts to enrich the LAHSA Commission. I am certain she will bring a lively candor, tenacious commitment, extensive experience, unique perspective, and abundant contributions to the Commission. I anticipate her appointment will be of great benefit to the Commission, and the community it serves. Ms. Saunders will enrich the Commission as she participates and applies her wealth of experience, her understanding of human relationships, and her command of addressing harms with viable solutions; all while she learns, adapts, and expands her own knowledge, and that of the Commission. I hope my thoughts help with your decision, thank you for your consideration.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Keyva Clark

**Date Submitted:** 04/18/2023 11:29 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello! I am writing to support the appointment of Tanisha Saunders to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Commission. Her voice on the commission would be one the would echo the voices of millennials and those who have gone through the foster care system and understand how pressing housing insecurity is to many diverse groups.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Trachelle

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear LA City Council Housing and Homelessness Committee, Tanisha Saunders, is a passionate advocate guided by curiosity and a desire to empower others to be the change they wish to see. She has overcome many facets of adversity such as poverty, foster care, homelessness and gun violence. She has also completed policy fellowships within LA City Council, The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and since 2019 has worked on the frontlines of homelessness in Los Angeles as a direct service provider. Her advocacy efforts are featured in the book Addressing Homelessness and Housing Insecurity in Higher Education: Strategies for Educational Leaders, Cosmopolitan Magazine, Teen Vogue, and Spectrum News: In Focus and other media outlets. As a LAHSA commissioner, she will utilize her education along with her background as a service provider, advocate and lived experience to contribute to solutions to ending the affordable housing and homeless crisis in the city of Los Angeles. Her civic engagement, advocacy and career choices are rooted in personal experiences with poverty, the foster care system, homelessness and desire to effect change throughout public systems.