

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am in favor of the Downtown Community Plan for many reasons. First, I want to promote the health of downtown residents, especially the marginalized who have been deprived of simple, healthful activities such as walkable, safe spaces. All people deserve this. Second, I am concerned about the inequitable dumping of pollutants and toxins in low income/minority neighborhoods and support a plan that treats all people with respect and fairness in terms of minimizing exposure to these terrible things. Third, as a young person, I am committed to environmental sustainability so that our planet has a chance to regenerate itself and continue providing a safe and beautiful home for all of us. Finally, I believe that society's treatment of marginalized people, including unhoused individuals, should be just and empathetic. I can see that the plan supports all of these goals and for that reason I wholeheartedly support it. Please approve the plan. Thank you for your consideration.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sara Daleiden

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Planning and Land Use Management Committee Members, I hope this finds you feeling strong and peaceful as you meet to discuss the DTLA 2040 Downtown Community Plan. I am a resident and creative small business owner based in the Historic Core and Fashion District of Downtown Los Angeles for two decades. I am a leader with the Skid Row Now and 2040 coalition for several years. I have actively produced permanent and temporary art and design projects for public space for Downtown Los Angeles as a set of neighborhoods I adore during this time. I am a consistent advocate for overall neighborhood health for myself and for all my neighbors, including those in Skid Row or living and working on our Downtown Streets anywhere. I have grown to respect and be inspired by my Skid Row neighbors, especially the array of artists and other creatives, who actively contribute to Skid Row feeling like a neighborhood with their presence and investment. I am greatly concerned about displacement of my neighbors, as I can be of myself as a long-time low income renter, as Downtown Los Angeles develops and cost of living skyrockets. I urge you to respond to the following call to action by my coalition that I co-authored, and adopt the DTLA 2040 now for the Mayor to sign by May 12!

- Retain and expand the IX1 Zone to represent the historical boundaries of Skid Row, from 3rd to 7th Streets and from Main to Alameda Streets.
- Establish a Skid Row district council for self-representation by residents (housed and unhoused) and workers within the historical Skid Row boundaries.
- Advocate for elements of DTLA 2040 that foster a healthy and sustainable Skid Row neighborhood.
- Support the recommendations of the Central City United Coalition.

Please see our Containment and Community policy paper for an accurate history of Skid Row as a neighborhood, and why we are advocating for the IX1 zone to be expanded and current cultures respected, and not displaced. I served as an editor for this policy paper and found the process of producing it to be transformative. This is an important Los Angeles history for any of us as neighbors and civic leaders to know in detail. <https://www.lapovertydept.org/skid-row-now-and-2040/> Also our video public comment playlist on YouTube: <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXviGgVG3Ijx5B-5ZFmEmrM7PHXvT5zpF> I am grateful to the Department of City Planning for all the listening and engagement in recent years with the DTLA 2040. There are many positive aspects in the plan around healthy neighborhoods for Skid Row and other areas of Downtown including where I live and work. The plan language directly relates to text we provided our City planners around our vision for healthy neighborhoods. I strongly encourage you to make ethical land decisions now as City Councilmembers, in light of the long history of racial injustice in Skid Row and Downtown Los Angeles, and the current needs we all have for healthy neighborhood life here. Thank you and be well, Sara Daleiden Sara Daleiden Consulting @daleiden\_sara