

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: This comment is in regard to the status update given re: the Homelessness Emergency Account at the May 17, 2023, Housing & Homelessness Committee. Starting at the 1:06:20 mark of this meeting (<https://www.youtube.com/live/7cGT4v3oVxY?feature=share&t=3980>), an "encampment resolution grant" is spoken about which would bring 60 million dollars to the City & County to filter up to 2K people currently living in the streets of Skid Row to the Mayfair & Cecil Hotels. These hotels would serve so called "very high acuity clients". A new clinic with "observation rooms" was mentioned for the Cecil, which would serve these Skid Row "clients". Apparently, this has all already been negotiated. I am very concerned by "acuity" assessments because no medical experts spoke about this grant at this meeting. Who will be making these "assessments"? What will the training be of the people who do this "observing"? Also, what are "observation rooms"? What is being observed and by whom? For how long? Why? Will people be kept there against their will? None of this was explained by qualified medical professionals, nor was there any outreach about this massive project in the community it is supposed to serve. Don't all disabled people already qualify for supportive housing? Also, Individuals with substance use disorders (that compromise their lives) are covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act.