

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 01:24 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0147-S51

**Comments for Public Posting:** please require retail food stores to dedicate one hour of customer business exclusively to the elderly and the disabled. Our elderly has done so much for us this is a great way to let them shop for their necessities during this outbreak. Also, the disabled community need our help and I support this.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sharon Goe

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 01:18 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** ITEM 5: Currently though many local retailers have made provisions to allow priority shopping for elderly during a specified hour, it is important that ADA disabled, (perhaps even including pregnant women,) also be included for these provisions. As it is, many ADA disabled constituents ARE NOT ABLE TO SHOP FOR OURSELVES, OR TRAVEL WITH ANY RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION FOR GOODS AND SERVICES. Dealing with pre-existing health conditions or being immune compromised, it is also not advised for us to be in grocery stores when obviously there is still a need for basic survival items and food and necessities. This is presenting a challenge already to still be able to acquire such needs, (also as mentioned regarding ITEM 1, with the further burdens of not being able to afford doing so, especially when our primary locations to access food/supplies may currently also not be a reliable source for us anymore which is requiring alternative options, or the necessity to travel beyond where we can travel to, or to pay/afford prices we cannot afford to pay, etc.)- In such event that disabled community members can still travel to or go to any retailer themselves, it is imperative that ADA disabled customers be able to be prioritized and able to shop exclusively within a less congested or pressured atmosphere, along with the Elderly. FYI, most legitimately ADA disabled constituents and community members should already have a California state issued card that indicates Disability, in order to verify we are disabled, regardless of what we may 'look like' (invisible disability vs. visible disability,) and I ask that the Disabled are included in any such additional provisions that would make struggling with 'access' and or prioritizing of provisions to us as a community in need to be better supported and aided, not disregarded or overlooked or excluded.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** David Quattrocchi

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 12:45 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Protect tenants with an indefinite full rent moratorium with fundraising assistance available to those who cannot pay it back within 6 months; provide job assistance for those laid off or fired during the next few months; provide all safety assistance including gloves and N95 masks for workers of grocery, drug retail, and food delivery with complete medical coverage for infected workers; cover sick leave for any workers sick or tending to sick loved ones during the pandemic; require retail food stores to dedicate one hour of customer business exclusively to the elderly and the disabled. And do this all with compassion and complete forgiveness in the name of humanity and love for your constituents who rely on you to assist in timely and helpful ways during crises such as this one.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elizabeth isralowitz

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 12:56 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I wish to speak on items 1-5, item 15 and public comment. I am speaking from the Los Angeles tenants union, Wilshire center Koreatown neighborhood council a resident of CD 13 and a worker in CD 14. I ask the council ammend items 1-5 to meet the requests of the Healthy LA coalition and the LA Tenants Union. I ask for a complete eviction moratorium for all evictions and the enactment of a renters right to council. To do this I request the city council hold an additional emergency meeting no later than March 30th to meet the April 1st rent deadline. Working though the weekend may not be ideal but is what many of us must do to make it by. The residents of Los Angeles call on you to use imenant domain to open all state, government agency, and city owned residential buildings and lots to immediate use as affordable housing and/or resource for the unhoused and unemployed. This includes immediate use if the 200 vacant homes owned by CalTrans and an end to the harassment of those reclaiming their rightful homes. The people of Los Angeles immediately call for all privately owned vacant residential units, many of which are owned by large corporations that have been bleeding our residents for years, to be used to house the unhoused and housing insecure who are ready to transition independent housing. After which these units should continue to be made available to these individuals at a rate to be negotiated with residents and local support agencies. I also ask that as we continue into this recession like none any of us have experienced before you authorize a roll back of all rent increases over the past 5 years of more than a cumulative 10% . On item 15 I completely support the cities acquisition of Hillside Villa. For the record I would like to divulge I am not a renter, I am homeowner and at one time a landlord, and a public school teacher I worked two jobs to save to purchase my home. But I support people of this city the majority of whom are renters and are struggling. If this all sounds extreme to landlords be aware renters hold the numbers and in numbers there is power. I believe protections should be given to small rental owners but we should not be bailing out corporate developers and landlords. Finally, I ask that the city council and the city attorney's office place a moratorium on all Los Angeles city planning approvals of discretionary and non-discretionary projects until a system of teleconferencing is in place or the crisis

has subsided and NCs are conducting regular meetings.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amanda Munoz

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**Comments for Public Posting:** This is a call to our City Council to take into consideration the tenants who are the life line of Los Angeles. I am calling for moratorium on evictions, rent forgiveness and mortgage suspension, and an immediate freeze on all residential and commercial rent and utility bill increases. This pandemic is affecting all of Los Angeles, and it is up to those of you to protect us during this time. Due to COVID-19, many of us have lost our only sources of income and it is disgusting that you expect us to continue payments as if there is not a pandemic happening. Those who have lost their jobs deserve increased protections and supplemental sick leave in order to help keep the rest of the community safe. Without these things in place, I don't understand how else we will be able to survive.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Shannen Roberts

**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2020 02:08 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please include immunocompromised people or those with auto-immune deficiency's to come early to grocery stores. They can bring proof of their tests from doctors. Not all people are considered "disabled" who have low immune systems.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sharon Goe

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**Comments for Public Posting:** PUBLIC POLICY/COMMUNITY: Our policies must not discriminate. Disabled and low-income people must be included in every policy, every fund, every new law. That's why we've written a list of demands to ensure that emergency legislation for COVID-19 is fair and equitable for everyone. Your voice matters. Please help us reach decision-makers in Congress.

DISABILITYDEMANDS.ORG DISABILITY RIGHTS EDUCATION AND DEFENSE FUND (DREDF) DEMAND #1: Financial assistance must treat disabled and low-income people fairly • Economic stimulus must be easily and equitably available to low-income and disabled individuals. • We must raise or eliminate asset limits for people with disabilities and older adults in Supplemental Security Income, Medicaid, SNAP, and other means-tested programs — so their benefits will not be at risk from the stimulus DEMAND #2: We must ensure that sick people can stay home without risking their jobs • Ensure paid sick days for all workers. DEMAND #3: We must ensure that people can stay home to care for their loved ones • Ensure paid leave provisions include caregivers who can't work because they are caring for an adult child with a disability or aging family member whose program has closed or care worker is sick DEMAND #4: We must help disabled and low-income people keep their homes • Increase funding for programs that provide housing assistance to elderly, low-income, and disabled people. • Pass legislation to stop evictions during the pandemic, including the Eviction Crisis Act. DEMAND #5: We must help people experiencing homelessness, including through increased funding • Immediately provide an increase in Emergency Solutions Grants to help people experiencing homelessness. DEMAND #6: We must ensure healthcare is equitable • We need a statement from Congress regarding rationing of care to ensure that when rationing treatment begins, decisions about how medical treatment should be allocated are made without discriminating based on disability. The National Council on Disability has already raised concerns about this issue in a letter to HHS' Office of Civil Rights. DEMAND #7: We must ensure freedom from age and disability discrimination during every step of this crisis • Ensure the rights of individuals with disabilities and older adults, to be free from discrimination on the basis of disability or age in programs and activities, are



protected during all phases of disaster preparation, response, recovery, and mitigation. DEMAND #8: We must ensure disabled and low-income people can get the healthcare, supplies and medicine they need, safely • Ensure that all testing and treatment for COVID-19 is provided at no cost for everyone, whether insured or not. • Ensure that everyone can access medication and supplies refills for 90 days, including allowances for partial fills and controlled substances, without cost-sharing and with financial assistance to allow for self-isolation for at-risk people with disabilities. DEMAND #9: We must immediately begin massive production of ventilators, to save lives, and prevent rationing • Congress must appropriate funds specifically for ramping up production of ventilators. • The Secretary of Health and Human Services should be given authority to expedite bringing new production facilities online and do everything possible to mobilize a “whole-of-country” response to meet these production challenges. DEMAND #10: We must protect healthcare workers and make sure they have the equipment they need to do their work safely • Congress must appropriate funds specifically for ramping up production of Personal Protective Equipment including masks, gowns, shields, gloves, suits, and other equipment to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to our healthcare workers. • The Secretary of Health and Human Services should be given authority to expedite bringing new production facilities online and do everything possible to mobilize a “whole-of-country” response to meet these production challenges. DEMAND #11: Medicaid must support, and pay for, the services disabled people rely on to live at home, in their communities • Increase federal Medicaid funding so that state governments have the resources they need to provide care for people with disabilities. • Pass the Corona Virus Relief for Seniors and People with Disabilities Act, to fund Home & Community Based Services – programs that provide the direct support that enables aging adults and people with disabilities to live at home. • Pass the Ensuring Direct Access to Direct Support Professionals Act (S. 3220/H.R. 5443) • Make the Money Follows the Person (MFP) program, which empowers disabled people to move out of institutions back into their own homes, permanent. DEMAND #12: We must keep disabled people from being forced to live in institutions • Provide states with resources they need to ensure that even during this crisis, people with disabilities have the supports they need to remain in the community and ar

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**DISABILITY RIGHTS EDUCATION AND DEFENSE  
FUND (DREDF)**

### **DEMAND #1:**

## **Financial assistance must treat disabled and low-income people fairly**

- Economic stimulus must be easily and equitably available to low-income and disabled individuals.
- We must raise or eliminate asset limits for people with disabilities and older adults in Supplemental Security Income, Medicaid, SNAP, and other means-tested programs — so their benefits will not be at risk from the stimulus

### **DEMAND #2:**

**We must ensure that sick people can stay home without risking their jobs**

- Ensure paid sick days for **all** workers.

### **DEMAND #3:**

**We must ensure that people can stay home to care for their loved ones**

- Ensure paid leave provisions include caregivers who can't work because they are caring for an adult child with a disability or aging family member whose program has closed or care worker is sick

### **DEMAND #4:**

**We must help disabled and low-income people keep their homes**

- Increase funding for programs that provide housing assistance to elderly, low-income, and

disabled people.

- Pass legislation to stop evictions during the pandemic, including the Eviction Crisis Act.

#### **DEMAND #5:**

## **We must help people experiencing homelessness, including through increased funding**

- Immediately provide an increase in Emergency Solutions Grants to help people experiencing homelessness.

#### **DEMAND #6:**

## **We must ensure healthcare is equitable**

- We need a statement from Congress regarding rationing of care to ensure that when rationing treatment begins, decisions about how medical treatment should be allocated are made without discriminating based on disability. The National Council on Disability has already raised concerns about this issue in [a letter](#) to HHS' Office of Civil Rights.

### **DEMAND #7:**

**We must ensure freedom from age and disability discrimination during every step of this crisis**

- Ensure the rights of individuals with disabilities and older adults, to be free from discrimination on the basis of disability or age in programs and activities, are protected during all phases of disaster preparation, response, recovery, and mitigation.

### **DEMAND #8:**

**We must ensure disabled and low-income people can get the healthcare, supplies and medicine they need, safely**

- Ensure that all testing and treatment for COVID-19 is provided at no cost for everyone, whether insured or not.
- Ensure that everyone can access medication and supplies refills for 90 days, including allowances for partial fills and controlled

substances, **without** cost-sharing and **with** financial assistance to allow for self-isolation for at-risk people with disabilities.

#### **DEMAND #9:**

**We must immediately begin massive production of ventilators, to save lives, and prevent rationing**

- Congress must appropriate funds specifically for ramping up production of **ventilators**.
- The Secretary of Health and Human Services should be given authority to expedite bringing new production facilities online and do everything possible to mobilize a “whole-of-country” response to meet these production challenges.

#### **DEMAND #10:**

**We must protect healthcare workers and make sure they have the equipment they need to do their work safely**

- Congress must appropriate funds specifically for ramping up production of **Personal Protective Equipment** including masks, gowns, shields, gloves, suits, and other equipment to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to our healthcare workers.
- The Secretary of Health and Human Services should be given authority to expedite bringing new production facilities online and do everything possible to mobilize a “whole-of-country” response to meet these production challenges.

### **DEMAND #11:**

## **Medicaid must support, and pay for, the services disabled people rely on to live at home, in their communities**

- Increase federal Medicaid funding so that state governments have the resources they need to provide care for people with disabilities.
- Pass the [Corona Virus Relief for Seniors and People with Disabilities](#) Act, to fund Home & Community Based Services – programs that provide the direct support that enables aging adults and people with disabilities to live at

home.

- Pass the Ensuring Direct Access to Direct Support Professionals Act (S. 3220/H.R. 5443)
- Make the Money Follows the Person (MFP) program, which empowers disabled people to move out of institutions back into their own homes, permanent.

### **DEMAND #12:**

## **We must keep disabled people from being forced to live in institutions**

- Provide states with resources they need to ensure that even during this crisis, people with disabilities have the supports they need to remain in the community and are not forced into institutional or other group settings in violation of their civil rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Supreme Court's decision in *Olmstead v. L.C.*, and at increased risk to their health.

### **DEMAND #13:**

## **We must ensure disability civil rights protections are fully**



## **protected**

- Rights are not negotiable. Do not allow any weakening of the protections of the ADA for businesses or in the building of new facilities if necessary.

### **DEMAND #14:**

## **We must guarantee the right to vote, including the right of disabled people to vote**

- Provide additional funding to states to ensure accessible voting as states are moving to absentee and mail-in voting.

### **DEMAND #15:**

## **We must safeguard the right to education for disabled students, guaranteeing IDEA protections**

- Ensure that any legislation to support access to virtual education and other supports are inclusive of the unique needs of people with disabilities, including requirements under the

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

