

Communication from Public

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Dear Councilman and Women... We recently recently learned that the City Council will be taking up issues related to the development of the city parking lot at 11010 Santa Monica Blvd. on tomorrow's meeting agenda. I've own a business in the area for the last 33 years and was NEVER informed of this plan and I strongly urge you to table the issue until the community is allowed to provide input on this project. The agenda shows that no Community Impact Statement has been submitted. That's likely because there has been no communication from the City at large, the Homelessness and Poverty Committee or your offices that would provide any information on this project for the community to consider or respond. My office called several offices when we first heard about this two weeks but never received a call back nor an email (I left my address for response) regarding this project. How can the community get information if it is not sent out (as is required by commercial business who wish to develop a property) or our representatives don't respond to inquiries? All of us see and understand the growing problem of homelessness in our city, it is a safety issue for all concerned. Solutions must work for residents, businesses and the homeless, too. Simply dropping a public housing facility in a city parking lot without regard to other's needs is not the answer. The lot is desperately needed by area businesses for workers and visitors/clients/customers. There are no resources in the immediate vicinity to assist the new residents of this facility transition from the streets to productive lives. There are other parcels in the area that could more easily accommodate such public housing and have room to house resource services for these individuals. Even the vast grounds at the VA should be considered for "out of the box" solutions to this growing problem for our city. Once again... The community at large demand you to table the issue until you communicate with the community and we are allowed to provide input on this project.