

To: Los Angeles City Council Homelessness and Poverty Committee and Mayor Garcetti

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The homeless people that most Angelenos see everyday are the homeless that live on the street. The growing crisis of the human horror, filth and misery is right in their faces every day as they go to their stores, walk their neighborhoods and play at their parks. This is why Angelenos voted in favor and passed Measures H and HHH. Angelenos are trying to tell you elected officials that we have had enough.

There is no reason that 50-100 giant tents can't be erected for the homeless citywide and countywide RIGHT NOW. All services that the homeless need to succeed are in the tents such as social worker, mental health workers, addiction counselors, transportation, showers/bathrooms, etc. San Diego has done this for their homeless and it appears to be working. There are thousands of vacant city owned lots on which the tents can be erected right now. No red tape, no delays, no bull. Mayor Garcetti wants to do the slow, painful experiment of setting up a few trailers for a few dozen homeless downtown to see how it goes. We have 35,000 homeless in Los Angeles that need shelter NOW! Tell Mayor Garcetti that this will not do.

Further, the No Camping and No Loitering laws MUST be enforced by police and sheriffs so that the homeless have further incentive to go to a tent shelter. If there is reason not to enforce laws make the changes needed to enforce them.

We are watching you and will vote accordingly at election time.

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