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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members: We were glad to learn that the City Council is considering the Temporary Wall Signs program. The Temporary Wall Signs program has become a public nuisance, especially in underserved areas. It seems cruelly unfair that communities already struggling should have to cope with this blight. Temporary wall signs with ads attached often now surround functioning businesses. Also, ad-burdened temporary walls often remain in place long after active construction has ceased on a lot. Both of these uses violate the original intent of the law, and they make our environment more ugly. The Dept. of Building and Safety, in its memo dated February 22, 2018, suggested some measures to beef up enforcement and ensure that temporary wall signs meet only their intended purposes. We support the DBS proposals. They should be included in a new city ordinance governing temporary wall signs. Thank you for your consideration, Kathryn Welch Howe