Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I am in support of Mayor Garcetti's Bridge Home project sites

located in San Pedro, Wilmington and Watts. As a CD15

Stakeholder and Resident, I am very concerned for the well-being of our more than 1,790 neighbors experiencing homelessness throughout the Council District. It is imperative that we address this crisis in a swift, strategic and responsive manner. I believe that the Bridge Home projects are a necessary part of the homeless service continuum while we are waiting for more affordable and supportive housing resource to be developed to address this crisis in a more permanent manner. Less than three weeks ago, I asked a neighbor experiencing homelessness whether there was anything they needed. The person replied "I need Shelter." I was shocked at this basic request. After several hours on the phone, I am horrified to discover that there are literally NO SHELTER BEDS in my immediate area for this person to find refuge. Please help our community respond to this crisis in a manner that will provide gap housing for those experiencing

homelessness on our streets tonight.