

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Over the next year, experts estimate that the number of unhoused people in California due to rising unemployment from coronavirus can grow by up to 20%, from 150,000 people currently to 180,000. In Los Angeles County, which contains more than 40% of the unhoused population in California, that can mean an increase of up to 12,000 more people on the sidewalks over the next twelve months. That's 1,000 families left to L.A.'s concrete every four weeks. And if Project Roomkey shows us anything, it's that given two months, the city of Los Angeles can barely manage to get well short of 3,000 of its 15,000 most vulnerable unhoused citizens into a hotel room. Exactly what would be the point of "reopening" Los Angeles then, if all we have are more people in tents crowding below freeways, at schools and libraries, and around grocery stores and restaurants? In unity with the people's budget of Los Angeles, I call for an end to the police military state in Los Angeles and the beginning of a new chapter for our city and county, in which our elected officials use our taxes to fund housing, community development, and the democratic sharing of wealth and resources instead of weapons for lapd and the incarceration of our most vulnerable citizens.