

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/23/2025 06:57 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0600

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mr. David Valdez

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Ms. Karen Bass, we are NOT your scapegoat. We are the civil servants who have served your constituents selflessly. You, decidedly, willingly, and without regard, too easily offer your civil servants' livelihood as a solution to your and Controller Mejia's blatant mismanagement. You propose open pockets to the homeless, all the while you and Controller Mejia would effectively offer your civil servants as a sacrifice solely to deflect and redirect attention and accountability. Controller Mejia, as a consequence of your inexperience, mismanagement, and absence of training in managing one of the world's most populated and richest cities, that have contributed to our City's budget deficit. Mr. Mejia, we, the City's workforce, are more than just a single line item in your bound budget books. Mr. Mejia and Ms. Bass, your proposal is short-sighted, selfish, and ultimately disgusting. Ms. Bass in your State of the City address, your self-promoting and praise were deplorable.