

What's LA City Council?

LA City Council is incredibly powerful. They control over \$10 billion in city funds, and have the ability to build housing, fund homelessness services, and create laws that make it illegal to be homeless, e.g. municipal code 56.11 regulates the possession of property in public space and 85.02 made it illegal to sleep in your car. *City Council has the power to end homelessness and provide housing for everyone.*

Your voice is powerful.

Even though City Council has immense power over the lives of unhoused people, they rarely ever hear directly from those experiencing homelessness. Public comment is an opportunity to speak directly to your council member and tell them how their votes affect your life. You have a right to speak your mind and they have an obligation to listen to you during public comment.

LA City Council Members make over \$200,000. It is their job to listen to you.

Want to see more bathrooms and shower facilities? Tell them. Are you tired of harassment from LA Sanitation and LAPD? Tell them how sweeps affect you. What kinds of housing and/or shelters would you like to see? What difficulties have you faced in trying to access services and housing?

Ktown for All is an all volunteer community organization helping Koreatown's unhoused community through direct aid and political advocacy. ————— ktownforall.org | @ktownforall -   



GUIDE TO GIVING PUBLIC COMMENT

LA City Council's Homelessness & Poverty Committee meets every other Thursday.

They should hear from unhoused residents who are directly impacted by their policy decisions.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 11, 10:00am

HOW TO GIVE PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Call 1-669-254-5252
2. Enter Meeting ID No. 160-431-9380
3. Press #
4. Press # again when prompted for participant ID.
5. Once admitted into the meeting, press *9 to request to speak.
6. When it's your turn to talk, they will call out the last four digits of your phone number.
7. Press *6 to unmute yourself, and say you want to give General Comment. You will get 1 minute to speak.

SAMPLE TALKING POINTS

- Shelter in Place – Not Sweep and Displace!
- Commandeer the hotels
- Support COVID-safe methods of providing transitional and permanent housing

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DETAILED PUBLIC COMMENT TALKING POINTS

This is a public health emergency. Displacing people spreads the virus.

- CARE+ sweeps force unhoused residents to move all of their belongings and relocate, which is in direct violation of CDC pandemic guidelines.
- Sweeps continue to destroy life-saving medicines, birth certificates, and irreplaceable belongings. Stop wasting taxpayer dollars on inflicting harm.
- Sweeps are more expensive than humane solutions. For the same cost as a single sweep, the Services Not Sweeps coalition provided motel rooms for 20 Hollywood residents for a full week this summer.

City Council should urge Mayor Garcetti to commandeer hotels to house every unhoused Angeleno immediately.

- Garcetti has the legal authority during this emergency to commandeer hotels. Why hasn't he done it?
- San Francisco's City Council ordered SF's Mayor to commandeer hotels to house everyone experiencing homelessness. Why hasn't LA City Council done this?
- LA has 70,000 hotel rooms which are projected to remain vacant for the *next five years*.

Seize the hotels — friendly negotiations do not work.

- Omni Hotel refused to participate in Project Roomkey because they said it would "damage their brand." Allowing hotels and landlords to opt out of Project Roomkey and COVID rental assistance funds completely neuters these programs' effectiveness, and leaves Angelenos without anywhere to go.

LA City Council subsidizes these hotels with public funds, even though they refuse to serve the public interest.

- Why are we still promising hotels \$1 billion in taxpayers' money during a global pandemic and homelessness crisis, when the hotels refuse to provide anything to us in return?
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