

**PUBLIC COMMENT HANDOUT - Shirley Broussard**

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To: Long Beach City Council  
Re: GIVE THE HOMELESS RAISE

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“ OH COME ALL YE FAITHFUL”....

Today, many homeless animals were treated as humans; picked up off of the streets and taken to shelter, shelter that are supported by the city of Long Beach. Today many humans were by passed, yet again, and are now preparing to bunker down behind a building somewhere , hoping to keep warm until Wednesday. The Animals will be placed on some adoption list, awaiting the good fortune of a loving family. The homeless humans will have it harder this winter, hoping to just get a meal.

Today, many Redevelopment Properties sit vacant, awaiting a hopeful sell, while the homeless, who use to be tax payers, now in need of such property, do not get a vote as to how these properties will be used. Many of these vacant parcels ARE the future sites of long-term, year around housing for them.

This council just approved zoning for housing development, expeditiously, that same enthusiasm and passion is what the homeless in this city needs to end this crisis against humanity. Nothing less will do. To support students in their education now; and not do more for the plight of the homeless , is not to prepare for their future. Many past students are in need of housing NOW AND many, WILL NEED HOUSING, IN THE FUTURE, they just have not arrived to that point yet!

Today, I observed a homeless service provider, using their BIG, multi seat company van, picking up pastries from a coffee shop, and walk right past a homeless woman, sitting in the cold, who SHOULD have been in that van, on her way to a shower, clean clothes and a bed. I had to ask him why, he was just using that big van to pick up food, while driving by, every day, people who need a ride to assistance. He said,“ she” can walk. I told him, the donuts don't need a ride, that woman could use one. He left her an address and some donuts and went on his way.

IF THE HOMELESS HAVE NO REPRESENTATION ON THE COUNCIL, THERE IS NO ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE HELP THE CITY OF LONG BEACH HOPES AND INTENDS FOR THEM TO HAVE.



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