

**QUESTIONS FOR LA CITY COUNCELMAN MIKE BONIN
AND MAYOR ERIC GARCETTI
RE: PROPOSED BRIDGE HOUSING**

Many Venice residents would like to support the Bridge Home but are struggling to understand how the project will be successfully implemented. Its success is very important to us.

Please clarify the following issues so that Venice residents can make informed decisions.

1. Where's the housing?

What is the plan for providing sufficient and appropriate permanent housing to accommodate the number of people with diverse needs transitioning in the 90-180-day time frame? What's Plan B contingency plan if housing isn't ready for them?

2. What about those left behind?

What happens to the 90+% still on the street, given the expectation that encampments are going to be cleaned up and made impossible to occupy?

3. incompatible priorities?

How do you propose cleaning up entire encampments, given LAHSA's guidelines for intake by need and the promise that the intake will not be coercive?

4. What about backlash?

How are you planning to deal with housed residents' expectations per the City's promise to clean up entire encampments. In the event that the City isn't able to fulfill this promise, how will you prevent this from causing a backlash against both the homeless and the City?

5. Locals only?

What do we tell people who are concerned this will draw more homeless people to Venice, if there's not a clear, transparent procedure prioritizing locals? The LAHSA guidelines are specific about acceptance on the basis of need and registration in CES. There is nothing requiring that they be Venice locals. Is there a way to determine who's local and who's not?

6. Where's the game plan?

Is there a plan and a schedule for mapping out the steps to get the shelter up and running? What's the target date?

7. Who's in charge?

When people ask who's accountable, where do we send them? Who's in charge of the entire project?