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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
Set Matter-1.		Other	Monisha Parker	<p>Ending homelessness in Los Angeles County using models from Finland, Norway, Ireland, and Japan requires a comprehensive, housing-first approach combined with strong government commitment, cross-sector collaboration, and tailored local adaptations. Here's how LA County could implement these strategies:</p> <p>1. Finland's "Housing First" Model Key Principle: Provide permanent housing *immediately* without preconditions (e.g., sobriety, employment). LA Adaptation Scale up permanent supportive housing (PSH) and rapid rehousing (RRH) programs. Convert vacant hotels/motels (like Project Roomkey) into long-term housing. Funding: Redirect emergency shelter funds to permanent housing (requires state/federal support).</p> <p>2. Norway's Collaborative Governance &amp; Prevention Key Principle: Strong federal-local coordination + early intervention. LA Adaptation Expand eviction prevention (rental assistance, legal aid) to stop homelessness before it starts. Use data tracking (like Norway's integrated systems) to identify at-risk individuals.</p> <p>3. Ireland's Public Housing &amp; Private Sector Leveraging Key Principle: Government builds social housing while partnering with private landlords. LA Adaptation Accelerate social housing construction (streamline permitting, use public land). Expand Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8) with landlord incentives (e.g., tax breaks, guaranteed rent). Implement a Vacant Property Tax to incentivize leasing empty units to homeless residents.</p> <p>4. Japan's Emergency Response &amp; Mental Health Focus Key Principle: Rapid shelters + mental health/drug treatment. LA Adaptation Build low-barrier 24/7 shelters (like Japan's welfare centers) with on-site services. Expand mental health/drug treatment beds (LA has a severe shortage). Deploy outreach teams (like Japan's welfare workers) to connect people to housing.</p>

			<p>LA-Specific Challenges &amp; Solutions</p> <p>High Housing Costs</p> <p>Upzone for affordable housing near transit.</p> <p>Modular housing (like Finland's quick-build apartments).</p> <p>NIMBYism</p> <p>State mandates (e.g., California's SB 9) to override local opposition.</p> <p>Funding</p> <p>Wealth tax (e.g., "mansion tax" like Measure ULA) + federal grants.</p> <p>Action Plan for LA County</p> <p>Unify city/county efforts under one authority (like Finland).</p> <p>Build 50,000+ permanent supportive housing units (prioritizing chronically homeless).</p> <p>Expand prevention (rental aid, legal protections).</p> <p>Strengthen mental health/drug treatment (integrate with housing).</p> <p>Conclusion</p> <p>LA can end homelessness by combining Housing First (Finland), prevention (Norway), public-private housing (Ireland), and emergency care (Japan).</p> <p>Success requires political will, funding, and breaking bureaucratic silos.</p> <p>Would you like a deeper dive into funding mechanisms or policy barriers?</p>
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