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Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
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RE: Temporary drinking fountains in Central City East - Skid Row

Dear Chief Operator Officer Adams,

Many stakeholders in Central City East depend on public fountains to fulfill their daily hydration needs. In Skid Row, permanent public drinking fountains can be found in parks within the area during its hours of operations. Unfortunately, upon closure, the availability of clean drinking water becomes scarce, and hydration becomes principally vital throughout Summer months. Access to clean drinking water has been identified as a priority by Governor Newsom in this years' budget, we as a city should follow.

In previous years, LADWP has installed temporary drinking fountains that attach to fire hydrants across LA County, seven of them within the boundaries of Central City East (Skid Row). This year, no action has been taken in continuing to provide this public service.

The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council recommends the installation of drinking fountains to existing fire hydrants in Skid Row in the same previously identified locations and other locations DWP the department sees fit. In addition, this board would like to encourage a permanent year-long solution.

Very truly yours,

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