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Regarding item 8.1, Building a Better Westchester-Playa wishes to address mis-information found in the agenda attachment on this topic (titled gmail_please_help_westchester).

The attachment argues our community is being "set up to become the Westside's containment zone for homeless."

> Yes, ED1 allows for either *shelter* or *100% affordable* density bonus buildings.
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> However, acquiring Westchester-Playa land is expensive. Thus far, all ED1 applicants in CD-11 are private developers whose financial models require *rent-paying tenants*. Our 6 current local ED1 applications commit, *in writing,* to renting to "Low Income" and "Moderate Income" tenants. This means:
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> > Low Income = a single person making no more than $77,000
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> > Moderate Income = the income cap is $82,500

This same agenda attachment argues "Westchester (has the) most ED1 projects in the council district."

> As of today, West LA has 7. Mar Vista has 7. Westchester has 6. In total, CD11 has a total of 20 projects in review, while other council districts have 30, 40 or 50 ED1 projects.
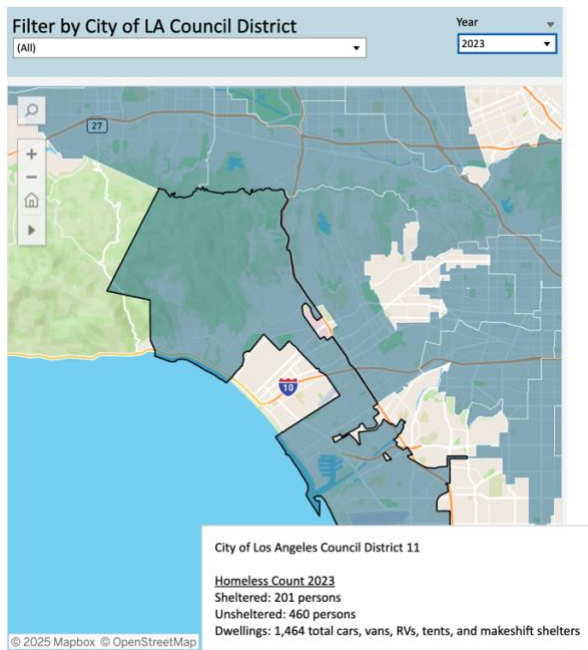
Finally, the same attachment states that "*We now have <mark>official confirmation</mark> that our unsheltered <mark>homeless count increased by about 250%</mark> from the LAHSA point-in-time count in 2023 to the count in 2024.*"

The LAHSA homeless count is an estimate performed by volunteers from the community rather than an official census. More importantly, from the [LAHSA dashboard](#) map titled "Homeless Count Within City of LA By Council District", CD-11 had 2,125 homeless in 2023 and 1,779 homeless in 2024 (in all forms). This represents a 16% **decrease** from 2023 to 2024, not a 250% increase. See table below. There is a significant increase in the number of unsheltered homeless, from 460 to 546 which is a 19% increase.

Year	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Dwelling	Total	Percent Change
2023	201	460	1,464	2,125	
2024	303	546	930	1,779	-16%

Source: https://www.lahsa.org/homeless-count/dashboards/hc24-localities-dashboard

2023

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