## **SOMA SNAKEOIL**

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Soma Snakeoil is Executive Director and Cofounder of The Sidewalk Project, a lived experience harm reduction organization with chapters in several cities, including a mobile SSP and a day center for cis and trans women in Skid Row.

She is an artist, activist, Dominatrix, and playwright. Soma's passion for the houseless community comes from lived experience as a long-term former PWUD, being unhoused, and almost 20 years of the spectrum of sex work, including survival sex.

Soma sits on multiple LA County steering committees, sits on the California Syringe Program's Steering Committee, and is a frequent guest speaker lecturing on harm reduction at UCI, UCLA, USC, and Mount St Mary's.

One of her primary focuses is on gender-based violence, sex worker liberation, and the feminization of poverty.