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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(10) Nay(0) Abstain(5) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Type of NC Board Action: For if Amended

#### Impact Information

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Council File Number: 22-1545

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The Echo Park Neighborhood Council SUPPORTS this motion if an AMENDMENT is made acknowledging the necessity of publicly and prominently guaranteeing the rights and protections of unhoused residents.



# ECHO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



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## COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT IN SUPPORT IF AMENDED OF COUNCIL FILE 22-1545

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The mayor has recently declared a State of Emergency regarding homelessness in Los Angeles, and the city council has unanimously approved.

The Echo Park Neighborhood Council agrees that the number of Los Angelenos who are not getting their need for shelter met is a crisis that urgently needs to be addressed.

In the past the city has been too willing to address this crisis with policies that remove due process rights from unhoused people, relying on the use of force to displace unhoused people from their own ad hoc shelters, in the absence of other shelter options. The courts have repeatedly found that these policies violate the Eighth Amendment to the Bill of Rights to the Constitution, which forbids state use of cruel and unusual punishment.

It is disappointing that the Declaration of Emergency does not acknowledge this history. It strongly implies that the city remains willing to employ unconstitutional shortcuts to our housing crisis, as it has in the past, and wait for the inevitable court challenge. When the Los Angeles City Council enacted its recent revisions to municipal code 41.18, they empowered the city to use force against the unhoused, without any concern for the legal and moral ramifications of their decision. They made the consideration of legality and ethics someone else's responsibility.

As a first step, the city must publish an affirmative guarantee of rights to unhoused people. This "bill of rights" must specifically make clear that the city lacks both the legal and moral standing to displace anyone from any ad hoc shelter (absent a grave and imminent safety concern) until such time as it can make an offer of shelter that meets a codified threshold of quality. Determining where that threshold lies should be made with the input of people who have experience with houselessness. We have avoided making these moral and legal commitments for too long, and this is what has prevented us from making any progress on ending homelessness.

The Echo Park Neighborhood Council SUPPORTS this motion if an AMENDMENT is made acknowledging the necessity of publicly and prominently guaranteeing these rights and protections.

**RESOLUTION**

On January 24, 2022, the EPNC Board of Governors held a Brown Act noticed-meeting, at 7pm through zoom. With a quorum of 15 board members present and vote count of 10 yeas, 0 nays, and 5 abstentions, the Board resolved to write a letter of support if amended for the application as set forth above.

Respectfully,  
Echo Park Neighborhood Council



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Nick Marcone  
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