

Communication from Public

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Council File No: 24-0140-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Please note that this message and the attached letter are from the Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC), not from me personally. Our board is writing to indicate our strong support for Council File 24-0140-S1, calling for the City Attorney to analyze the impact of the Grants Pass ruling. We support the appropriate regulation of overnight camping in public spaces, including the use of LAMC 41.18 as a tool to protect public health and safety and to encourage service-resistant individuals to accept services and housing. Thank you for your consideration. Thank you. Sue Kohl, President Pacific Palisades Community Council



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Hon. Nithya Raman, Chair, City Council Housing & Homelessness Committee (HHC)
Hon. Bob Blumenfield, Vice-Chair; Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Hon. Kevin de León and Hon. Monica Rodriguez, Members, HHC

Additional co-sponsors of CF 24-0140-SI: Hon. Traci Park, Hon. Paul Krekorian, Hon. John Lee, Hon. Curren D. Price, Jr. and Hon. Imelda Padilla (second)

Via email and submission to the City Clerk online filing portal in CF 24-0140-SI

Re: SUPPORT for Council File 24-0140-SI (Park, Krekorian, et al.)

Dear City Councilmembers:

Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) has been the most broad-based voice of the Palisades since its founding in 1973. Our community is located between the Pacific Ocean and the Santa Monica Mountains and is entirely within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ). Like numerous other Los Angeles communities, we have been impacted by the homelessness crisis for many years, with individuals who sleep on our sidewalks and camp overnight on our beaches and in our bluff and park areas, posing a high risk of fire and a threat to public health and safety.

Consistent with PPCC's Mission "to protect and improve the quality of life in Pacific Palisades" (<https://pacpalicc.org>), PPCC has long supported appropriate regulation of overnight camping in public spaces, including the use of LAMC 41.18 as a tool to protect public health and safety and encourage service-resistant individuals to accept services and housing. PPCC also supported the amicus brief filed with the Supreme Court in the *Grants Pass* case by our neighboring council to the east, Brentwood Community Council (BCC). See: https://www.supremecourt.gov/DocketPDF/23/23-175/280292/20230922165717202_44268%20pdf%20Jordan%20app.pdf.

For these reasons, PPCC strongly supports the motion in CF 24-0140-SI, calling for the City Attorney to analyze the impact of the *Grants Pass* ruling – that anti-camping laws do not violate the 8th Amendment's prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment – on regulation of encampments in public spaces in Los Angeles, and further calling for a report by the Chief Legislative Analyst on current laws restricting camping in the 87 other cities in Los Angeles County that will impact the City of Los Angeles.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sue Kohl, President
Pacific Palisades Community Council