

Communication from Public

Name: Camille S

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose 41.18 law and the criminalization of homelessness in Los Angeles County. I am the daughter of a homeless father in Los Angeles. He has been homeless for 15 YEARS. Before living on the streets he was a successful accountant, he worked at companies like Disney and Boeing, and was the coach of my soccer team. Up until March of this year, my father had been living in and out of his car on the streets of Los Angeles for 15 YEARS until he was arrested after an altercation of violence against him to move his parked car elsewhere. During his time in LA County jail, his car was towed, and now owes approximately \$6,000 in tow park fees. My father will never see his car again. Upon his release from jail, my father was dumped back onto the streets, without any link to housing. My sister and I were determined to find him an alternative to the streets and we located a bed provided by Salvation Army after weeks of badgering his case worker and local organizations. Keep in mind this is all during COVID. Without the persistence of my sister and I, our father would still be on the streets. Our privilege to have a smart phone, to know who to call and where to even begin is rare for those living on the streets and for their families. Please remember homeless individuals are fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters. Their stories are not all those of criminals. They do not need to be further oppressed through criminalization. When there is no other option for these individuals, how can one consider that these individuals are CHOOSING to sit, lie, or sleep on the streets? Please consider sending these resources to social services such as housing, water, healthcare, case managers, mental health, education. ANYTHING BUT THIS. Isn't Garcetti's proposal to increase public safety by investing more public dollars in a social safety net, and less in policing and incarceration, here in Los Angeles? 41.18 is the opposite of this.

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Name: Stonewall Democratic Club

Date Submitted: 12/05/2020 02:18 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please see the attached letter from Stonewall Democratic Club.



November 23, 2020

Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street, Room 340
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: CF 20-1376 – Letter of Opposition to Proposed Draft Ordinance

Dear Councilmembers,

Since our founding in 1975 as the nation's first LGBTQ+, feminist, and progressive political group, the Stonewall Democratic Club has served on the front lines fighting for constituencies in need.

As Angelenos prepare for a dark winter due to COVID-19, we must remember that people experiencing homelessness are the most vulnerable among us. Homelessness is the most severe crisis facing both the City and County of Los Angeles, and all levels of government must work to bring resources and relief as efficiently and humanely as possible. The proposed draft ordinance updating LAMC 41.18 (CF 20-1376) does not accomplish these objectives. Therefore, Stonewall stands in opposition to this measure.

Stonewall also objects to the rushed and expedited way in which this ordinance was drafted. With COVID-19 cases on the rise and colder temperatures more common, homeless Angelenos are already facing incredible challenges. It makes no sense to debate this kind of measure under these circumstances.

Stonewall implores the City to work with the County, and any and all appropriate partners, to continue to focus on housing and services for unhoused people. The vast majority of Angelenos agree with this approach, as they have expressed at the ballot box on multiple occasions. Our club has also been supportive of efforts at the City level to build bridge housing and bring other resources online, and we will continue to be supportive of that approach.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jane Wishon".

Jane Wishon
Political Vice President