

## Communication from Public

**Name:** D Boyd

**Date Submitted:** 11/27/2020 04:12 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose the Council File 20-1376 which includes legislation to criminalize sleeping, lying and sitting on city public right-of-ways instead of investing in proven solutions to chronic homelessness. We need to provide the homeless more support the way of beds, and outreach so that people get the help they need, especially dual diagnosis individuals. They need mental health support and addiction support or a house/job will not be attainable or sustainable. Please re-write sections 41.18 and 56.11 specifically to address this issue. Moreover, I am concerned about the credibility of Council Member Krekorian's public statement (that we have enough beds to take care of the homeless population in CD2! Without supporting programs, beds are irrelevant and there are not enough beds make a difference without the programs! Please consider the revisions put forth by Ryu and other council members which provide more support and less criminalization. Finally, safe parking is not at all providing safe housing. I oppose this philosophy and all that it represents. Thank you, D Boyd

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Woodland Hills Homeowners Orgzation  
**Date Submitted:** 11/23/2020 03:42 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376  
**Comments for Public Posting:** The Woodland Hills Homeowners Organization supports the inclusion of (d) in LAMC 41.18.



"Protecting the Integrity of our Community"

**W.H.H.O.**



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November 23, 2020

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**TO:**  
**THE HONORABLE COUNCILMEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES  
CITYCOUNCIL**

**Sent Via Email ONLY**

**RE: Council File: 20-1376:** LA Alliance v City and County of Los Angeles / Martin v City of Boise / Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals / Los Angeles Municipal Code / Amendment

### **REQUEST FOR INCLUSION OF 41.18(d)**

Dear Honorable Councilmembers:

The Woodland Hills Homeowners Organization (WHHO), in the interest of its members and our community, supports Motion 20-1376, with the addendum that Subsection 41.18(d), be put back in the motion. If passed without subsection (d), you are effectively transferring the problem from freeway underpasses and specific buffer zones and into business corridors and residential neighborhoods which may satisfy Judge Carter's edict but creates a worse situation for taxpayers citizens.

WHHO believes the originally written motion was an effective first step in initiating compliance with Judge Carter's Court Order to "humanely relocate" people experiencing homelessness away from freeways across Los Angeles. We agree wholeheartedly with City Attorney Michael Feuer's Nov 19 2020 Report # R20-0316, part of it which states:

"The draft ordinance we previously transmitted included a requirement that the City offer shelter before taking any steps toward enforcement of Subsection 41.18(d). We believe that a pre-enforcement offer of appropriate and accessible shelter is consistent with best practices and important to assure compliance with the Ninth Circuit decision in Boise.

We also recommended that protocols around implementation and enforcement be developed prior to enforcement of Subsection 41.18(d). Whether to require such protocols and include that requirement in the ordinance itself are policy decisions for the Council. Should the Council determine to require protocols and include that requirement in the ordinance, the draft ordinance could be amended to add language along the following lines: Before Subsection 41.18(d) is enforceable, the Council shall adopt protocols which establish: (1) parameters for what constitutes appropriate and accessible shelter; and (2) methods of implementing the

ordinance in the field, including ensuring that offers of appropriate and accessible shelter are made prior to enforcement and what enforcement, as a last resort, would entail.

We would not suggest similar protocols for Subsections 41.18(b) and (c). These subsections, especially if amended as discussed below, already contemplate at least two weeks of outreach efforts affording individuals ample opportunity to accept shelter or voluntarily comply by relocating - before enforcement is even allowable.”

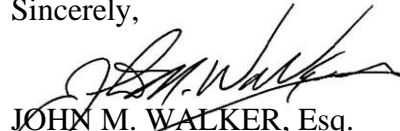
Perfection is the enemy of progress. And while another substitute motion submitted to the City Council seeks such perfection, it is disingenuous as it knowingly delays any potential progress years down the road while Los Angeles falls further into decay and the most vulnerable are left to die waiting for the substitute motion’s actual implementation.

What seems to have been lost in the debate is that without housing options available - nothing in this motion could be enforced. WHHO understands that for any humane relocation to occur, there must be housing to relocate to; including permanent, supportive, bridge, senior, family, LGBTQ, female only and temporary cabin/pallet communities, as a necessary component and must be provided in every LA City community. And isn’t that the goal?

WHHO believes that meaningful, interim steps must be taken immediately to begin addressing the health and safety of all Angelenos, while the City continues its pursuit of housing solutions. Motion 20-1376 is the right first step forward as it strikes a balance between homelessness, disabled people and public safety. It is unsafe and unhealthy for *anyone* to sit, sleep and lie under or near freeways, ramps and tunnels. In Woodland Hills, these freeway passages provide a critical and active public corridor to commerce (such as grocery stores and essential goods), public services and schools. These public paths are now blocked and unsafe for pedestrians.

This motion balances the rights of the homeless with the rights of the general public’s health and safety, and it keeps the promises made to the communities that if you allow a shelter in your area, the city will keep those areas safe and clean. It sends a strong message to all LA City residents that if they want clean streets devoid of encampments, trash, urine, feces, and discarded drug paraphernalia then they must be a proponent for humane and safe housing options. WHHO certainly advocates for the provision of appropriate housing in our community, with the provision that proper transparency at the City level must always occur and that full community input must always be heard and addressed.

Sincerely,



JOHN M. WALKER, Esq.

Present, W.H.H.O.

Woodland Hills Homeowners Organization.

ECC: Each Member of the City Council

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jessie George

**Date Submitted:** 11/23/2020 04:59 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge you to reconsider amending section 41.18 of the municipal code. This is an unconstitutional and heartless law in normal times, but it is unforgivable during a pandemic. Your time is better spent providing more opportunities to our house-less community rather than punishing them.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jackie Vorhauer  
**Date Submitted:** 11/24/2020 08:16 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a constituent and as someone who works in homeless services and housing for The Center in Hollywood, I am in in strong opposition to council file 20-1376. You can read our full comments from our Executive Director, Nathan Sheets, here: <http://thecenterinhollywood.org/2020/11/23/ask-the-experts/> Big picture: where were the service providers and people with lived experience when you started this conversation? And not just one provider, but a cross-section of providers of various services, various areas of the city, various approaches. We work with people who have lived experience, are now on our staff, and often have exceptional insight into solutions we could all be working on that address the crisis and don't just keep moving it from one area to another. Bring us to the virtual table. We are your best resource. We want to see an end to homelessness and we know what works and what doesn't. So call on us. Call on all providers. Let's have more than a one hour meeting and let's dive in together. What we need from our city council is for you to take hard actions to make the process of building, finding, securing housing faster and more efficient. We need you to break down the red tape and make housing and support services a priority in our city. Let's be leaders for the rest of the nation and show that when you prioritize people and a crisis - positive change happens. Look at Veteran homelessness. When that was prioritize it stabilized after a few years and started to decrease. ([https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/pit\\_count.asp](https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/pit_count.asp)) If you want solutions to homelessness it does not happen without an investment in the RIGHT paths and without people who can bring insight and experience to the table. Pushing people from one public space to another does not end homelessness - it actually makes it harder for an unhoused neighbor to come inside. Additionally, all people have an equal right to access public spaces and no one should be arbitrarily banned from large sections of the city. If we are going to address unsheltered homelessness in any real way, the Council should engage in real discussion on housing and shelter availability, public health and mitigating the spread of COVID-19, and non-law enforcement engagement with people experiencing homelessness. This motion and draft ordinance - and the reckless speed with which it is being pushed through council - undermines that discussion and

possibility. As outreach workers and homeless service providers work tirelessly to move those most vulnerable to COVID-19 into permanent housing, this proposal conflicts with these efforts and depends on the misuse of limited housing and financial resources while jeopardizing the health and safety of those most in need of being inside. The guidance and approach of the Departments of Public Health and Health Services has been for everyone to shelter in place and to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among the homeless population. This is especially true now as we are seeing the highest increases in the rates of cases since the pandemic began. I urge the council to vote no on this motion moving forward, and instead focus these conversations and solutions on how we create more immediate access to housing and shelter resources in every neighborhood so that our unhoused neighbors can come safely indoors. This is your chance to lead and to show what can be done when we TRULY prioritize the well-being of those who needs us right now, and our communities. Thank you, Jackie Vorhuaer

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ji Son

**Date Submitted:** 11/24/2020 08:28 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Ji Son, I'm a Professor of Psychology at Cal State LA (my comments are my own). I write to you in strong opposition to Item #24. Punishing people for homelessness does nothing to alleviate the underlying problem. In Los Angeles we have a problem of numbers: we have a much larger homeless population (66,000 before COVID and possibly larger now) than new housing or shelter beds available. The Council should engage in real discussion on housing and shelter availability. This ordinance is a distraction from the true causes of homelessness encampments and will seem simply inhumane. Especially with the issues of COVID-19 that continues to plague our city (both housed and unhoused populations), this proposal would take limited financial resources away from the efforts of outreach workers and homeless service providers who are trying to move the most vulnerable into permanent housing. The public health message in Los Angeles is for everyone to shelter in place and prevent (as much as we can) the spread of COVID-19 among the homeless population. A "NO" vote on this motion can help try to stem COVID-19 in the short term and make room for real solutions to housing in every neighborhood in the long term.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Robin Murez

**Date Submitted:** 11/24/2020 10:26 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please vote yes on 20- 1376. I am a resident of CD11. Our streets and the Venice Boardwalk are not healthy nor safe for campers nor housed residents. Crime, sickness, fires, pestilance, obstruction of walkways, and poisoning of children and pets ( my dog nearly died last week, having ingested methamphetamine on a sidewalk) are all dramatically increased for campers and housed residents. Failure to clean and clear, and failure to provide sanctioned campgrounds with facilities, in non residential and non tourist locations is enabling this humanitarian crisis. Please vote YES.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Darrin Oliver

**Date Submitted:** 11/24/2020 01:57 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** this whole order assumes that there are resources fully available and present for the thousands of individuals who are homeless or have no form of stable housing. Please consider working towards more focused solutions rather than criminalizing homelessness, or better yet, why not develop more affordable options for shelter? It's ridiculous that this council is approving units in the city costing upwards of \$500k per unit, when more simpler solutions could be developed that aren't appealing to real estate developers. Its quite a shame that you all on the council are so clueless. WE HOPED FOR HOMELESS SUPPORT AND HOUSING, BUT INSTEADIT HAS BEEN A GIVE AWAY TO THE SAME DEVELOPERS WHO FUND YOUR CAMPAIGNS AND SPECIAL INTEREST. PLEASE DO NOT DENY THIS, BUT ACTUALLY WORK TO FIX THE PROBLEM NOT ALLOW IT TO PERSIST.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2020 02:06 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** We all know what we have been experiencing over the last 20 years with the homeless (ness) issue. We feel compassion for the people who by the nature of our system have been forced economically into strict survival mode. We feel compassion also. We do not feel any sympathy for drug dealers, traffickers or opportunists who have been trashing our neighborhoods and spreading violence in our environs. How do you segregate these populations? You don't. Any one living outside should be subject to evaluation and offered remediation and or housing. If they are recalcitrant or committing crimes they shall be arrested and held for further action. San Fernando Valley residents are tired of the trash, filth and degradation of our community. We don't need any more bureaucratic logjams in our local politics. Evil triumphs while good people stand by and do nothing!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nina

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2020 09:34 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** On October 21 2020, LA City Councilmembers Blumenfield, Buscaino, Rodriguez, Krekorian, Price, Cedillo, and Lee presented a motion (Council File 20-1376) to drastically expand the criminalization and banishment of unhoused Angelenos across the city by amending LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. It is currently scheduled for a full Council vote on November 24th. As an LA resident I find this motion horrifying and cruel especially in the midst of a pandemic that is pushing more and more people into unemployment, housing insecurity and homelessness. This comment is an appeal to the council to forcefully reject this motion!! We need you to take bold action to reduce the housing crisis NOW by providing more free & affordable housing and other services to those in need. We demand the following concrete actions: Focus efforts on providing hotel rooms, motel rooms, and permanent housing to ALL unhoused Angelenos (not just those in specific areas that are visible to the general public) End Special Enforcement and Cleaning Zones (SECZ) permanently Respect CDC guidelines and work with health department officials to ensure that basic sanitation needs are met without the threat of displacement Halt all CARE+ “comprehensive cleanup” operations Remove law enforcement from outreach Repeal LAMC 41.18, LAMC 56.11, and all ordinances used to criminalize unhoused residents. Thank you, Nina Sarnelle, 90018

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Maegan Ortiz

**Date Submitted:** 11/23/2020 07:44 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Maegan Ortiz and I am writing on behalf of the Instituto de Educación Popular del Sur de California, IDEPSCA. We are in strong opposition to Item #24. While we know there will be no vote today on the item, it remains important to know why pushing people from one public space to another does not end homelessness - it actually makes it harder for an unhoused neighbor to come inside. As the operator of the most City funded day labor centers, we have seen over the last five years the number of immigrant workers seeking jobs have houselessness numbers move from 30 percent to 50 percent. Day laborers, who are already criminalized while seeking work now feel their equal right to access public spaces even more threatened as they are being told that not only can they not look for work on the streets, they also can't live on the streets. If we are going to address unsheltered homelessness in any real way, the Council should engage in real discussion on housing and shelter availability, public health and mitigating the spread of COVID-19, and non-law enforcement engagement with people experiencing homelessness. This motion and draft ordinance - and the reckless speed with which it is being pushed through council - undermines that discussion and possibility. As outreach workers and homeless service providers work tirelessly to move those most vulnerable to COVID-19 into permanent housing, this proposal conflicts with these efforts and depends on the misuse of limited housing and financial resources while jeopardizing the health and safety of those most in need of being inside. The guidance and approach of the Departments of Public Health and Health Services has been for everyone to shelter in place and to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among the homeless population. This is especially true now as we are seeing the highest increases in the rates of cases since the pandemic began. I urge the council to vote no on this motion and instead focus these conversations and solutions on how we create more immediate access to housing and shelter resources in every neighborhood so that our unhoused neighbors can come safely indoors. Latinos are among the highest hit groups regarding COVID and the economic impacts. We need policies that are going to support this vulnerable community, not risk them being exposed to more criminalization. For immigrants law enforcement entanglement means risking their very existence in

this city.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jessica Renick

**Date Submitted:** 11/23/2020 09:38 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jessica

**Date Submitted:** 11/19/2020 10:42 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** To whom it may concern, I am strongly opposed to CF 20-1376. Los Angeles has more empty luxury housing units than unhoused people, and your solution is to allow police to harass, steal from, and inevitably kill even more people than they already do, under the guise of clearing sidewalks for your wealthiest residents (who by the way, never leave their cars and prefer to live on streets without sidewalks). Please think of more constructive programs to get people into shelter that does not treat unhoused people like they are subhuman.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Keith Pakiz

**Date Submitted:** 11/23/2020 12:19 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I demand that City Council and the Mayor's office invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing a healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, and take concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer. I and many of my fellow citizens will not accept continued criminalization of our unhoused brothers and sisters. The only way forward is to change our approach to unhoused communities from punishment to aid. We must care first, not seek to criminalize. Do the right thing.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Julie Renee Hennelly

**Date Submitted:** 11/23/2020 12:56 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rick

**Date Submitted:** 11/19/2020 02:22 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am in favor of the Homeless and Poverty Committee motion. Please pass this motion as the homeless are blocking sidewalks. I have almost got hit by a car several times trying to walk in the street to get around their encampments.

# HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

## MOTION

The City of Los Angeles continues to experience a homelessness crisis. While the city has made progress in addressing homelessness, much work remains. A lawsuit has been filed against the City and County entitled *LA Alliance v. City and County of Los Angeles, et al.*, Case No. LA cv-20-02291-DOC-KES, pending in the Federal District Court, Central District of California. The lawsuit alleges that the City has not responded quickly enough to shelter individuals experiencing homelessness, which has led to unhealthy conditions on City streets, and the obstruction of free passage on sidewalks. The City understands the urgency to implement solutions today instead of tomorrow.

In response to the *LA Alliance* lawsuit, the City has included in its Homelessness Roadmap plan innovative approaches to shelters including the construction of pallet shelters, acquisition of hotels/motels for Project HomeKey, and expansion of safe parking. These approaches will decrease the cost of shelters and the construction time to increase the number of available beds and other safe shelter locations. As the City expedites its efforts to create new housing and shelter for its homeless residents, it must also ensure that the public right of way serves its purpose as a shared public space that is accessible for all, including residents protected by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

New shelter locations will provide individuals experiencing homelessness alternatives to residing on the street. The City will be more successful in siting these new shelters if existing neighbors have assurances that the shelters will improve the health and safety of conditions on the adjacent sidewalks. Residents of the newly opened shelters will have greater chance of success if they experience a sense of physical separation from the circumstances of unsheltered life.

Although no City street is an appropriate place for human habitation, the Federal Judge overseeing the *LA Alliance* case has prioritized the relocation of homeless persons living unsheltered or in tents or makeshift shelters adjacent to freeways near underpasses, overpasses, and ramps, citing concerns over exhaust fumes and collisions between homeless individuals and vehicles. Certain underpasses, overpasses, and pedestrian subways constitute critical infrastructure because they provide access across freeways to schools and other essential locations, which can be otherwise impassable for more than a mile.

Underpasses can be dark, have narrow sidewalks, and heavy traffic congestion. While driving around underpasses, overpasses, and ramps, drivers often travel at high speeds while distracted looking for freeway entrances, reacting to directions from GPS devices, etc. This makes a homeless individual crossing from one side of the underpass to another, or a pedestrian detouring into the street to avoid physical obstacles on the sidewalk, particularly unsafe. In addition, there are no safe street crossings near freeway onramps and off-ramps.

Last year, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, in a case entitled *Martin v. City of Boise*, 920 F.3d 584 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2019), held that no jurisdiction in the Ninth Circuit may criminalize the act of lodging in public unless it has sufficient beds for its homeless population or offers shelter to a specific individual before commencing enforcement against that person. The *Boise* decision, however, acknowledged that a City may continue to prohibit sitting, lying, or sleeping in public spaces at particular times or in particular locations even before a City is able to shelter all of its residents.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request that the City Attorney draft an ordinance that repeals the current version of Los Angeles Municipal Code 41.18 and replaces it with an ordinance consistent with the current practice by the City in enforcing 41.18, including the Ninth Circuit decision in *Boise v. City of Martin*.

I FURTHER MOVE that the replacement for Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.18 allow the City Council, by Resolution and after the postage of signage, to ban sitting, sleeping, or lying within up to 500 feet of a designated freeway overpass, underpass, ramp, tunnel, or pedestrian subway where lodging unsheltered or in tents or makeshift shelters is unhealthful or incompatible with the critical route provided by the infrastructure;

I FURTHER MOVE that the replacement for Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.18 ban sitting, sleeping or otherwise obstructing the public right of way in a manner that restricts passage as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act;

I FURTHER MOVE that the replacement for Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.18 allow the City Council, by Resolution and after the postage of signage, to ban sitting, sleeping, or lying within up to 500 feet of a facility opened after January 1, 2018, to provide housing, shelter, supportive services, safe parking or storage to homeless persons;

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council request that the City Attorney amend Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 56.11 to align it to the new version of Section 41.18 by banning the storage of personal property in any area where sitting, lying, and sleeping is banned by 41.18, and to suspend the Bulky Item provisions (Subsection 56.11.3(i) and 56.11.10(d)) pending the outcome of the appeal in *Garcia v. City of Los Angeles*, Federal District Court, Central District of California case number 2:19-cv-06182-DSF-PLA.

PRESENTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
BOB BLUMENFIELD (verbal)  
Councilmember, 3<sup>rd</sup> District

PRESENTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Councilmember, 7<sup>th</sup> District

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Councilmember, 15<sup>th</sup> District

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Councilmember, 2nd District

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CURREN PRICE (verbal)  
Councilmember, 9th District

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Councilmember, 1<sup>st</sup> District

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Councilmember, 12th District

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Pamela Schachter  
**Date Submitted:** 11/20/2020 10:55 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I agree with this.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mark Safran

**Date Submitted:** 11/20/2020 01:38 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** To City of LA Councilpersons, Our company recently invested a significant amount of funds into an apartment complex near the corners of Burbank and Reseda Blvd's. We are proud of this new building as it improves upon the already established multifamily housing in the neighborhood. The building houses several families with small children, and we are doing everything we can to provide them with safe and clean housing. Since the opening of the building there has been a dramatic increase in the number of homeless people living permanently in the area. We see them every day without fail. I am told that new local restrictions on enforcement of well established laws concerning the storage of personal belongings in public and sleeping on the sidewalks have been put in place in order to protect these people. While compassion for human beings living in these circumstances is admirable and understandable, there is almost no thought to the families and individuals who are paying to live in the neighborhood. On a daily basis we are asking the same people to get off of our property. These requests are often met with threats of violence and curses. I have personally been threatened, witnessed, drug use, and saw a couple having intercourse on our property in broad day light. Calls to the Police have gone unanswered, as there is virtually nothing they can do. Once the homeless people leave, we will then have to clean up what they left behind. We regularly clean up hypodermic needles, foil with remnants of illicit drugs on them, as well as human waste and food trash. Because of this we have tenants asking to break their leases or leaving without renewing when leases are finished. Despite our offering of rent concessions and other incentives, they have rejected these offers and are moving on. They tell us that they are afraid, and that they are shocked by the condition of the area. I cannot argue these facts with them, especially those with small children. Due to these circumstances, we are forced to spend funds on security and maintenance that were not figured into our budget. Furthermore, our vacancy rate is much higher than anticipated, thus compounding the problem. There will reach a time when we hit critical mass and are forced to either let the building fall into disrepair or sell it outright at a loss. We are a small company and cannot afford to lose money on such a large investment of time and resources. I ask that this council take all

the citizens into account when making decisions regarding the homeless in the city. While their suffering is tragic, and we must find a way to help them, we cannot do so at the expense of the people and businesses in the area who are trying to live and improve upon the community.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Caleb M

**Date Submitted:** 11/20/2020 02:20 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge all councilmembers to vote NO on this particular issue. The city has been delinquent in offering enough services, shelter, and resources to our houseless neighbors DESPITE having the ability to do so via various monied measures and the power bestowed upon you as city council members. Every houseless person in this city is a failure of city council. We have the means, but not the will. Stop prioritizing NIMBYs and private financial interests over the needs of those who have been left behind by a city and a system that causes people to fall through the cracks. In the city of Los Angeles, if you are not well off enough to buy a house you are at the mercy of a financial system that at any moment can kick you out onto the street. This city offers little in the way of protections against the harshest aspects of the market. It appears that this city is as uncaring as the market rather than acting as a buffer against it. If you pass this item, you are making a bad situation worse. You are further punishing those who have already been punished by life, the economy, and our uncaring world. I'm sorry that you and our wealthy neighbors don't want to have to look at those less fortunate anymore. But it's time to stop living in a fantasy world. It's time to stop sweeping the problem under the rug. It's time to stop criminalizing the undesirable aspects of life. The options our city currently offers to these folks are a drop in the bucket compared to what we could and should be offering. YOU ALL CAN DO BETTER. Vote NO!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Clifford

**Date Submitted:** 11/18/2020 12:34 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is a terrible, racist, draconian ordinance that offers no housing solutions, and further perpetuates the criminalization of poverty.