

Communication from Public

Name: Luke Hallam

Date Submitted: 11/18/2020 06:25 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Encampment sweeps are detrimental to the lives of unhoused people. Encampment sweeps waste resources that could go to providing services to unhoused people. At a time when we have witnessed 1000s of people lose their homes during the pandemic and could witness 30,000 people become unhoused next year as eviction moratoriums end and delayed rent becomes due, it is particularly grotesque that the City is conducting encampment sweeps. End the criminalization of homelessness as a status and stop evicting people from their homes and seizing their property.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 11/18/2020 09:01 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please pass the motion removing the transients under the freeway. My children have witnessed drug use, violent behavior and numerous instances of defecation and urination with no attempt at privacy. The worse incident was when a man was blocking traffic to defecate in the middle of the street within 6 ft of a porta potty. He was screaming at cars, cars were honking at him. My children were frightened and we have not crossed the Winnetka underpass since that day. Safety and sanitation issues should take priority over everything. The city should not allow anyone to commandeer public space. There needs to be a strict time limit on how long someone can claim public space. Sidewalks should be clear at all times for pedestrians to pass. I have seen wheelchairs having to ride in the street to pass the encampments. The valley is no longer a safe place to drive. Please bring the focus to safety and sanitation. Thank you for listening and please pass the motion. The children of the valley need to know that they are protected.

Communication from Public

Name: Laura Adery

Date Submitted: 11/19/2020 12:03 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I vehemently oppose sweeping unhoused people out of what little they have creatively banded together by criminalizing their very means of survival. This is absolutely inhumane in light of the zero options the city is providing to adequately care for these many members of our community. We need a plan to solve this crisis first , before worrying about the entitled and privileged community members who complain from the warmth of their houses that they don't like the view.

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Name: Maggie Clarke

Date Submitted: 11/18/2020 11:25 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: There is absolutely no reason to harass the unhoused in the name of health and safety. Since Joe is obsessed with talking about human waste, maybe he should focus his efforts on providing bathrooms that are accessible to unhoused people, and trash pick up, and showers. He doesn't do this because he views the human beings living on the street as filth rather than a reflection of his and his supporters disgusting values.

Communication from Public

Name: Leslie Elkan

Date Submitted: 11/09/2020 03:37 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of updating LAMC 41.18 and LAMC 56.11. Updating these two municipal codes as our city attorney proposed on 10/26/2020 will help us begin to address our homelessness crisis. Please see my letter, attached, for further details. I am writing in support of the original motion by the city attorney. I think that the amended motion is too weak and will not accomplish meaningful change. The full board of directors of the Village At Sherman Oaks Business Improvement District is in support of the original motion by the city attorney.



November 9, 2020

Re: LAMC 41.18 & LAMC 56.11 (Council File 20-1376)

Dear Council President Martinez:

The Sherman Oaks Business Improvement District, www.VillageAtShermanOaks.com, is a very special mix of shops, service providers, restaurants, banks, markets, fitness facilities and other small businesses. It is the heart of Sherman Oaks commercial district. Our BID was created two decades ago and has served the needs of our community well.

We receive calls, texts and emails daily from beleaguered mom and pop business owners crying that they have to clean up defecation from their front and back entrances and parking lots each morning before they can open for business. We receive exasperated calls, texts and emails from nearby residents daily complaining that they are unable to take their children for a stroll in the Village because they are regularly confronted by naked men walking the boulevards. These sidewalk vagrants are intimidating, sometimes threatening and even violent towards pedestrians and business owners.

LAHSA has not helped us at all. The police have told us they are ordered hands-off the homeless so they cannot help us, either. We are losing businesses to vacancies because they cannot keep customers who run from the stench and the exhibitionism. We don't feel that allowing this serves the homeless individuals nor the community.

We strongly urge and support the motion to update LAMC 41.18 and LAMC 56.11. Updating these two municipal codes as our city attorney proposed on 10/26/2020 will help to begin addressing the street homelessness crisis.

Thank you for your consideration.

Leslie Elkan
President
Village At Sherman Oaks Business Improvement District

Cc: Councilmember David Ryu

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Name: TR Gregory

Date Submitted: 11/09/2020 05:30 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am concerned for the safety of the homeless population and of motorists along San Vicente Bl. north of Wilshire in Brentwood. The growing population of homeless people and abundance of their personal property overflowing into the street has become an extreme safety hazard. This weekend I was nearly involved in an accident as I swerved to avoid several traffic control devices (pylons) placed in the northbound San Vicente traffic lane. Given the abrupt appearance of the pylons in the lane (ie: no gradual transition to let drivers know the lane was closed ahead), I assume the pylons were not placed by the City. An accident was avoided this time, but this problem is of great concern to me. Please work to correct this long-standing and growing homeless problem which appears to be worsening rather than improving. Thank you!

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Name: Mike Mccoy

Date Submitted: 11/11/2020 08:43 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I don't believe just housing the homeless in Hotels , is the answer . There needs to mental and drug facilities. Not everyone is on board with this idea . Los Angeles has become to lax in its approach to this crisis. I'm a Moderate Dem and this is totally insane and only serves to put a band aide on the problem. Where's the accountability? You have more people leaving California in record numbers . It's not a NIMBY issue , A Dem issue, or anything thing but a human issue . Life is about balance. Not beholden to one group, because you're afraid of backlash . Do what is right by the law , not out of fear or retaliation from extremism. Time to take a stand for the people (tax -oayers) . There the ones finding all this . They have a voice too . Transparency, is the bottom line . Mike McCoy . Fed up LA resident

Communication from Public

Name: JWH

Date Submitted: 11/19/2020 03:58 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please vote to keep homeless individuals from sleeping on streets and other public walkways, benches, underpasses, overpasses, and tunnels. Sherman Oaks is a wonderful family community and our main street, Ventura Boulevard, has been inundated by homeless individuals sleeping in doorways and on streets. I am attaching a photograph taken on a Sunday morning...this homeless man was in full view of families walking down the street. MAKE IT STOP.

This picture was taken in full view of families walking down the main part of Ventura Boulevard, between Van Nuys Boulevard and Kester Avenue. This needs to stop. Fall, 2020.



Every member of my family has been panhandled somewhere along the Boulevard or at the gas stations. Walking down Ventura Boulevard with young children is now a danger zone – they could step in feces, urine or find someone like the man above who is half-naked (or completely naked).

While shopping at Ralphs, I bought a jar of cold cream, opened it when I got home and found it had been used. I took it back to Ralphs and the manager said it was undoubtedly the work of a homeless person and told me to go back and get a new jar...I had to open FIVE jars to find one that had not been previously used.

The homeless situation in Sherman Oaks HAS TO BE RECTIFIED. We are a family community and this problem is destroying our town.

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Name: Tracy Framco

Date Submitted: 11/19/2020 04:11 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please please impose these restriction our city and Los Angeles has turned into a filthy slum with human feces and trash everywhere on every corner and every street we cannot allow this to happen anymore it is a huge health crisis and safety issue people are moving out of California at fast rates due to homeless situation and absolutely nothing is being done our city is destroyed I have live here all my life and am in total shock and disbelief that our councilmen have allowed this .

Communication from Public

Name: Morgan Chandler

Date Submitted: 11/20/2020 02:34 PM

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Date Submitted: 11/20/2020 04:35 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Los Angeles, I oppose the draft ordinance relative to amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code to further criminalize homelessness in our city. In the middle of a deadly global pandemic that has already taken so many lives in LA county alone, our homeless neighbors need care now more than ever, and this mostly certainly is not it. Do better by the residents of your city, whether they are housed or not.

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Name: Jennifer Cavanaugh

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Name:

Date Submitted: 11/20/2020 07:10 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm opposed to this motion, it will only further criminalize homelessness. It will further put those who are already at risk.

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Name: Judith Schomp

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Name: Phillip Hahn

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Comments for Public Posting: To criminalize the homeless is a sad attack on the poorest people in CA, much less America. Personally I am a mental health patient and so are most of the homeless I know, we can't help our mental problems, and neither does the city. What would Jesus do? Anyway, services not sweeps appear every Friday and do nothing but good for the homeless. God bless them.

Communication from Public

Name: Cyndi Menegaz

Date Submitted: 11/25/2020 02:02 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to ask the LA City Council, and my District 2 rep Paul Krekorian in particular, to oppose Council File 20-1376 which includes legislation to rewrite sections 41.18 and 56.11, which criminalize sleeping, lying and sitting on city public right-of-ways instead of investing in proven solutions to chronic homelessness. Our family strongly opposes the criminalization of poverty and homelessness. We ask for your unwavering support for permanent solutions.