

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rae MacCarthy

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2020 10:57 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. This motion does not provide any new housing resources, wrap-around services for those experiencing homelessness, or any solutions to decrease the unhoused population in LA. Instead of focusing on actual, proven solutions to a crisis that continues to grow during this pandemic, City Council members have decided to once again spend time and city resources on another attempt to expand harmful criminalization policies which have only proven to fail and exacerbate homelessness. I demand that City Council and the Mayor's office instead 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.

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**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** We need to get a handle on the growing homeless problem in Sunland-Tujunga. They are camping out in front of business, freeway entrances, blocking side walks, taking over parks. Families and children do not feel safe. We need stricter laws. We need to increase funding for police. Police officers need more laws protecting them, increasing their ability to remove homeless and transient people. There's an RV parking in the same spot for 2 months now in Tujunga. We are paying high taxes living in LA and demand better for our communities.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** John T

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2020 10:16 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the amendment, the streets appear to look like a 3rd world country, it goes both ways, help the homeless but also ensure the safety of residents. Tax dollars are gone due to nobody wanting to visit LA.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Aaron

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2020 10:09 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm going to put this bluntly and boldly because apparently the loudest and corrupt get the attention. I wake up daily with the view of a dump and a halfway prison as a front yard. Hiding this from me, the entire block and city, Mike Bonin not only lied out of caution for himself and -laundry-, but ALSO absolutely purposely neglected his duties. Outright and no communication with any of us, but. only to his Palisades Democrat Club neighbors and friends whom he had bussed in to OUR town hall. Also, I have tons of security footage of people in the guarded bus lot, especially the night before the foreman called in a fake suspicious package...resulting in a bomb squad call. Where was he? Why hasn't he answered for this? Also, the tumor in my head, was removed as it appeared as soon as the gases leaked from the MTA building along with asbestos and rabid pests when they first started working on the main building...to turn it into an abandoned lot, and complain there is no room? All I hear are arguments, fighting, screaming ( which is ABSOLUTELY a danger to those who really need help. On day one, of the bridge failure, there was arson, twice...a burglar aka crackhead who came within inches of losing his life. This is what exactly is happening. Inhumane, abandonment, neglect, unfit, lying, manipulating the homeless, responsible for any assaults, rape, violence...any crime and loss of life. This is what is happening. It's fraudulently and maliciously intrusive. This is why the buildings the bridge house people came from HAVE WALLS, BARS, RAZOR WIRE, LOCKS, ARMED GUARDS, A WARDEN, AND IS NOT IN A NEIGHBORHOOD WHATSOEVER. So who gives Mike Bonin the right to avoid any public outcry from us civilians, his bosses, defy his job description, knowingly voice his personal "Anti-Police" views and feelings, orchestrated with May 31 and validating 100% that he does NOT care about CRIME, and the VICTIMS it carries. Crime always has a victim, and they aren't going to be any civilian, residents, or anyone for that matter. The ones that seek the damage, that are trespassing, carrying out any burglary, theft, rape, assault Verbal or physical, damage to property, ECT...will be absolutely punished fully and harshly, and this will be Mike Bonin, Eric Garcetti and the rest involved's fault PUBLICLY with their hands covered and stained with the problems they've caused. Not us. This is a death sentence, it's a

horrible idea with track record, and there's always, ALWAYS, and it's 24/7 ...EMT's, Police, LAFD, Ambulances, so much so, that they've been told to silence their sirens. DOES THIS SOUND LIKE ANYTHING AT ALL IS WORKING!!?? - Inhumane - Fraudulent To a T. - Exploiting the homeless ( disgusting ) - Carelessness and Neglect, malice and intent toward each and every single resident. - Residents are all basically armed now, and rightfully so. So what happens when a criminal from the yard, or homeless person tries to steal from someone, burglary ect and ends up, one after another, being carried away in a bag? I will let you think about what you've just read, and decide if this sounds like a position that needs to be applied everywhere, or anywhere. Or if it sounds like every other horrible idea that's NEVER WORKED Bonin has created for Venice. And getting payed to take anyone in. This vote is against any bridge problem and the ones surrounding them. Especially the law stating "No homeless can sleep or loiter outside or near a homeless shelter". WHY AREN'T THEY INSIDE??!!! Hello??? This and Bonin need to leave Venice and Los Angeles. Not accepting another position given to him in the near future. No Bridge, No Bonin, No Problems. This is not an option. This is serious. This is something Bonin must answer to. Seeing as an obviously mental case RAPED, and tried to MURDER a young female resident under the venice pier. This is FAR enough. Peoples mental health, physical, personal lives and families even, have ALL BEEN NEGATIVELY IMPACTED. THIS. MUST. END. PS: Yes the gases caused the tumor. Who knows what else...and that'll absolutely close shop. Thank you, Respectfully and Firmly, AG

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andrew Silver

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2020 05:28 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I previously submitted a comment asking the Los Angeles City Council to reject the amendments to LAMC 41.18 and 56.11 that have the effect of criminalizing the homeless. I am now urging the Council to support the Substitute motion submitted by Councilmembers Bonin and Ryu. We know that only housing can solve homelessness. For decades the City of Los Angeles has ignored RHNA while the people of Los Angeles have been buffeted by recessions, a foreclosure crisis, and growing income inequality. I am calling on you now to step up and to what is right. You must take on the hard work of actually ensuring there is adequate housing for the people of Los Angeles. Amending 41.18 will only exacerbate the crisis on the streets. I urge you to please take up the Bonin Substitute motion and move the city forward on the path to real solutions to the homelessness crisis.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cody Metzger

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2020 10:46 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** We demand that City Council and the Mayor's office instead 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. We demand that the city take the following actions immediately: 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.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Joshua Cole

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2020 12:01 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I respectfully request that you oppose the draft ordinance amending section 41.18 of the LA Municipal Code as designated in Council File 20-1376. During this unprecedented time of hardship, amidst a global pandemic, when people are struggling to survive and pay rent, why would we further criminalize and punish homelessness? Our homeless neighbors need AID, not punishment. Please, I ask you to turn your focus to more empathetic solutions, such as Councilmember Bonin's substitute motion. We need to think about fixing the root causes of homelessness. Let's ask: how can we provide adequate mental health services, shelters, and affordable housing options to help get people off the streets? How can we as a city better support the non-profits and organizations that already serve the homeless? A vindictive, punishing approach is cruel and heartless -- particularly in the context of the covid-19 pandemic. Let's do better. Let's help, not punish. Thank you.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Anastassia Kostin

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2020 01:35 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** It's truly unbelievable that the city would pass this motion in the middle of a pandemic, when unbelievable numbers of people are driven to the streets because of the government's lack of coordinated response to the pandemic. Instead of helping this individuals, you are making their lives harder and making it more likely for them to be exposed to COVID. Instead of the money and time it will take to enforce this, house the homeless and give them mental health resources, food and housing so they can be productive members of society once the pandemic is over.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Magan Wiles

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2020 02:59 PM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2020 06:17 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The homeless issue in Sunland/Tujunga is getting worse by the day. I no longer feel safe in a community that I have lived in since 1984. As I was leaving the Ralph's shopping center, I had to look left to see if there was any traffic. There was a man in a blue tent masterbating and he didn't care who saw him. This was directly across the street from the park, midday. We need help.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Laura Egan

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2020 06:43 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** It just seems to me like it would be more beneficial for everyone involved for the money that would be spent on criminalizing homelessness to go towards arranging housing for the people who need it.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rick Swinger

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2020 07:23 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support these clean ups for several very important reasons. These clean ups were promised to the residents near the Bridge Shelter and this promise by our Mayor and Councilmember must be honored. The large bulky structures are not only a dangerous fire hazard for our community but they also are in violation of the Federal ADA laws. I know of a Disabled women who wants to sue the city for she is blocked by these unregulated sidewalk campers from going to Golds Gym for her important physical therapy on both Hampton Dr and 3rd Ave in Venice! Also the clean ups would reduce the pollution which is at this time aiding to the overpopulation of native Norway Rats and other rodents we are seeing here. The piles of trash, human and rodent feces and their fleas are the reasons we have seen medieval diseases come back to Los Angeles. Typhus, Hepatitis A and MRSA are just a few of the diseases that threaten not only the homeless community but the nearby residents, tourists, schools and businesses as well. We must remember that sweeping is a necessary service that will reduce the odds of another outbreak of deadly diseases no matter what your race, religion, politics, age, sex, economic situation is!

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2020 07:36 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge the City Council to enact an ordinance that will specify the particular times at which and the particular locations where it shall be unlawful for a person to sit, lie, or sleep upon public property and ban the storage of property in those same areas. The more ways the City has to deal with the unhoused and their belongings the better the City will be able to deal with the problem. Having the power to enforce where people and their property can be is an important and necessary step. It is also critical to be able to offer the support and housing needed by each person so they can get back on their feet again. Thank you, Ann Dorsey Northridge, CA 91325

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Maria Coray

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2020 07:52 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** City Council Members, Please vote in Favor of Council File 20-1376. This motion is vital because it will help Los Angeles maintain a balance between helping the homeless and helping the residents and homeowners keep and maintain a clean and healthy community and while still staying within the parameters of the Boise Idaho decision. This motion addresses the serious Americans with Disabilities Act violations, it addresses the promises made and the promises broken by the city for residents who live near Bridge Housing Shelters, and it addresses LAMC Sec. 41.18. Thank you for this reasonable and well thought out motion to help Los Angeles maintain a balance between helping the homeless and helping the residents and homeowners keep and maintain a clean and healthy community. Sincerely, Maria Coray/Venice Resident

## Communication from Public

**Name:** ADA LA

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2020 08:44 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm a gay disabled veteran and I support this motion as amended by Bonin-Rye. I can no longer stay confined in my home because I can't take my daily wheelchair drive around my block without getting on the street since unhoused people WHO REFUSE to take a shelter can do as they please. We need a humane approach to this crisis, but we can't fix a wrong by inflicting another wrong to another set of people. People with disabilities have spoken when we sued the city of LA for not fixing broken inaccessible sidewalks. Must we now sue again the city for not clearing the sidewalk from Unhoused people WHO REFUSE offered SHELTER. I urge everyone to support this motion as amended to closely read the changes proposed by Bonin-Rye and help the unhoused and the people with disabilities.



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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

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**Comments for Public Posting:** We have lived in Venice for over 45 years and in the last few years many of our neighborhoods, streets and even the beach have been taken over by transients. Many of these transients are from out of the area because Los Angeles has abandoned all expectations that sidewalks will not be blocked and tents will come down during the day. The population in Venice largely consists of able bodied males between the ages of 20 and 45 who support themselves by stealing bikes and selling drugs. Venice has numerous extremely large encampments that are surrounded by trash. Our streets have been taken over by RVs that store items on the street and often dump their waste in to the gutter. Some transients have put up plywood structures that completely block ADA access to sidewalks and are basically small sheds that are used for living or for storing stolen bicycles. The city knows that 2/3 of the people living on city streets/public right of ways are mentally ill, have substance abuse issues or both. It is unrealistic to expect individuals who have these issues to ensure that the area in and around their encampment is sanitary. Untreated waste and trash ends up on our beach and in the ocean. There are no excuses for the City to allow this to continue. It is not criminalizing the "unhoused" to sanitize and remove trash from the encampments unless this City wants to argue that being filthy and living in filth is a legal right. Regularly scheduled cleanups are not "sweeps" when plenty of advanced notice is given and services are brought in during the cleanup. We have listened to the rhetoric of those opposed to this ordinance and simply cannot understand why they would not want to at least have the city provide basic services such as sanitation to transients. Please remember that the majority of Los Angelenos are not living on the street. Most of your constituents do not throw our trash out on to the street, store bodily fluids out in the open, openly use and sell drugs in public, masturbate in public, verbally harass passerbys, run bicycle chop shops on public property and block the sidewalks forcing disabled, elderly and children in strollers out in to the traffic.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brentwood Homeowners Association

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2020 09:39 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** The Brentwood Homeowners Association (BHA) represents approximately 4,300 single-family homes and condominiums north of San Vicente Blvd, west of the 405, and east of Canyon View Drive. Brentwood has seen a tremendous increase in homelessness on its streets, reflecting the growing trend in Los Angeles. As a community, we are distressed over this humanitarian crisis and have actively tried to find solutions and help the unhoused in our community. However, as the encampments increase and the unhoused refuse treatment and alternatives to living on the street, the time for action is now. Last week we sent 1,586 surveys to our members asking if they supported the following resolutions adopted by the Brentwood Community Council. (BHA is a member of the BCC). The answer is an overwhelming yes. Therefore, we respectfully ask all members of the City Council to support the following: Clean Ups 95% of respondents support Councilmembers Buscaino and Lee's motion to resume CARE+ clean ups City-wide, including in the BCC territory. Sidewalk Camping and Bulky Item Clean Up 91% of respondents strongly support the City Attorney's amendments to LAMC 41.18 and 56.11, and encourage the City Council to approve the City Attorney's report R20-0306, dated October 26, 2020, and draft Ordinance relative to amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code to specify the particular times and locations where it shall be unlawful for a person to sit, lie, or sleep on public property. Councilmember Bonin's Motion 92% of respondents are against adoption of Councilmember Bonin's Substitute Motion -Item 42 in lieu of the efforts of Councilmembers Blumenfield, Rodriguez, Buscaino, Krekorian, Price, Lee and Cedillo, and the Office of the City Attorney for fear the result would be to slow rather than accelerate the process of facilitating the housing of those currently living on the street.



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November 23, 2020

Via email

**Re: Council File CF 20-0147-S21– Overwhelming Support for Resuming Care+ Clean-Ups**

**Re: Council File 20-1376 – Overwhelming Support of Amendments to LAMC Sections 41.18 and 56.11**

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Sincerely,

Kathleen Flanagan  
BHA Board President

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\* Over 300 members responded, a statistically significant number of respondents based on the number polled within a 5% margin of error.