

Communication from Public

Name: Diana Chang

Date Submitted: 10/22/2020 05:58 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Do not criminalize homelessness. Do not place the onus of homelessness on individuals rather than the city. This motion attempts to do both. Oppose this motion.

Communication from Public

Name: Eliza
Date Submitted: 10/22/2020 08:11 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: This motion is a heartless attempt to further punish poverty and houselessness. It's utterly shameful. I urge the city council to stop wasting their time plotting this hurtful nonsense, and instead do your job: take care of Angelenos!

Communication from Public

Name: Sam Reyes

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:04 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly recommend the and support the action you are considering to ban allowing bulky item to be on our sidewalks. These bulky items act as a deterrent for our employees to patronize the local eateries and convience stores that are within walking distance from our facilities. For those reasons as well as the potential health risk these items pose to our employees, I feel the need to ban such items is necessary. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Sherin Varghese
Date Submitted: 10/23/2020 04:23 PM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The Councilmembers here have admitted that Los Angeles has not and will not provide enough places to sleep for its over 40,000 residents that are unhoused. Each of you gestures toward a decision that called it CRUEL AND UNUSUAL punishment to arrest people for sleeping outside when you can't offer a bed. And yet your response is, "well let's waste court time and taxpayer money testing how cruel we can be". You've failed to protect people from rising rents. You've failed to provide affordable housing or shelter. You've failed to protect people from job loss. You've failed to protect small businesses. And now, rather than try and protect the little dignity people have left, you decide that cruel and unusual punishment is the right course of action. Rather than even try to fix the problems you've created and exacerbated, you seek to arrest people who have nowhere left to go. I cannot convey how much of disgrace each of you are to the people you represent, to your families, and to this city.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/23/2020 06:32 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: we need sidewalks!

Communication from Public

Name: Neal M Kortkamp

Date Submitted: 10/24/2020 12:38 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: To Council Joe Busciano, Joe from one Italian to another, this is a terrible idea. You don't tell someone to leave if they've got no where to go. You should put a strong system in place to help those unhoused, and I ain't talkin that rinky dink half measure you put in, I'm talkin some genuine Finland level effort. You know they are poorer per capita than us, YET they somehow manage to guarantee housing TO EVERYONE. Until you got a place for all these people to go, don't even fucking dare tell them they can't have the little sliver of comfort they do now. on top of that we got housing and hotels sitting empty, we're in the middle of the worst health crisis in US history. This would give your cop buddies free reign to brutalize an extremely marginalized population. This bill is needlessly cruel when we need someone brave enough to stand up for what is right and fight for lasting housing justice in this city. If this bill passes expect to get a primary challenger in 2022 as you seem to represent everything wrong with how this city is run.

Communication from Public

Name: Peter

Date Submitted: 10/24/2020 12:52 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Where is one to go if they've lost a job, have no family or friends to safely stay with, and have no where to go? If you want to criminalize living on the street you have to provide people housing

Communication from Public

Name: Jon Wolf

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 06:11 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I'm devastated to see this ordinance be seriously considered by the City Council. The City has moved shamefully slowly in trying to legitimately help Angelenos who live outside, and instead prioritizes speed, attention and resources when it comes to harassing and criminalizing those people, who desperately need the most aid. The City acknowledges the urgency of this crisis in section 5 of this draft ordinance, citing a need to protect public health. What about the health of the people who this ordinance would criminalize? Does the health of those people matter? Do the lives of those people matter? This ordinance will not increase the efficacy of or engender success in siting new shelters, it will only achieve in further harming the unhoused community. Vote no on this inhumane, costly, wasteful ordinance.

Communication from Public

Name: Nicole Anne

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 06:33 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Violent crime and vandalism in Echo Park and around the lake is increasing. Additionally, park rules are not being enforced. The residents that live in the area feel underserved and abandoned .

Communication from Public

Name: Tara Adler

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 06:36 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose Ordinance 4118. It is an outrage that city council is continuously criminalizing our most vulnerable neighbors. It reveals that you are willing and able to look past their humanity in order to please a minority of your wealthy constituents who don't want to be made uncomfortable by having to witness their existence. Not only is this just wrong on a moral level but it is also plain stupid. All research and expertise shows that homelessness is addressed by providing homes and services, not by making it illegal to be in public spaces.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 07:07 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 07:12 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: My close friend lives in a tent near a freeway off ramp. He has a caseworker, he works everyday to find housing, he's even been accepted into bridge housing and has been waiting months to get inside. He does everything he can, but nothing, it's been almost 2 years now. A few months into meeting him he described the harassment he was experiencing from housed neighbors, police, and city workers. He decided to move his tent out of view to an area near the freeway off ramp. He chose this place because it's his neighborhood, it's where he grew up and feels safest, he chose it because there's grass and soft ground. He chose it because it's out of view, and abusive neighbors don't harass him and the police don't notice him. He chose it because he deserves some privacy and peace. He chose it because it's close to essential services like a gas station, park, and street vendors. People do not choose to live near highways without thought. It's often the safest, it's where their community is. There's some sort of shelter, there's services. When people are struggling the answer is not further criminalization. The answer is services, housing without means testing, and compassion. Do not force people from their homes. This will harm our whole city. Ask unhoused people what they need. Do not make the choices for them.

Communication from Public

Name: Bob Halavi
Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 07:33 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: I support this motion

Communication from Public

Name: Shohreh
Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:23 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: Please clean our streets the homeless grow everywhere close to homes.

Communication from Public

Name: Cari Bjelajac

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:28 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I fully support and thank Councilmember Buscaino and the LA City Council. I live in Venice and we have been abandoned by the City of Los Angeles. Every promise made regarding ABH PacificSunset has been broken. The streets are unsafe and filthy. Violent crimes and property crimes have skyrocketed while law enforcement claims their hands are tied. We are traumatized daily by break ins, auto theft, gang activity, drug sales and use on our streets, The suffering of both housed and unhoused residents are unbearable. Elderly people and families are unable to safely walk on the boardwalk or gain access to the beach or bike path due to huge encampments and debris. Our unhoused neighbors face much more dangerous conditions- including sexual assault, theft, violent attacks and fires set by those that prey on fellow tent dwellers. Even our pets are not safe! There have been countless incidents when encampment dogs escape the tents and attack dogs and their owners out for some exercise on the OFW. The quality of life here is abysmal. I am so grateful for your support and hope you can talk some sense into Mike Bonin. He must support his CD-11 constituents in Venice with the same passion he supports Pacific Palisades. Your leadership and action have come at a pivotal time! Venice will never forget your leadership on this challenging issue. We support you and look forward to meeting with you in the future. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Erica Moore

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 09:52 PM

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40 + Year Venice Resident and 35 + Year Business Owner
Venice Stakeholder

Communication from Public

Name: Jiyoung Carolyn Park

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 09:55 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am appalled by the cruelty of this motion. The further criminalizing of houseless people is a lazy way of keeping NIMBY votes. If passed, the city will continue to be embroiled in endless litigation regarding its constitutionality, which will cost taxpayers millions of dollars. These precious resources should be used for resources during an unprecedented pandemic, not for a veiled re-election stunt at taxpayer expense. The LA Alliance for Human Rights case has shown that even the courts find the city's inaction around houselessness especially during a pandemic to be unacceptable. The prisons are hotbeds of Covid-19. If the intent is to kill the houseless by sending them to prison, then your vote in favor of the motion will succeed to further that intent. If you have an ounce of humanity, you still withdraw this motion or vote against this motion, and work on real solutions instead.

Communication from Public

Name: Victoria Friesen
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 06:32 AM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: LAMC 41.18 criminalizes being unhoused in Los Angeles. It would devote resources to punishing people who have no other options than to live near freeways, tunnels, ramps and supportive service facilities, and would provide no good for the community. 41.18 is cruel. Right now, thousands of unhoused people live in conditions that make it impossible to follow CDC guidelines to protect themselves against coronavirus. Instead of providing resources, like housing in hotel rooms and hand washing stations in public areas, LA continues to criminalize being unhoused. This is shameful. Repeal all laws that criminalize homelessness, including 41.18.

Communication from Public

Name: Jackson Glenn

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:53 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

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Communication from Public

Name: Maria Coray
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 08:09 AM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: Please amend 41.18 to provide for enforcement around freeways, around interim shelter facilities, to ensure disabled access under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Communication from Public

Name: Emily chu

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 07:52 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This is an inhumane and actively harmful law. Why is the LA city council working to criminalize homelessness instead of finding solutions that support our houseless neighbors? This is extremely disappointing to see, and I strongly urge the city council to not pass this into law.

Communication from Public

Name: Nikko

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 07:59 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Thank you for working on this issue in Venice. I fear for my life almost every day being that I'm From Here let alone I have been working in Venice for almost 20 years I love my community I just don't like what has happened to it in the last few years.

Communication from Public

Name: Jim bjelajac
Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:00 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: I completely support you in this action. Housing is now available for those who need and want it and the streets are Getting more and more dangerous

Communication from Public

Name: Sophie Strauss

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This motion is abhorrent. You are going to do nothing to solve the homelessness crisis and everything to exacerbate it and that blood will be on your hands if this motion passes. Attorney Michael Feuer who supports this motion blamed people who end up unhoused for being "tempted by the street" as if he and the rest of the council isn't directly responsible for creating and maintaining a housing crisis that makes it impossible for so many families who are struggling through this pandemic to stay in their homes in the first place. Shame on you. This motion belongs in the garbage.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 11:40 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: this sucks total ass and anyone backing it should feel absolutely ashamed of themselves

Communication from Public

Name: Taylor Shaw

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 12:01 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This proposal is horrendous and inhumane. We should not criminalize homelessness. It is proven to be more expensive to jail the homeless than house them. I never have any problem with our homeless neighbors and I appreciate that they make creative use of the bulky items people leave out as trash. This proposal goes against everything I believe in as a human being. My top priority is kindness to others. The writers of this proposal should reassess their own priorities.

Communication from Public

Name: Renee
Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 12:01 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: Criminalizing homelessness doesn't solve anything, and is just cruel.

Communication from Public

Name: Susan Beckman
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 08:59 AM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear 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. I support this motion because it addresses The Americans with Disabilities Act, which has been dismissed for too long by the city of Los Angeles. The disabled and wheelchair bound are forced onto the streets endangering their lives with cars whizzing by them at 40+ mph because the sidewalks are blocked. The disabled through the ADA are guaranteed equal access to and equal opportunity in public Accommodations. I also support this motion because it addresses the many promises made and promises broken by the city. The people of Venice who live near the bridge shelter on Sunset were promised encampment cleanups and secure zones. Eight months later this shelter is surrounded more than ever with tent encampments, a massive surge in crime, theft, break-ins, assaults, sexual harassment, sexual assaults, car break ins, and the list goes on and on. If the promises are not kept, then no community will want a Bridge Shelter in their neighborhood. And finally, I support this motion because it seeks to amend 41.18, which is vitally important in addressing sleeping on sidewalks at particular locations and hours of the day. 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, _Susan Beckman_____ Venice Resident
/Stakeholder

Communication from Public

Name: John Fleming
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:40 AM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to voice my opposition to a motion that would essentially criminalize homelessness. A rule that would make it illegal to sit, sleep, or lie down in proximity to freeways, ramps, tunnels, shelters, etc. will only put an undue burden on an already burdened portion of our community. I would like to put special emphasis on community because homeless individuals are in fact community members who have fallen upon hard times and need help as many often do. Instead, the proposed ban casts the homeless as undesirables who should be stamped out of our society. If anything, homeless individuals signal a failing in our society, where such failings would only be exemplified by the passing of this horrible ban. This ban would deny the humanity of homeless individuals. Everyone has a right to a food and shelter. With these resources limited for the homeless in our community, the answer is not to deny them even the right to sleep somewhere they feel somewhat safe, such as a public park or under a freeway. I beg the city council to consider how they would want to be treated if they fell on hard times without the resources to overcome them. Surely it does not include being denied even a place to sit or lie down while dealing with already horrible circumstances.

Communication from Public

Name: Angela Dawson
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 10:10 AM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: I support motion 20-1376. It is dangerous for all concerned to allow transients to camp on public sidewalks. It not only endangers them but the surrounding community and is in complete violation of ADA. Please pass this motion today!

Communication from Public

Name: Laura Raymond
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 10:11 AM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: ACT-LA, as a coalition of 38 Los Angeles community organizations, strongly opposes this motion. The answer to houselessness is bold action to stop evictions, build deeply affordable homes, create good family-sustaining jobs, and commit to developing this city for ALL of its residents, not just the privileged few. City Council must not criminalize people who are on the streets. Council must work on solutions at scale, and until there are enough homes for those on the streets, they must provide services. This proposal would be worthy of strong opposition at any time, but the fact that this is being proposed during a pandemic is jaw dropping. Focus on caring for your residents, and on systemic solutions to homelessness.

Communication from Public

Name: Lora Norton

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 10:26 AM

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:03 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I support this motion.

Communication from Public

Name: Jordan

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:30 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The council MUST OPPOSE 41.18. This rule effectively criminalizes homelessness in much of the city at a time when the unhoused community needs more support than ever. Even if shelters did have sufficient capacity to house everyone (and they aren't even close to that) this law would still result in increased harassment of the unhoused when what they need are Services, not sweeps. After months of sustained protest against the LAPD, giving the cops more justification to attack the most vulnerable angelenos is obscene and clearly shows how detached you are from the people you are supposed to represent. The money being spent on criminalizing the homeless could be spent expanding the capacities of shelters (safely, given covid concerns especially), providing other assistance like food, water, cleaning supplies, and most importantly providing temporary and permanent HOUSING. There are more vacant apartments than there are homeless people in LA. Dozens of empty hotels with hundreds of rooms which could house all of our homeless. With all the money being spent on criminalizing homelessness the city could afford to END homelessness by providing housing as a right. Shelters have less than a quarter of the beds that would be needed to house the houseless and the councils "solution" is to punish the houseless for sleeping somewhere else? This proposal is evil. Unhoused people are already dying in the streets and the solution is to push them further into the margins? Reject this proposal and start working on real solutions. Covid isn't going anywhere, it's getting colder, and the houseless population in the city is increasing. Provide the houseless with housing instead of criminalizing them for existing in a city which has done nothing to support them and is doing everything to make their lives more difficult. Oppose 41.18

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Communication from Public

Name: CARLITOS DIRECTO

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 12:23 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I wish the City of Los Angeles would intensify its program addressing our homeless Angelenos. I work in the downtown area and have seen the negative effects on business those that reside in DTLA. Even during the daytime you have to be very conscious of your surroundings, heard of this incident when a lady had just walked out of her apartment building and was simply struck in the face by this gentlemen on the side walk. Man appeared to be homeless judging from his clothes.

Communication from Public

Name: Devik

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 01:14 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I'd like to go on record as being thrilled to think about this ordinance passing. I would rejoice in the fact that I was once again able to walk down my sidewalk to the north Hollywood park unencumbered by the incredible amount of refuse generated by the extraordinary number of homeless people that have come and gone sleeping underneath the 170 freeway on Magnolia Boulevard as well as Chandler Boulevard. As a 30+ year homeowner in Valley Village I never dreamt I would see my neighborhood becomes so downtrodden and filthy. If there's any doubt please have a walk around the North Hollywood parks borders including Magnolia Boulevard and Chandler Boulevard. It would be wonderful if the city of Los Angeles could find some areas of open land near unincorporated areas where people could pitch their tents or be provided tents with some form of sanitary restrooms and the ability for them to shower. Thank you very much and I sincerely hope this ordinance is past for the betterment of my community.

Communication from Public

Name: Samantha Spaccasi

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 01:48 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

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Communication from Public

Name: Harry abelson

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 01:53 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Our quality of life is diminishing daily We are seniors living in Marina Del rey Many new families with children are moving in- due to the homeless mania We are concerned for our health & safety If this is nit brought under control we unfortunately will move- which I never planned on Other cities & communities have thus under control Shame in Los Angeles to allow this blight

Communication from Public

Name: Jenny

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 01:58 PM

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Sincerely, Jenny Cooney Venice Resident/ Stakeholder

Communication from Public

Name: Regan Kibbee

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:23 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council Members, Please vote in Favor of Council File 20-1376. This reasonable and well thought out motion seeks to help maintain the balance between helping our homeless and helping our housed residents maintain a clean and healthy community. Sincerely, Regan Kibbee

Communication from Public

Name: kuo wei chao
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:25 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: Yale world fellow program

Oct, 16 2020
Kuo Wei Chao
Lake House Foundation
Broken Arms Association.(nonprofit)
3210 Riverside drive .number 18 ,Los Feliz.900027

Dear IAFC

My pleasure to express my gratitude regardless of foundation to better assist the population of homeless and for all educational purposes would apply in this crisis.

My name is Kuo, I was born in Taipei,Taiwan and a homeless student became undocumented because of the lost form of I-94. I am a Santa Monica City College student who has not decided where I would go and to be led by the loss of my family who lost their life 12 years ago in an accident occur in Taiwan. Both are colonels and they have served the mission in the government of Taiwan and United States of America as defense of national security. My Dad also served a mission in Thailand and successfully stopped the drug war. We as a family originally came from Italy and China and the churches and hospitals are in the prayer of God in such property during the war.

My journey has gone to the beginning of going back to school and getting my degree to pursue the career that could continual of my parent's will and I know it is a blessing and a gift of God to be in part the crisis in climate change effects. As a homeless student who faced many struggles living in a tent for the past 3 years without any type of income and government benefit because I wasn't qualified to be in this country after 30 years of my international student visa has expired.

Global study is my interest and I know I need to survive with such powerful impact that could make public affairs and relations better support my foundation in travels and projects by the National Forest and United Nation. My goal is to have homeless people off the streets and build a community that can go overseas so that world history can take place in Asia and to be recognized by the constitution in issues involved with racial injustice and equality. Such events have taken a long time in US history and we do not know where they came from throughout the broken immigration system that relies on the soil of freedom.

I live in a shelter in the Los Angeles mayor's project to find homeless permanent housing. Unfortunately. Things are as we see it as many problems would not be fixed unless the infrastructure can be built. Thank you for having me and I love to serve my part and invest in education and small business that we could source a better life understanding meaning of today.

Sincerely,
Kuo Wei Chao
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Despite the national security that I was pursuing in justice the broken arms association would take places in reducing the crimes in such nonprofits. And this brobal study is to see the problems and crisis remaining in the sociality of today, increase of the homeless population.

Security threat . In this figure today from facebook of care mission USA on the subject take place in 20 more infected homeless lock down and the fires in Irvine, Yorba, Linda, Chino hill. I also like to post a short memo to support in Mandarin of my statement [if I would die tomorrow by some homeless stabbing a knife to my throat when the police came and released a lantino] homeless man who got a knife and was looking for drama at the bridge shelter for a few we need to a show like we all cares.. {說明台灣過去的住處及環境工作。出差及旅遊經驗為何在衛浴上的問題及地域條件關係下對牽涉保健及社會邊緣者有何幫住?另此方案如何改善美國無家可歸成長的問提及減廢犯罪率。父母家世及工作對我的培育。國際關係及獎狀的意義}。and this is the request of the recommendation letter to the nonprofit of hollywood food coalition, where I have volunteered for the past month in title of exclusive director sherry.

Communication from Public

Name: Nolan Purvis

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:34 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in to express my fervent opposition to 41.18. The fact that the city not only refuses to provide sufficient help for the unhoused but is actively seeking to criminalize them is infuriating. The lack of empathy one requires to treat people with so much cruelty is shocking. The city council MUST repeal all laws that seek to criminalize the homelessness, provide some form of housing to people in need, and end CARE sweeps that terrorize the vulnerable instead of helping them address their needs.

Communication from Public

Name: Steven Roth

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:36 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Our disabled neighbors do not have access to sidewalks and are now forced to use the street due to lack of enforcement of the safety ordinance. How long until there is a traffic collision because the city refuses to enforce rules around shelters. The facilities are available for the unhoused, yet they refuse to be responsible neighbors and take up the public use of sidewalks rather than the free and available housing. This is not a new rule, just an enforcement of the current rules.

Communication from Public

Name: Ramtin Mesrinejad
Date Submitted: 10/30/2020 03:41 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: Please do whats right... Take care of the homeless by sheltering them with somewhere to stay with food. Not continue to give them an opportunity to do what they do..

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/05/2020 12:50 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Thank you for clearing underpasses. These people are too addicted or ill to take care of themselves. It is not kindness to let them suffer, in the elements. Leaving in the streets is not an option

Communication from Public

Name: Carrie Adelman
Date Submitted: 11/05/2020 06:36 AM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I serve as the President of Taft High School parents association and we are deeply concerned about the safety of our students and staff who must utilize the Winnetka underpass to access our campus each day. The encampments have made the sidewalks impassible and as some of the homeless are mentally ill and substance abusers they have often lashed out at and threatened our students. We want to see these individuals housed and given services and the underpass cleared as well as a buffer zone placed around any bridge housing projects to prevent day camping. When our students return to school their safety must be a top priority. Hundreds of our student take the Metro bus each day to school and the only path from the bus stop to campus is via the underpass. It must be kept clear and safe.

Communication from Public

Name: SI
Date Submitted: 11/05/2020 07:07 AM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: Something must really be done with the homeless encampments under our freeway underpasses

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/28/2020 12:24 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This is an egregious, inhumane, deplorable, and downright evil measure that further criminalizes and punishes houseless individuals for being poor, often for being Black or Brown, and for not having the material resources to provide safety or support for themselves. This is shameful and does nothing to better or seek to improve or alleviate or fix our rampant houselessness issue across Los Angeles, and only seeks to use punitive measures to act as a shitty bandaid for a bullet wound situation. Where exactly do you imagine these people will go to sleep or rest or simply exist? If you sought to simply disappear or render the most vulnerable parts of our population invisible, then congratulations on your extermination plan. I am disgusted to be a resident of Los Angeles every day that steps against houseless individuals are taken that do nothing but further exacerbate their ills, rather than tend to their pain and suffering. I am strongly, vehemently against this motion that would make it illegal to sit, lie, or sleep within 500 feet of freeways, ramps, tunnels, or new supportive service facilities.

Communication from Public

Name: Anthony Blake

Date Submitted: 11/05/2020 02:14 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to support Council File #20-1376. I am now seeing homeless carts and belongings ON THE CORNER OF TAFT HIGH SCHOOL. Some of these homeless have moved out from under the freeway right up to Taft High School. Is this the best the L.A. City Council can do? Put homeless on the doorstep of schools? If so, you folks are demonstrating a true disappointment in leadership and show that your best talent is glad-handing and getting elected. Shameful.

Communication from Public

Name: Jason Kuna

Date Submitted: 11/05/2020 10:41 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The city of Los Angeles is in a crisis when it comes to the homeless epidemic. I've lived here my entire life & it's never been as bad as it is today. Drive around any community in the greater Los Angeles area & it's clear as day had bad the situation has gotten. I feel awful for the people who have to live on the streets, I know it's not a great way to live and they need help. Communities like my own, Marina Del Rey/Venice, have been forced to shoulder the burden of more & more people on the streets daily & we need help as a community. I walk out my front door & and the crisis is impossible to avoid. On the sidewalk, less than 50 feet away from my front gate, is an encampment filled with tents, trash, heroin needles & feces spilling out into the streets and storm drains. They've completely blocked access to the sidewalk. If you have young children in a stroller or are disabled, you have to step into the street to avoid running over people & trash into oncoming traffic on a busy corner. The police have told us there's nothing they can do, that their hands are tied. We need help. It's a dangerous situation for everyone. The city needs to enforce keeping the sidewalks clear & clean to keep our families, the people who are forced to live in the streets & our communities safe.

Communication from Public

Name: steve zelman

Date Submitted: 11/05/2020 06:26 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Regarding the homeless situation in the West Valley, I agree with Council Member Blumenfield's proposed measure that would allow the city to enforce anti-encampment laws in specific locations. Judge Carter seems to have provided successful resolutions in other cases, and following his guidelines, we should have narrow enforcement buffers around new homeless service sites and underpasses, while offering safer, better shelter for the homeless.

Communication from Public

Name: Darlene Smirh

Date Submitted: 11/05/2020 10:37 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I support my city councilman Bob Blumenfield's hard work getting the homeless under the 101 freeway underpasses & within 500 feet of the 101 freeway into bridge housing. I appreciate his making sure that additional homeless people & their items won't be camping next to the bridge housing. I hope that the homeless camping next to the townhomes on Burbank & Etiwanda within 500 feet of the 101 freeway are relocated soon.

Communication from Public

Name: T Anderson

Date Submitted: 11/05/2020 03:46 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: As long time residents of Tarzana, my family urges the City Council to please adopt effective regulations to keep all the freeway underpasses clear of homeless encampments.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 03:53 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please get this motion passed. Enough of these transients destroying our neighborhood. They shoot up, defecate on our lawns, steal our mail and break into our property. Enough!!! Get them out from under the fwy overpasses in our neighborhood. Specifically on Corbin in Tarzana. It's a disgusting mess.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Eason

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:25 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, 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. The text of the motion instructs the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. 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, and furthermore to oppose the motion to instruct the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. Sincerely, Jessica Eason

Communication from Public

Name: Jack Bentele

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:46 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in against LAMC Ordinance 41.18. This is a draconian and totally irresponsible measure that will harm the unhoused community in Los Angeles without providing any sustainable long term benefit to the housed or unhoused. This is just another measure to criminalize homelessness and cover up a problem that needs larger systemic fixes to address. Please do not pass this ordinance into effect. The COVID pandemic is far from over, and it is currently against city law to move the unhoused from their encampments. This would be a wide-scale movement in the opposite direction. DO NOT MAKE THIS CRISIS WORSE

Communication from Public

Name: Bridgid
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:46 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: I opposed this vehemently. This is inhumane and against my and my neighbors human rights.

Communication from Public

Name: Timothy Hayes

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:50 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: On my recent trip to the Museum of Terrible Ideas I noticed that there was a bit of wall that just said "Coming Soon" and I left wondering what would possibly go in that space. Well, this week I finally got my answer: LA City Council's attempt to revive and revise LAMC 41.18. Despite all the evidence showing the criminalization does not help, Councilmember Blumenfeld decided to take the Trump line and complain that we're listening to the experts too much. LA is already a very hostile city, but apparently Council doesn't think our city is cruel enough. Lastly, I'd like to talk directly to Paul Kerkorian and his aversion to City Hall doing anything to protect public health. Paul, buddy, you're not a doctor, and though you may keep your mouth shut and be thought a fool, it is far better than to open your mouth and prove it so.

Communication from Public

Name: Enrico Castillo

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:55 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. The text of the motion instructs the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. As a UCLA physician and psychiatrist, who specialized in mental health services for people experiencing homelessness, I have seen first-hand how criminal charges and fines have damaged my patients' lives, moving them further into debt and stigmatization and farther away from achieving permanent housing. Further, I have worked in NYC's homeless services, aimed to provide housing via "Housing First" principles, persuading people to receive housing and building relationships with them, not bullying or intimidating people into housing through enforcement. 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, and furthermore to oppose the motion to instruct the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. Enrico Castillo, MD The opinions expressed in this email are my own and do not necessarily represent those of my institution.

Communication from Public

Name: Judy Saunders

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:56 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. This is Judy Saunders, addressing Item 42. This cruel motion and draft ordinance are the wrong approach to solving homelessness. All people have an equal right to access public spaces and no one should be arbitrarily banned from large sections of the city. Pushing people from one public space to another does not end homelessness. As outreach workers and homeless service providers work tirelessly to move those most vulnerable to COVID-19 into permanent housing, this proposal conflicts with their 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 motion effectively makes homelessness illegal in Los Angeles constitutes the largest increase in the criminalization of homelessness in decades. I urge the council to vote no on this motion and instead focus on increasing access to immediate housing in every neighborhood so that our unhoused neighbors can come safely indoors.

Communication from Public

Name: VICTOR

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:56 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: People do not become HOMELESS overnight and those unable to care for themselves, should be taken care of and provided by. IT IS A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT. We are NOT cave people and even THEY believed in altruism.

Communication from Public

Name: Dan

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:54 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This will just make homelessness worse and make the lives of those who are already homeless more difficult! Further criminalizing homelessness helps no one and does not actually get people off the street. It just makes the problem worse! The city should direct resources to provide support services.

Communication from Public

Name: Darren Hall

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 06:18 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose this motion and urge all members of the City Council to oppose it as well. This cruel motion and draft ordinance are the wrong approach to solving homelessness. All people have an equal right to access public spaces and no one should be arbitrarily banned from large sections of the city. Pushing people from one public space to another does not end homelessness. As outreach workers and homeless service providers work tirelessly to move those most vulnerable to COVID-19 into permanent housing, this proposal conflicts with their 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 motion effectively makes homelessness illegal in Los Angeles constitutes the largest increase in the criminalization of homelessness in decades. I urge the council to vote no on this motion and instead focus on increasing access to immediate housing in every neighborhood so that our unhoused neighbors can come safely indoors.

Communication from Public

Name: J. Kelton

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 06:21 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear 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,
_____Jennifer Kelton_____ Venice Resident/
Stakeholder

Communication from Public

Name: Sonya Sones

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 06:25 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please don't pass 4118! They are already suffering enough! Has anyone asked the people who have set up camp near shelters where they would like to go? What do they need in order to clear off those sidewalks, instead of being forced and brutalized by sweeps? There has GOT to be a better way!!! Don't criminalize homelessness!! xx, Sonya

Communication from Public

Name: Alice D

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 06:27 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Reject this cruel bill. LA's unhoused people need compassion and assistance, not a bill that will criminalize them for existing.

Communication from Public

Name: Brooke E Jacobovitz

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 06:46 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This is a disgusting excuse for a solution to homelessness. Putting this into place only causes more strife for our unhoused neighbors who have been victimized by the city from the beginning. Passing this solves nothing and just creates more problems for people who are desperate for help. It's also unconstitutional and will only end with a lawsuit causing more economic issues for the city. We are better than this and no one in Los Angeles wants this. Listen to your citizens and not the people who fuel your campaigns. These are people who need your help, so help them, not criminalize them.

Communication from Public

Name: Julie Carr

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:34 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I live in North Hollywood and I oppose motion 20-1376. Any motion that criminalizes our homeless population is not a solution. We need and can do better.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:34 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Clean up the city.

Communication from Public

Name: Victor J Verdin-Flores

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 08:22 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The ordinance is inhumane and will make it difficult for people to be safe. It will further criminalize homeless people. This is an evil scheme to continue to fill prisons and line the pockets of police and prison guard unions as well as continue to grow the prison-labor complex. The city council must reject this evil ordinance which is veiled in the hue of public safety and address the lack of housing, job training, rent forgiveness and the use of eminent domain to prevent homeless. The ordinance before you is a continuing moral decay of this city's priorities, where developers rule with unfathomable sway and the poor, sick, and hungry are herded like animals simply for existing and, in this case, daring to sit on our sidewalks. Reject this ordinance.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 08:37 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I live in Montana, and Californians keep moving here because of how shitty the conditions have gotten there. Being afraid of getting stabbed while going to 7/11 to buy a six pack sounds terrifying, to be honest. Please clean up the streets of California and then maybe all the yuppies will stop moving out of the state. Thank you for fast tracking this vote because clearly something needs to be done.

Communication from Public

Name: Mike Bochey
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:19 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: Start encampment cleanups again! For the safety of your taxpayers!

Communication from Public

Name: Abigail Coursolle
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:44 PM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the Council to oppose this motion. It does not provide any new housing resources or 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, and harm unhoused LA residents. Instead of taking up this ill-conceived motion, please use your 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. Again, please oppose this motion, and please work to repeal LAMC 41.18, LAMC 56.11, and all ordinances used to criminalize unhoused residents. Thank you for your consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Veronica

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:53 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Addressing Item 42. This cruel motion and draft ordinance are the wrong approach to solving homelessness. All people have an equal right to access public spaces and no one should be arbitrarily banned from large sections of the city. Pushing people from one public space to another does not end homelessness. As outreach workers and homeless service providers work tirelessly to move those most vulnerable to COVID-19 into permanent housing, this proposal conflicts with their 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 motion effectively makes homelessness illegal in Los Angeles constitutes the largest increase in the criminalization of homelessness in decades. I urge the council to vote no on this motion and instead focus on increasing access to immediate housing in every neighborhood so that our unhoused neighbors can come safely indoors.

Communication from Public

Name: Hannah

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:53 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, please do not mistake criminalization of homeless folks with help. Shelters are not solutions to homelessness, anyone who has ever been homeless or worked with homeless populations can explain to you why there are empty shelter beds every night. They are unsafe and not private, all people deserve privacy, safety and respect. Especially now in covid it's unconscionable to have homeless folks in shelters. All the sidewalks are taken up by outdoor dining, so the issue really isn't "give us back our sidewalks" it's let's put homeless folks out of our sight. Disgusting that this is our city councils agenda in 2020 instead of actually helping folks....

Communication from Public

Name: Sivan Silver-Swartz

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:34 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Shame on the city council if it decides to value profit over the lives of unhoused Angelenos. 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: Susan Collins

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:57 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, Please support this motion to have the city attorney draft an ordinance that will force the city to comply with the promises made to the residents when we were asked to allow homeless shelters to be built in our communities. Please ask the city attorney to draft an ordinance that will repeal the current version of 41.18 and replace it with a version that protects and serves the disabled members of our communities that are currently unable to use the sidewalks and public spaces because of the amount of debris, human waste, tents, bulky items, and other items that completely block the right of way for all others, in particular, people disabilities. The failure to secure the right of passage for the disabled and the failure to honor the commitment given to the residents is shameful and must be remedied. I hope that every resident can count on your support for this very important motion. Thank You, Susan Collins

Communication from Public

Name: JD from LA

Date Submitted: 10/28/2020 04:04 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: These encampments are growing. They make it difficult to live here with children not to mention people with ADA requirements can be negatively impacted. I know our hearts are in the right place. But the number of people experiencing homelessness from out of the area and under 35 is hard to excuse. What we are and have been doing isn't working. We need to radically reevaluate. We have all sorts of issues including housing shortages and financial stresses but as these grow we must recognize that many of these people may need stronger incentives to move into proper housing.

Communication from Public

Name: Renay Grace Rodriguez

Date Submitted: 10/28/2020 06:35 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This ordinance is a betrayal to the most vulnerable and those with the least resources in this City. It is tantamount to murder in this day and age of covid. The voters of this city mandated a tremendous amount of money which you richly lined the pockets of developers who are dawdling in their extravagant spending to create shelters.... in the meantime people are literally dying in the streets. Their dearhs are on your hands in your failures. Criminalizing their plight without giving opportunities for beds first is a travesty and a violation of their consitutional rights to be free from cruel and unusual punishment. Now is not the time for this ordinance. Until you do right by the least of us your jobs are on the voting chopping block.

Communication from Public

Name: Sara Oades

Date Submitted: 10/28/2020 06:46 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: As a life-long Los Angeles and San Fernando Valley resident, I am absolutely disgusted by ordinance 41.18. WE NEED MORE HOUSING and resources, not criminalization. These are people that need help. We all know that our shelters are overcrowded and have strict, uncompassionate guidelines - this ordinance will not encourage people to turn to shelters. We have only 1,000 beds for 40,000 people who are unhoused. By criminalizing the unhoused, you are criminalizing poverty which is often systemic and generational. This is especially cruel in the face of a global pandemic and the call for abolishment of the police. As your constituent and an invested community members, I demand that ordinance 41.18 not be passed.

Communication from Public

Name: Marvin Jordana
Date Submitted: 10/28/2020 07:37 AM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: Regarding the homeless encampments in Eaglerock. The situation has gotten worse within the past 2 years with homelessness numbers rising in this once safe and quite neighborhood. The amount of people pitching tents under the freeway has grown and is getting worse. People are afraid to walk to the store, people being harassed constantly by mentally ill individuals who roam the streets aimlessly, locking in people's backyards and urinating on the street corners. This has homeless issue with mentally ill and drug addicts taking over the streets has gotten out of hand and the city has done nothing to fix this problem citywide.

Communication from Public

Name: Cameron

Date Submitted: 10/28/2020 08:12 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Homeless people are *people*. They need help, not criminalization. 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 amendmending LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. 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, and furthermore to oppose the motion to instruct the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11.

Communication from Public

Name: Debra R. Shaver

Date Submitted: 10/28/2020 08:16 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: At what point is consideration for the residents and businesses in these areas going to be considered. Empathy is dwindling the more this filth is forced on us. Activists and Advocates should not be controlling decisions

Communication from Public

Name: Catherine Knight
Date Submitted: 10/28/2020 08:39 AM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to request that the City Council not expand the criminalization of homelessness. Please oppose 4118!

Communication from Public

Name: Peter Toumasis
Date Submitted: 10/28/2020 08:44 AM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, My wife and I moved to downtown 12 years ago from Westwood. We recognized the City's investment in the area and decided to support and invest ourselves by purchasing a condominium near Staples Center. At the time, the area was gritty and lacked amenities like grocery stores, restaurants, bars, movie theaters, and shopping, but developers promised they were coming. While downtown has seen a boom over the last decade, we hoped the homeless problem would be mitigated. After all, who is going to pay top dollar to purchase a condo or pay some of the highest rents in the City if there are thousands of homeless in the neighborhood? While home prices throughout LA County have soared since 2008, our condo price remains the same as we paid for it in 2007 (according to Zillow). Developers can build billion dollar buildings and tout amazing projects by Frank Gehry, but the equity upside is limited by the homeless outside their front door. Yes, homelessness needs to be solved. Yes, the public supported \$5 Billion in homeless props. Yes, it's a complicated problem, but a solvable one. For the homeowners and renters who have to deal with this issue, it's not fair to us. We're paying for those props along with our property taxes. We work hard to afford our home. It's most people's biggest investment and that investment is hampered in large part due to homeless in our neighborhood. I fear we've become desensitized to people sleeping in tents all over LA County, but this is not normal. We need to get these people assistance, house them, and help them get on their feet. The image that Los Angeles has throughout the world is aspirational like New York, Paris, or Hong Kong. However, it's a facade and I'm embarrassed when friends visit from out of town. They are shocked that Hollywood, Santa Monica, and DTLA allow people to live on the streets. With the Olympics coming in 2028, is this the City we want to show the world? Is this who we are now? I hope not and encourage the Council to pass 20-1376. It won't solve the problem, true, but it's a start.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrea Rothschild
Date Submitted: 10/28/2020 09:09 AM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to reject Motion 20-1376 and the City Attorney's proposed amendments to LAMC 41.18 and LAMC 56.11. We see first hand the damage done by the policies proposed in the revisions to 41.18 and 56.11. These changes when implemented will only exacerbate the suffering on the streets and slow the progress to housing the homeless. The loss of important documents and medications are inevitable when the homeless are displaced. This complicates and delays the progress towards placement in housing. I talked to outreach workers yesterday who gave me first hand accounts of how the citations and displacement you are proposing slow or completely derail the progress made with their clients. I am certain that the criminalization and displacement of the homeless will not placate the angry and frustrated residents of CD 2. I get that people don't like seeing the encampments in their neighborhood. But 20-1376 does nothing to solve the root causes and only hinders the solutions. Moving the homeless from one corner to the next or from one neighborhood to the next will not solve anything. I urge you to reject Motion 20-1376 and the proposed amendments to LAMC 41.18 and 56.11.

Communication from Public

Name: Austin Pryfogle
Date Submitted: 10/28/2020 09:15 AM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing in direct injection to this mandate change. Living in downtown, we understand that the nature of the pandemic, the rising cost of housing, and the lack of intuitive accessible service lends itself to a rise in our unhoused populations. What is heartbreaking is although we see you acknowledging the issue, you are blind to the racist money hungry choices you make. Stop this mandate and provide comprehensive community services. Make good on the promise to house these individuals that was made at the top of the pandemic rather than further criminalize them.

Communication from Public

Name: Darcie
Date Submitted: 10/28/2020 09:15 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I have lived in Studio City for about 25 years now. We were a small, quiet community. We have lost that feeling in our day to day lives. I now consider how I will walk somewhere without encountering the drug addicted homeless people. Along the river walk, north of the shopping center with the California Pizza Kitchen, there are numerous people that live there to Laurel Canyon Blvd. There are usually syringes laying around, people nodding off, people using out in the public areas, and people passed out on sidewalks. Some of these people are threatening and some are violent. I used to walk my dogs in the area, but no longer do I do this. My way of life has changed due to the homeless people that I try to avoid on a daily basis. I have had a friend move out of state to live in a safer family environment. HELP !! Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrey Garcia-Ponce De Leon

Date Submitted: 10/28/2020 10:15 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Gil Cedillo, and Councilmembers, 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 amendmending LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. 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, and furthermore to oppose the motion to instruct the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. Respectfully Submitted, Andrey Garcia-Ponce De Leon Policy Associate

Communication from Public

Name: Julie Jung

Date Submitted: 10/28/2020 10:21 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. This is Julie with Inclusive Action for the City, addressing Item 42. This cruel motion and draft ordinance are the wrong approach to solving homelessness. All people have an equal right to access public spaces and no one should be arbitrarily banned from large sections of the city. Pushing people from one public space to another does not end homelessness. As outreach workers and homeless service providers work tirelessly to move those most vulnerable to COVID-19 into permanent housing, this proposal conflicts with their 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 motion effectively makes homelessness illegal in Los Angeles constitutes the largest increase in the criminalization of homelessness in decades. I urge the council to vote no on this motion and instead focus on increasing access to immediate housing in every neighborhood so that our unhoused neighbors can come safely indoors

Communication from Public

Name: Dana Goldberg
Date Submitted: 10/28/2020 10:23 AM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Sherman Oaks, member of the Temple Beth Hillel Task Force on Homelessness, and a member of the North Hollywood Home Alliance Advocacy Table. I am keenly aware of the problems caused by encampments under freeway overpasses and in local parks. However, criminalizing this behavior DOES NOT solve the problem and is a step backwards. It has the potential to force the unhoused to move closer to residential areas, farther away from access to services, and into more densely populated camps. Sweeps to cleanup these areas are expensive and the money can be better spent on solution oriented solutions and services. I urge the city council not to approve this ordinance.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/28/2020 10:24 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am in full support of item 20-01376. We must act now to move these vulnerable people off the street even if it means relocating them out of L.A. Many of these people are not from L.A. The health of our community depends on it. We must act out of compassion for these individuals who cannot fend for themselves due to severe drug abuse or mental health. It is inhumane to allow this tragedy to continue. Do something before it's too late.

Communication from Public

Name: Maegan Ortiz

Date Submitted: 10/28/2020 10:43 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The Instituto de Educacion Popular del Sur de California is in strong opposition to any proposal before the council that criminalizes the houseless in Los Angeles. I am Maegan E. Ortiz and I am Executive Director of the IDEPSCA. When I started at IDEPSCA six years ago, the percentage of day laborers using the city funded day labor centers that identified as houseless was 30 percent. Now half of the the individuals that use the day labor center as workforce and leadership development hubs identify as homeless. This increase does not take into account the huge wage loss and home loss that many people across the city have experienced because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Immigrant houseless folks who already cannot access pandemic and other services because of their status would be further forced underground if the City Council made the wrong decision to ban sitting, sleeping, and lying: within 500 feet of freeways, ramps, and tunnels; within 500 feet of any facility opened after January 2018 that provides housing, shelter, services, safe parking, or storage to unhoused people; or that criminalizes storage of property in the areas listed above. We also request that you oppose legislation criminalizing the refusal of offers of shelter by city employees. 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. Day Labor Centers are not formally recognized as mitigating houselessness even though that is exactly what they do by providing job support, legal and housing referrals. Why not focus on actual, proven solutions to a crisis that continues to grow during this pandemic instead of exacerbating homelessness? Proposals like these promote the myth that people are homeless by choice, not the result of a failure to expand the city's homeless housing stock (both shelters and permanent). Given this scarcity, prioritizing enforcement will do little more than move people from place to place, disrupting their lives along the way. The focus of this legislation is to criminalize homelessness, a strategy that wastes millions of city dollars while accomplishing very little. Legal scholars have argued that these ordinances constitute cruel and unusual punishment and violate basic human rights. Jones v. City of Los Angeles ruled that enforcing the bans on sitting and sleeping in public violate the Eighth Amendment's

cruel and unusual punishment clause. Despite these rulings, Los Angeles has continued to lead with criminalization in its response to the homelessness crisis. This is actively counterproductive toward reducing homelessness. Citations, arrests, and fees are impediments to obtaining employment, housing, and other needed resources. They also have huge consequences for undocumented homeless folks by putting them in line for potential deportation. While the City of Los Angeles plays lip service to being against the current president's anti-immigrant rhetoric, the LA City Council is promoting policies that are anti-immigrant in practice. Displacing people can disrupt relationships with homeless outreach and caseworkers, who are necessary to enter into stable housing and services. Encampment sweeps by police and sanitation workers result in the loss of important possessions: documents, items of personal value, even medication. When documents are confiscated, people applying for housing and other services are set back—ID cards and certain forms are often needed to obtain assistance. When medications are confiscated or thrown out by police, the consequences can be fatal. As of September 21, coroner data shows that 964 unhoused Angelenos have died this year. Unhoused deaths represent 11% of all deaths in LA, despite representing 1% of the overall population. Unhoused deaths were almost twice as likely to be male and 1.6 times more likely to be black. Unhoused people were over two times more likely to have died from accidental and preventable causes compared to housed populations. The Centers for Disease Control states “clearing encampments can cause people to disperse throughout the community and break connections with service providers. This increases the potential for infectious disease spread.” Increased enforcement creates another threat to unhoused Angelenos. IDEPSCA demands 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, and furthermore to oppose the motion to instruct the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11.

Communication from Public

Name: Samantha

Date Submitted: 10/28/2020 11:18 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to express strong opposition for this motion (Council File 20-1376) as instead of increasing housing and other needed resources for those unhoused in Los Angeles, it expands upon the criminalization of this marginalized community. As an LA resident and someone who enjoys housing security, especially in these extreme times, I find it a moral obligation of City Council and the Mayor's office to actually spend time and resources address the issue of homelessness.