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I strongly favor the proposed amendments to LAMC 41.18 and 56.11, and further request that these ordinances be fully enforced at all times by LAPD. One of the core functions of civilization itself is to provide for the safety and health of the general public, and in order to do so civilization requires certain rules; we call them laws. The current situation is ridiculously dangerous to ALL members of the public, not the least of whom being the homeless population itself that a small cardinal number of vocal activists and predatory lawyers claim to speak for yet invariably fight to not only preserve but expand the hazardous status quo for reasons of their own.

The homeless population is not homogeneous in terms of causes and needs, and the origins of this ongoing humanitarian disaster are as complex as they are disgraceful. Unfortunately, there is no 'silver bullet' single-point solution, and the City Council's span of control is limited. However, there are several effective courses of action that should be taken:

1. Enhance and enforce LAMC 41.18 and 56.11 and mandate shelter placement.
2. Mandate that all LA communities & neighborhoods under Council jurisdiction must accept shelters and SROs until local density of same meets or exceeds that currently extant in downtown Los Angeles.
3. Implementing a moratorium on further such services in DTLA; concentration of services has created a self-perpetuating cycle of misery in the form of a rich hunting ground for predators such as drug dealers and human traffickers. Decentralization is an essential feature for recovery.
4. Aggressively and continuously engage state lawmakers to repeal or drastically modify the Lanterman Act in order to enable mental health/addiction treatment for persons demonstrably functionally incapable of making rational decisions in their own best interests.
5. Petition the City Attorney to investigate and litigate against the common practice of 'person dumping' by communities, counties and states outside of Los Angeles to LA, which exacerbates the local crisis daily and incurs massive additional costs in terms of public services to LA city and county.

I have heard some levy innumerable charges, accusations and insults at ANY attempt to even begin to remediate this disaster. They are wrong, both practically and morally. The most immoral possible thing we as a society can do is to allow the severely mentally ill and addicted to live in pain and die worse off than animals in our streets in the name of 'rights' that they cannot responsibly exercise nor in some cases comprehend.

A final core function of modern civilization is to care for those least capable of caring for themselves. Allowing this disaster to continue is far beneath who we think we are and should

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