

## Communication from Public

**Name:** susan millmann

**Date Submitted:** 10/29/2020 10:58 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose this motion. Remember the housing crisis? Covid 19 has only made it far worse. Yet, instead of working on this most important issue, the Council is taking the immoral actions to criminalize our most vulnerable. SHAME. It is far better for unhoused folks to be outside rather than crammed in dangerous shelters in these times of covid, and we all know that. So, City agencies have recently placed 60 experiencing homelessness inside. Congratulations. Only 59,940 to go in county. Rethink this horrible unconstitutional amendment. Council has obligation to protect us all. Do your jobs.

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**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/29/2020 11:20 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Criminalizing homelessness is at best ineffective and at worst a disgrace. To do so in the midst of a pandemic and housing crisis is a travesty. We can do better. Alternatives: 1) Look no further than Vancouver for effective homeless policy - <https://www.businessinsider.com/canadian-basic-income-experiment-gives-homeless-people-cash-2020-10>. 2) Consider land use reform and investment in affordable housing to combat the housing crisis

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sarah Blanch

**Date Submitted:** 10/29/2020 11:27 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** As a long-time Venice resident, I like so many others have been incredibly disheartened by the onslaught of homeless encampments, which are invariably surrounded by garbage and filth. I recognize the human considerations, but the uptick in crime and the surge in the number of tents has left us all desperate for improvements. I wholly support this motion. If there is shelter nearby, camping should not be allowed, period. I hope you vote yes and go even further with other measures in the future.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Steve Clare

**Date Submitted:** 10/29/2020 09:22 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose this motion. the city council has the responsibility to protect the health and welfare of ALL the residents of Los Angeles. Especially it's most vulnerable. Focus on your job to provide housing and services that your constituents need. During this pandemic it is safer for the unhoused to live outside than to be forced into a crowded shelter. At least give them the option to protect themselves as best as they can during this health crisis while you work on solving the housing crisis. Thank you for considering.

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**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/29/2020 10:08 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please keep the streets maintained and cleaned from the homeless encampments. It affects our business when people are worried about where to park or if they will be approached. It has been stressful to navigate this. Thank you!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Valentina Dabos

**Date Submitted:** 10/28/2020 12:11 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please vote NO on 41.18 - this ordinance would criminalize poverty in this city and is the opposite of how we should be responding to LAs housing crisis.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Daniel Uytiepo

**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 12:17 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** This is a horrible way to treat fellow human beings. All because it makes you sad to SEE people on the streets doesn't give you a right to criminalize their existence. If you don't see that's what this is you're unfit to lead. Moving people around and then deeming them "criminal" is going to make it a lot worse and a lot more expensive in the future.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Christine Shimizu

**Date Submitted:** 10/28/2020 11:20 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Why, when the death toll from the pandemic is reaching new heights, businesses are still laying off workers, there are more homeless people than ever, and the weather is now becoming increasingly cold, would you put time and energy into amending a bill so that it further criminalizes someone who has no place to sleep and seeks shelter on a sidewalk? City Attorney Mike Feuer provided a proposed amendment to drastically expand an existing anti-camping law and now you are trying to get it added. I was told by an aid not to worry because it won't take effect until after the pandemic. If that's the case then not only is it cruel and shortsighted, it's a waste of tax payers time and money to have you even spend time on this. The focus needs to be on helping the unhoused. When anyone calls about the homeless being where they don't want them to be it is still always the police who come. The police have a bad history with the homeless. Until Measure J is passed, and alternate community services have the funding to be put in place and/or expand, it will always be the police responding to these calls. This isn't fair to the homeless or the police. And it perpetuates the crisis. I beg all of you to stop pushing for this amendment and start pushing for actual solutions.



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**Name:** LaRae Cantley

**Date Submitted:** 10/29/2020 08:07 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is LaRae Cantley Co-founder of The Housing Justice LA Podcast, CSH Speak Up Alumni Former Co Chair of LAHSA Lived Experience Advisory Board and Core member of the Domestic Violence Homeless Services Coalition. I acknowledge the intention to get people inside, so thank you for the desire to think of ways to do so! There are staggering numbers of those that are fleeing from violence and are in need of a safe home. Then the number of those that experience being victimized while homeless is in my opinion an endless count due to the stigma of disclosing such information. People need Protection and Homes! As a formerly homeless black mother with 3 black sons and a black daughter, the thought that they can be criminalized due to a broken system that has many people lined up for the pipeline to homelessness sickens me. No one should see the fault of the societal mishandling as their own lawful offense. Housing is a human right, if anything those that have too much housing/ should be looked at as the criminals!! There has been solutions that have been supported such as bridge housing and this method needs more time obviously because more people are still falling into homelessness than those that are being placed into permanent housing. We need the support of funding to housing options or we'll lose more dollars to expungements for people who should've never been criminalized for their Involuntary participation in a broken system. Your partner in housing solutions, LaRae

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kelly

**Date Submitted:** 10/29/2020 07:47 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to oppose section 41.18(d), or any similar restrictions on where homeless people can sit, lie, or sleep - in this city of insanely high housing and cost-of-living prices, the homeless community deserves the right to rest without fear. We need more services to help this community, not more punishments and restrictions.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rose Dolfi

**Date Submitted:** 10/29/2020 03:18 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a long term resident of Los Angeles and am tired of all the public effort given to boost the number of "homeless" in this County for years now. I am amazed how many people defend homelessness and support them living anywhere they choose all over this city. I am sorry, but I do not support it and feel those that do are living with their heads in the ground. They make themselves feel good by feeling bad for anyone who seems to be unfortunate. They have no compassion for those of us who have worked hard and deserve to live in a home we have sacrificed years of our lives to purchase. It is not fair or just that those looking for a free ride anywhere they please can just set up home, litter, disturb, defecate and destroy the land in front of homes and businesses all over this county as well as all over our public facilities so that those who have paid for them cannot use them. Enough of this bleeding heart nonsense. Good for you who are fighting it and I hope you continue to. Take the homeless to supported facilities outside of Los Angeles where there are vast expanses of land they can live on free and even use tax payers money to give them free services, room and board. Just keep them away from residential areas, our public facilities and our beaches....this is where many of them want to be, for free. Sorry, it takes and should take working hard to be here...even most or all religions reward only those who contribute. Please pass this bill and make many more to clean up Los Angeles and allow our police to enforce those laws.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Will Brunker

**Date Submitted:** 10/28/2020 02:22 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 by amending 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. Signed, -Will Brunker

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Penny Meyer

**Date Submitted:** 10/29/2020 07:46 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** This city needs to help the residents and the businesses. The homeless have received millions in funding and the problem continues to grow. We are begging you to stop enabling the homeless. The violence and drug addiction out on the streets is staggering. Our streets are filthy and kids are forced to walk in the street because huge tents and structures have been erected. Bikes and packages stolen at alarming rates from residents and businesses. WE ALSO NEED HELP! You have tied the hands of the police rendering them helpless to help the tax paying citizens. This city is embarrassing and I am ashamed to say I live here. Building shelters at a cost of \$500,000 per six hundred square feet is pure waste. The homeless are not mandated to seek drug or mental health support so they continue their bad habits in these \$500,000 units. Where is the rationale? I think our Mayor has let us down. We are the folks that need assistance. My soft heart for the homeless has been taken. I no longer feel sympathy. Having been assaulted on the Red Line was enough for me. LAHSA is a complete failure and should be revamped. It isn't working! LAHSA placed a child sexual predator in a Bridge Home by me which included many families with young children. We the neighbors had to alert them. Where is their screening process? Such a broken system. Removing the homeless from under the freeway underpasses because it is harmful to their health? What about the elementary school by me that they destroyed? The priorities of this city are so wrong in so many ways. Reevaluate how help is being rendered

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**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/29/2020 10:11 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please clean up homeless encampments, Los Angeles is filthy. How dare you allow for us to be surround in filth when our taxes are so high.. I guess it's time to vote red

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**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/29/2020 05:45 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** HELP HELP HELP!!! What does it take for the city to understand that our lives and livelihood has been at risk for years and more so in the last eight months? We have been operating our business on Crocker St. at the heart of Skid Row since 1998. Is it too much to ask for us to be able to access our property freely without having to step on feces and urine and without having to wake up the homeless people and ask them to move from the driveway of our property in order for us to have access to our property daily? Is it too much to ask that we get a break from having to sweep bags and bags of garbage from the outside of our business every day around the clock? What is the city doing with the taxes we pay as a business and property owner? None of it is being used to support us and that's a shame!!! It is heartbreaking and sad that we have to be concerned about catching Covid as a result of the sidewalks being disgusting 24/7. No one on the street is following the CDC's safety guidelines, because they can care less if they end up with Covid or not. Obviously the city does not care about the stakeholders either, because we have been ignored and not cared for, for several years now and more so within the last several months. Does it take for a stakeholder or stakeholders to get sick and actually pass away and a family member to file a law suit before the city takes action and does their job to protect us? PLEASE OPEN YOUR EYES & EARS, WE NEED HELP! THE CONDITIONS WE ARE IN ARE VERY UNHEALTHY & UNSAFE. DO YOUR JOB & GET THE SIDEWALKS & STREETS CLEANED UP!!! STOP PUTTING ALL OF US AT RISK OF CATCHING COVID AND POSSIBLY FACING DEATH!!! My parents show up for work daily & follow the CDC's safety guidelines, both of them have several underlying health conditions, they are 65 & 66 yrs old. I assure you, GOD forbid, should they get ill with Covid that is traced back to Crocker St., I will not stop the fight of getting the city to do what is necessary to protect US, the stakeholders. FOR ONCE LISTEN TO OUR NEEDS!!! Thanks!

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**Name:** Dennis

**Date Submitted:** 10/29/2020 06:03 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** It is absurd the amount of drug addicted homeless outside my house and in the freeways. Please clean it up. I walk through human feces and needles daily and the police are helpless. They don't want help. Then kick them out of the city.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mark

**Date Submitted:** 10/29/2020 06:04 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Too many homeless and no one does anything about addicts. I was threatened to be killed the other day in downtown. Ridiculous.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/29/2020 11:38 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** No to 41.18 Stop persecuting and criminalizing the unhoused and disproportionately hurting black people, the disabled and those who need civil services, not to be treated like criminals.

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**Name:** Fernando

**Date Submitted:** 10/29/2020 12:35 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, I support this motion. Many of the encampments are growing rapidly and the homeless living at them have no respect for others or for any property. They leave their tents, abundance of trash, used needles on our sidewalks. We never feel safe walking in our neighborhood because a lot of the homeless are drugged out yelling obscenities' at all hours of the day. I can't take a walk with my kid in our neighborhood because we have to walk on the busy street to get across; the homeless tents take up the sidewalk. They have broken into our cars, graffiti our street walls & are dealing drugs at the corner of our street. Please help us, law abiding citizens are humans too and we need protection as well. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Grace Theobald

**Date Submitted:** 10/29/2020 01:27 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a Los Angeles resident and these are a list of my demands: 1. 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) 2. End Special Enforcement and Cleaning Zones (SECZ) permanently 3. Respect CDC guidelines and work with health department officials to ensure that basic sanitation needs are met without the threat of displacement 4. Halt all CARE+ “comprehensive cleanup” operations 5. Remove law enforcement from outreach 6. Repeal LAMC 41.18, LAMC 56.11, and all ordinances used to criminalize unhoused residents.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jean Sylvia Anker

**Date Submitted:** 10/29/2020 02:34 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm very concerned about the people camping under the 101 on Corbin and Winnetka. This corridor is what people use to walk or bike to the shops and restaurants on Ventura Blvd. And Winnetka is also used by the Taft High School students. We are very disturbed to see evidence drug use, dirty needles, unconscious looking women etc. There is also tons of trash. I have observed people working on bikes, exchanging money and playing cards etc. These look like pretty young and able bodied people who are taking advantage of a nice neighborhood where people spend over a million for a home and pay thousands of dollars in property taxes. My understanding is that many of these people are not even from the San Fernando Valley. How can this be good for anyone especially in a pandemic. I would like to support my local businesses etc, but I am not able to even access the public sidewalk, much less feel safe about it. I voted for HHH etc, but I feel there is a day of reckoning coming, when our local government spends tax dollars unwisely on new condos etc and basically treats the homeless like feral cats, left free to set up housekeeping on public streets. I wish them no ill will, but isn't it time to regulate their behavior. I can't ever do things in my own back yard without a government issued permit and yet they seem free to set up what amounts to structures and do everything they feel like without consequence. I feel like California and Los Angeles have become a mecca for homeless drug users etc. Our once proud city is greatly reduced and our politicians appear more concerned about catering to homeless advocates than taxpayers and property owners. In my opinion all families with minor children should be taken off the street immediately and veterans assigned to Federal Property. Anyone else who can't be sent to drug rehab etc and or a shelter should be given a government issued tent, cot and placed on designated property. I also feel that some homeless could be put to work in storage facilities where they can keep their belongings and they should be given opportunities to renovate old properties for homeless use and possible work in gardens. I know some slick politicians might be laughing at these ideas, but the more we ignore the problem the bigger it gets.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael kromnick

**Date Submitted:** 10/29/2020 02:41 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I would like to voice my support for amending 41.18. As a homeowner in Los Angeles since 2012 and an LA area resident since 1988, the homeless situation is out of control. As a law abiding taxpayer, I feel my rights are being trampled on by homeless people who consume drugs, leave trash and defecate and urinate on the street. This neighborhood is not zoned a high density residential area yet the homeless are allowed to live as they want and I have to follow a laundry list of regulations. They cannot be allowed to live here unless they meet the same requirements as the law abiding homeowner neighbors. As a disabled person, I can no longer walk to the local grocery store as they are aggressive towards us and they don't even leave the 3 feet of clearance required by the ADA laws. Please vote to amend 41.18 Thank you Michael Kromnick