

Communication from Public

Name: Amanda Cowan

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:35 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This is truly a despicable motion- in the middle of a pandemic, with nowhere for people to go- lack of trust in provides etc. this will only further push people into the fringes.

Communication from Public

Name: Naomi

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:41 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to 41.18 because it criminalizes homelessness in the middle of a pandemic. You all know FULL WELL that there is not adequate shelter for LA's massive unhoused population. Also, the shelter that does exist is terrible. The Bridge Home Shelter at Schrader is infested with rats. People are also at a higher risk of contracting COVID in the Bridge Home shelters. You can all do better. Commandeer the hotels, seize the 93,000 vacant units in LA, HOUSE PEOPLE. Don't throw them in jail for being homeless. This measure is cruel. If you don't change course, we will vote you out.

Communication from Public

Name: Thomas Allers Simkhai

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:46 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose 41.18, you must do better for the unhoused communities in Los Angeles, many if not the mass majority suffer from mental health crisis and need the states help! DO BETTER!!
Thomas Allers 917-574-9974

Communication from Public

Name: Susan Bridges

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:48 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident I oppose the revision to municipal code 41.18. It is inhumane to criminalize homelessness when there is nowhere for the homeless to go. Sweeps are ineffective and cruel, often resulting in individuals losing precious belongings and supplies. I oppose this revision.

Communication from Public

Name: Rachel Van Amburgh

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:50 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 is a completely inhumane approach to addressing the homelessness crisis. Stop spending vast amounts of public funds to criminalize unhoused citizens and bankroll genocide on the unhoused and start funding ethical and humane approaches to ensuring every citizen of Los Angeles has permanent housing. The members of the council who continually support the criminalization of homelessness have blood on their hands.

Communication from Public

Name: Rachel Sweeney

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:50 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: As a housed person who actually lives within the limits in question, I consider the people (and I believe you often forget they are people) who you will harm with this ordinance, my neighbors. They are my neighbors. They are your neighbors. And they deserve homes. Instead of criminalizing your citizens, and please don't forget they are your constituents, why aren't you focused on providing homes to them. This will impact anywhere between 24,000 to all of the 42,000 unsheltered individuals living in Los Angeles according to LAHSA homeless count data. You are creating a bigger problem instead of trying to solve the one that you should be focused on. The only people trying to solve homelessness are unhoused people themselves. But you want to take away the homes they have created for themselves. You want to take away their shelter. You won't provide any. You create the problem. Then you treat them like they are the problem. A neighbor, I'm asking you to reject this ordinance. Stop criminalizing my neighbors.

Communication from Public

Name: Hans Beischel

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:56 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This motion (41.18) is a failure of the highest degree. It exemplifies the unparalleled ineptitude of a city council that has demonstrated a chronic failure to understand or address the true scope, gravity, causes of, and solutions to homelessness in our city. Los Angeles has unreservedly failed its unhoused residents, even after historic measures and funding have passed with broad public support. And now to move to criminalize the existence of this growing population of people, to try and forcibly remove them from shelter—let alone to do so in the middle of a global pandemic, against CDC health guidelines—is unconscionably inhumane. As a Los Angeles homeowner and business owner, I categorically oppose this cruel, disgusting motion. You have no right to criminalize sitting, standing, sleeping, or existing. As an Angeleno, and more fundamentally as a human, I demand you reject this evil motion and immediately move toward real solutions—solutions that DO NOT include the use of law enforcement or destructive sweeps, which, every day, continue to rob this city of resources that could otherwise be spent on services and which threaten the lives of Angelenos across this city.

Communication from Public

Name: Justin Gaar

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing in extreme opposition to 41.18. You're public servants. You don't serve the public by continuing to criminalize the public for trying to exist in a city with some of the most regressive housing policy in the country. You only serve the wealthiest and while annihilating the most vulnerable people in our communities. This policy is beyond cruel, it's the kind of thing I wish we as the public could prosecute YOU for even suggesting or supporting. You're just an absolutely vile person if you support what Blumenfield and Feuer are pushing. We need services for the unhoused, not policing, criminalization, and sweeps. This is a craven, brutal, inhumane proposal and we will not forget the councilors who support it.

Communication from Public

Name: A. Burke

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:57 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. 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, A. Burke
Venice, CA

Communication from Public

Name: Devon Manney

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I, like so many others in this city, have spent the last several months in complete horror, watching as you all continue to shirk your responsibilities to the people of Los Angeles. You shrug your shoulders, say "helping people isn't something we have the power to do" and people die. Perhaps they didn't die directly at your feet, fine. But when you fill a tank with Pirahnas, and then force people to swim through that tank -- the pirahnas aren't the cause of death. This motion is an affront to the values you pretend to care about, it's a vile, dangerous, and hypocritical piece of legislative horseshit that simultaneously criminalizes the very act of being alive and protects NO ONE. I urge you to reconsider support, and for once in your nightmarish tenures, think about your unhoused neighbors as humans rather than props for your twitter feed. We aren't angry at you because of the "divisive" organizations we belong to. We are angry because we are forced to do your jobs for you time after time. You should be thankful that we can't there in person to accost you -- you don't have to see the tears in our eyes, or the fires in our hearts. But we are here, and despite your best efforts to curtail us, we won't stop until every last pirahna is out of the tank. Fuck you.



Communication from Public

Name: Amanda Meadows

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:58 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am very concerned Angelino who is sick of seeing my unhoused brothers and sisters having their homes destroyed. These are LA people who deserve help, not terror. We demand that City Council and the Mayor's office instead invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing a healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, and take concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer. We demand that the city take the following actions immediately: Focus efforts on providing hotel rooms, motel rooms, and permanent housing to ALL unhoused Angelenos (not just those in specific areas that are visible to the general public) End Special Enforcement and Cleaning Zones (SECZ) permanently Respect CDC guidelines and work with health department officials to ensure that basic sanitation needs are met without the threat of displacement Halt all CARE+ "comprehensive cleanup" operations Remove law enforcement from outreach Repeal LAMC 41.18, LAMC 56.11, and all ordinances used to criminalize unhoused residents. Sincerely, Amanda Meadows

Communication from Public

Name: NS

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:58 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am in full support of this motion; not only for areas around supportive housing but for ALL areas. It is not compassionate to enable the choices that many of the transients/homeless make that keep them living on the streets. NO one should have to walk in the street in order to traverse by encampments. I am urging all the Council Members to support this motion

Communication from Public

Name: Max Himelhoch
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 12:00 PM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please please do not pass 41.18. This doesn't do anything to actually help the people who need the government's help the most. This motion passes continues to further criminalize being homeless, it's not just cruel, it's life or death. Report after report from the organizations across the city, who are actually supporting our neighbors because the council refuses to, make it clear that policies like this make life harder for our unhoused neighbors. These are your constituents too. Could you imagine treating any housed constituent like this? Never. And we have the benefit of our own shelter. The unhoused population in this city has every right to our public spaces. If shelter beds are available (a big assumption, in reality), our neighbors still living unhoused are not to be punished. Maybe instead we can lead with empathy and try to understand why? Try to understand what policy and action might actually be helpful in supporting them at their most vulnerable. Unhoused people die every day in this city and our elected officials hurry through a motion to make life harder for them? It's terrifying to live with leaders who could create such horrible legislation at any moment, this city deserves so much better.

Communication from Public

Name: Geoffrey Golden

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 12:00 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: No more criminalizing homelessness. I demand that City Council and the Mayor's office invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing 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. I oppose the motion to instruct the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11.

Communication from Public

Name: Diana Diekmann

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 12:01 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please do help us to clean up our great city of Los Angeles. We want our lives to be safe and our cities and sidewalks to be clean. We are doing our part, please do yours. Sincerely, Diana Diekmann Elysian Heights/Echo Park resident for 44 years.

Communication from Public

Name: Bianca Cockrell

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 12:01 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: What are public spaces for if not to be used by the public? Does the city council not see those who are unhoused as human - or a member of the public? Where does city council expect our unhoused neighbors to shelter from the upcoming winter storms, from the pandemic, from the lack of available shelter beds and resources? This is a disgusting and indefensible proposal. (And what a waste of resources it would be to enforce this, as well.)

Communication from Public

Name: Hannah Bowman

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 12:02 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to urgently demand your opposition to Council file item 20-1376, the motion to amend LAMC Section 41.18 and 56.11. Put bluntly, this motion de facto criminalizes homelessness. This is a return to practices of exclusionary zoning whose intent is to significantly reduce the spaces where unhoused people can be present without fear of harassment. In particular, the clause in this motion that would disallow any person who has been “offered shelter” from sitting, lying, or sleeping on public property is a de facto criminalization of any unhoused person living in a public space—especially since it is not clear what “offering shelter” consists of. The reality is that there are far fewer shelter beds available than there is need. Furthermore, during the ongoing pandemic, those experiencing homelessness have tremendous rational reason to avoid being forced into congregate shelters where they would be at increased risk of COVID infection! The dignity of our unhoused community members requires that they maintain the right to refuse offers of shelter if they feel that accepting shelter would be unsafe or would not meet their needs. Furthermore, the City Council’s tactics in bypassing the usual committee process and rushing this motion through in advance of a major national election resemble nothing so much as the right-wing rush in the U.S. Senate to confirm a Supreme Court justice at the cost of breaking the norms and rules of good governance. Has the LA City Council bought fully into such an abrogation of norms and procedure, in order to force through a vote on this motion in the face of public mobilization against it? The only way to end homelessness in LA is to increase the supply of affordable housing, and to offer shelter without requiring it be accepted. We cannot criminalize our way out of this problem, and it is cruel to try. Oppose this motion. Sincerely, Hannah Bowman

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 12:30 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The motion to amend 41.18 and 56.11 is especially cruel. We are in the midst of a pandemic, and landlords across the city will rush to evict our neighbors en masse as the Winter season approaches. Where will people shelter from the rain when housing resources are woefully insufficient? If the city bans people from resting beneath underpasses, the deaths, sickness, and suffering are on the heads of everyone who supports this callous motion. The death toll for unhoused Angelenos is already over 1,000 in 2020. This motion will contribute to another record increase in deaths with even more police abuse against the unhoused community. This motion is guaranteed to harm Black Angelenos especially. Thoughtful and compassionate Angelenos reject this motion. We demand that this motion die now. Today. In its cradle. This motion poses a direct threat to the health and safety of our unhoused neighbors and their surrounding communities. It signals unambiguously that Los Angeles's ruling class views our poor and disenfranchised neighbors as subhuman. To the City Council and the Mayor's office: Invest your legislative power into programs that actually provide healthy and safe living environments for our neighbors living on the streets. And take concrete steps to provide transitional and permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 12:30 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I'm a resident of CD14 and STRONGLY oppose this proposed amendment to 41.18. The last thing we need right now— at a time when homelessness, the threat of eviction, and racial oppression are at an all-time high— is to criminalize our unhoused constituents solely for existing in public space. We do NOT have nearly enough adequate shelter or services available to “offer” to unhoused residents. This ordinance is incredibly dangerous, blatantly discriminatory, and unnecessarily cruel. It's unacceptable that Council is ramming this through at a time when voters' attention is so distracted by threats at the federal level. We see you, and we will vote anyone who supports this out of office.

Communication from Public

Name: Pavithra Menon

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 12:31 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Burbank, but I live in Toluca Lake and part of this neighborhood is within the purview of LA City Council District 4. I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed revisions to Municipal Code 41.18. These revisions only serve to further criminalize homelessness. The failed strategy of encampment sweeps devastate the lives of houseless people and do not do anything to actually solve homelessness. Rather than criminalizing houseless people even more than they already are, LA city's resources should be used to direct these individuals to stable housing and expand affordable housing options. I urge LA City Council to OPPOSE the proposed revisions to Municipal Code 41.18.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 12:38 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I support this motion.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 12:22 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Stop criminalizing homelessness. The city doesn't have enough shelter "to offer" over 60,000 unhoused people and locking them up will expose them to Covid 19 which has not been contained in our jails. Your constituents don't want you to criminalize poverty. Do not enhance 41.18 - repeal it. And repeal every other ordinance that criminalizes poverty in our city. We are averaging 4 deaths per day as a result of the homelessness crisis you are not working to solve. That's genocide. DO BETTER.

Communication from Public

Name: Mike Van Gorder

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 12:22 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Homeless sweeps are inhumane and entirely counterproductive.
Stop the criminalization of poverty, stop 41.18.

Communication from Public

Name: Anthony Blake

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 12:24 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Woodland Hill who sees homeless sleeping on sidewalks, under overpasses, especially near schools I support this motion.

Communication from Public

Name: Emily Blocher

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. This is Emily with Everyone in LA. I'm calling to oppose team 42. 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 these actual, proven solutions, City Council members are attempting to expand harmful criminalization policies which have only proven to fail and exacerbate homelessness. I stand in solidarity with the Services not Sweeps coalition to reject this motion and demand that all processes involved in propelling this motion forward be halted immediately, as this motion poses a direct threat to the health and safety of our unhoused neighbors and their surrounding communities. We demand that City Council and the Mayor's office instead invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing a healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, and take concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer. We demand that the city take the following actions immediately: Focus efforts on providing hotel rooms, motel rooms, and permanent housing to ALL unhoused Angelenos (not just those in specific areas that are visible to the general public) End Special Enforcement and Cleaning Zones (SECZ) permanently Respect CDC guidelines and work with health department officials to ensure that basic sanitation needs are met without the threat of displacement Halt all CARE+ "comprehensive cleanup" operations Remove law enforcement from outreach Repeal LAMC 41.18, LAMC 56.11, and all ordinances used to criminalize unhoused residents.

Communication from Public

Name: SCS Building Fund LLC LLC
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:32 AM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE have City Attorney draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 AND ADD to Council File 20-1376.
Thanks Laurie Sale SCS BuildingFund, LLC

Communication from Public

Name: Michael MacDonald

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:35 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly urge you to OPPOSE this motion, which is aimed at criminalizing the act of existing as an unhoused person in the City of Los Angeles. Criminalizing homelessness is a failed, inhumane strategy that pushes vulnerable residents and families further into cycles of poverty and homelessness. Instead of setting police on unhoused residents (at great expense) for the crime of existing, City Council should look to compassionate models that have been pioneered by community groups and select neighborhood councils towards helping unhoused residents into housing and services. This includes: - Neighborhood-level outreach and services focused at meeting people where they are at - Accountable case management - Expanded affordable housing options Angelenos see this motion for exactly what it is, and we urge you to vote against it. Michael MacDonald Eagle Rock (CD14)

Communication from Public

Name: Kimberly Nguyen

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 12:15 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I urge city council to move away from criminalization of our unhoused citizens, and instead pursue solutions that address the root causes of homelessness. Rather than focusing on policies that exacerbate homelessness, invest time and power into providing housing opportunities, offering support, and pursuing long-term solutions.

Communication from Public

Name: Brendan Coates

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 12:15 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hi there, I'm a constituent living in Silver Lake and I'd just like to express my opposition to the motions proposed by Councilpersons Blumenfield, Buscaino, Rodriguez, Krekorian, Price, Cedillo, and Lee regarding municipal codes 41.18 and 56.11. I'd also like to encourage my councilperson, Mitch O'Farrell, to vote against this motion and for Mayor Garcetti, if the proposed changes get that far, to veto them. As a law, these changes really just don't do anything except further criminalize homelessness. There are myriad reasons why someone would not want to be in a shelter and as a society we need to find ways to accommodate the needs of people who make that choice. Additionally, these changes do nothing to address the vast shortage of shelter spaces available. Particularly with the budget challenges facing this city, spending further financial resources on enforcement and subsequent incarceration of such a vulnerable population of people seems irresponsible. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Brendan

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Bednar

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:00 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly urge City Council to oppose this inhumane measure. Unhoused residents of Los Angeles need housing, care, and support. They don't need to be de facto criminalized for existing. An ordinance such as this targets them for unfair treatment and opens the door for law enforcement brutality against them.

Communication from Public

Name: Katy Hammer

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:01 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: It is unspeakably cruel for you fucks to be amending 41.18 and 56.11 ever, let alone right now. Over the past six months I have watched as my friends and I have been stepping up to do what you all should be doing--taking care of the unhoused constituents of Los Angeles--as you plutocrats sit back, do nothing and criminalize their existence. This next step is just outrageous. I urge you to spend less time drafting ridiculous performative shit like the ACB opposition (AFTER she was already confirmed--great work, y'all) and more time doing your actual jobs, which, in case you forgot, are to make the lives of your constituents better. To that end, instead of criminalizing their existence, why don't you draft some legislation creating some supportive housing for unhoused constituents? The current model of the ABH housing clearly is not working, and you all like to pay yourselves on the back for your know-how, so how about putting all that know-how to work for once in your tenures. In conclusion, stop terrorizing unhoused folks, create some solutions, provide some services and housing, and please stop with the criminalization. Also, I am loathe to say anything positive about Mike Feuer, but at least he had the balls to come out of his house last night when organizers came to protest this shit--you all could learn a lesson from him in that area. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Allan

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I totally support the councils motion. The term homeless is a too generic term. In our neighborhood, most are transients, drug addicts, their suppliers, mentally ill. The result is not only the filth they bring, blocking sidewalks and harassment of people walking in their space, which is generally in the street, as the sidewalks are blocked. I have lived in this neighborhood for over 40 years and have never seen crime and drugs so bad. These addicts need money for their fixes, so they steal from the local retail establishments, markets, break into cars, steal cars, and break into homes, mine included. It is my understanding the councilman Blumenfield is working with LAHSA to get the folks in our district housed. My question would be, what to do with those who won't accept the help. He is trying to do it the right way....the problem is we don't have leadership from the top, the mayor and governor. Lastly, I know for a fact the local police have spoken to many of them and many are from out of state. They move into our neighborhoods, enjoy the freedoms, pay no taxes and denigrate our way of living. Again, I SUPPORT the councils motion. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Jonathan Gray

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:04 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I was without shelter off and on a few years back. I was employed, getting counseling, psychiatric help and seeking stability. The psychiatrics I was given we're not correct and exacerbating my symptoms. All I wanted was some sort of shelter over my head, and to be left alone, so I could rest. I have since found housing thanks to the kindness of individuals who have offered me sublets at prices I can afford. Regardless, without access to the simple right to be an individual in the city life had placed me, and in need of rest, the time required my body rested. Resting on public property CAN NOT be made a crime. Additionally, those of us that have found ourselves without home, are left with very little in way of possessions that engender a sense of security. The few items we possess make up "home" for us. Just because we don't have the space to clean, organize, or, at times, the mental capacity to manage these items, does not mean they are not important to us. Please help protect what little we have. Sincerely,

Communication from Public

Name: Andres Vidaurre

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:06 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. This is Andres Vidaurre. I live in East Hollywood and I am 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: Nicholas Ruderman

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:07 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I ask that you please pass this. I also ask that you add a ban of camping and RVs within 500 feet of any school or daycare for the safety of all children in Los Angeles. The attached photos were taken in front of my sons school where a new dangerous encampment has popped up. While the issues of homelessness are complex, the physical and mental health and safety of our children is simple. An encampment-free safe school zone for all schools in Los Angeles is a no brainer. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Cecily Breaux

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This proposed law is evil and wrong. It is criminalizing homelessness after providing no safety for our neighbors and no means or relief whatsoever to help people who are trying to survive. We demand that the city repeal all laws that criminalizes homelessness including 41.18, focus efforts instead on providing hotel rooms and permanent housing to all unhoused Angelenos, and work with health officials to meet residents needs without threatening displacement.

Communication from Public

Name: Aaron Stein-Chester

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the council's motion to amend LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. Instead of providing any new housing resources or wrap-around services for those experiencing homelessness (or any solutions to decrease the unhoused population in LA), it targets and criminalizes our city's most vulnerable residents. I stand with activists who are demanding services, not sweeps. I ask that the Council and the Mayor invest our city's resources in programs that actually provide 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. The city should instead: - 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. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 09:23 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I support this motion.

Communication from Public

Name: Valeria Miranda
Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 12:32 PM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I heard somewhere that you are planning on making it illegal to sit down/lie down in public? What is wrong with you? As an LA constituent, I demand that City Council 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. I demand that the city take the following actions immediately: 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 working 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. Oppose and repeal LAMC 41.18, LAMC 56.11, and all ordinances used to criminalize unhoused residents.

Communication from Public

Name: Sean Obrien

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 02:45 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, Sean Obrien

Communication from Public

Name: Mridula Watt

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:39 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: 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:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 06:57 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I support city sidewalk clean ups. Things have gotten very bad and dangerous in the 13th district where I live.

Communication from Public

Name: Jonathan Matz

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:12 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please oppose this cruel measure. Shelters with cots are an unsafe option for many if not most unhoused Angelenos, and penalizing them for recognizing this fact is inhumane.

Communication from Public

Name: Adriana Manfredi

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:13 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not pass any laws to criminalize the homeless. What will this solve exactly? Know that you will be voted out, the people of LA county do not want this. Find a more humane solution to the housing crisis. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Chris McEwen
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:14 AM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: Writing this to oppose the revision to Municipal Code 41.18.
Sweeps are barbaric and ineffective.

Communication from Public

Name: Anna Schultz

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:14 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose CF 20-1376 - it wastes tax dollars and won't reduce homelessness. Please focus efforts on providing housing to unhoused Angelenos instead.

Communication from Public

Name: Rosemary Leibowitz

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 10:49 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my great concern about this file number. I feel it is the beginning of a slippery slope in which the homeless would be criminalized for just existing. Not only that but this population, who have to sleep somewhere, will be moved into residential areas where the lack of sanitation available to them could cause great anguish among the local housed residents. It is very important for services to be provided to this population in the move to being housed in reintegrating with the community and this motion would make that a lot harder. Sweeps are extremely expensive and counterproductive in that those being swept often lose their medications that ID and their possessions which makes it much harder for them to re-integrate into society.

Communication from Public

Name: amir f

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 10:52 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I support this measure. The good tax-paying residents of Venice need to be considered. Our quality of life and sanity is being compromised. Please vote in favor and allow us to enjoy the lives we've worked so hard to build in relative peace.

Communication from Public

Name: Brian Rosenbaum

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 10:57 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. This is Brian Rosenbaum, representing Imagine LA, 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: Nina Mohan

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly condemn the LA City Council for attempting to force 41.18 through. It is a cruel ordinance that criminalizes people for being unhoused. Instead of finding an actual way to permanently house our unhoused neighbors, this ordinance seeks to shove them into jails so their sidewalks can look "better." Housing is a human right, and the only way to solve the issue of homelessness is to provide people with homes. It is truly evil to criminalize our unhoused neighbors for not taking "shelter offered" when there are not enough shelter beds or permanent housing. People's lives are more important than what the city streets look like. Council members Cedillo, Krekorian, Blumenfield, Rodriguez, Price, Lee, and Buscaino should all be ashamed of themselves for valuing sidewalks over literal human lives.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:28 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Provide temporary transitional housing immediately like they do in New York City. You are killing families and human beings. Don't hang them off to another city as someone else's problem.

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa Meyer
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:30 AM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support motion 20-1376.

Communication from Public

Name: Jillian Moreno

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The proposed amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 only further criminalize poverty and homelessness, and do nothing to provide care for our unhoused neighbors. Not only are these amendments cruel and punitive, they do nothing to actually solve homelessness in Los Angeles and only further fuel a cycle of trauma and abuse against people in need of support. This short-term, immoral plan is unacceptable.

Communication from Public

Name: Jason J. Cohn

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:23 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Conducting encampment sweeps in the middle of a pandemic is yet another example of how our elected officials have completely failed all of us, most of all our unhoused neighbors. We vote for more housing, nothing gets built. We demand compassion, and those struggling to survive are forcibly removed from what is as close to a stable home as they can hope for. These Councilmembers should be ashamed of themselves. Every comfortable meal, every relaxing night in, everything they ever buy with their close to 200k salary - they should be consumed with guilt that their lack of leadership and moral conviction is why people are living - and dying - on their streets.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Scott

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:17 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I will remember every single city councilperson who does not oppose this abhorrent revision to Muni Code 41.18 and personally endeavor to prevent their reelection. It is malicious, half-baked, and inhumane, serving only to postpone actual, helpful solutions to a later date, where it can become politically inconvenient for some other councilperson. LA does NOT want this.

Communication from Public

Name: Soma Snakeoil AKA Natasha Vanderhoof

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:19 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Soma. I am the founder and Executive Director of The Sidewalk Project. We are a City of LA approved harm reduction program that works directly on the streets of Los Angeles. On item 18 and general comment, let's remember there is no feminism unless it is intersectional feminism. Your proposal of Item 18 has no use unless you are considering our unhoused women, as well as the racial disparity of the houseless community. Let's be very clear about LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. They are human rights violations. This can not happen in a City that should be leading the way in caring for its citizens. The anti camping statutes being proposed by Councilmember Buscaino, in the midst of a pandemic, violates the International Covenant Against Torture and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which states that all people have a right to housing, that governments have an obligation to put the well-being of people above the concerns about disorder and aesthetics, and that homelessness exerts a tremendous cost on those subjected to it. From the DOJ's filing: When adequate shelter space exists, individuals have a choice about whether or not to sleep in public. However, when adequate shelter space does not exist, there is no meaningful distinction between the status of being homeless and the conduct of sleeping in public. Sleeping is a life-sustaining activity — i.e., it must occur at some time in some place. If a person literally has nowhere else to go, then enforcement of the anti-camping ordinance against that person criminalizes her for being homeless. Such laws, the DOJ argues, violate the Eighth Amendment protections against cruel and unusual punishment, making them unconstitutional. The 2020 Homeless count showed a 12% increase in LA's homeless population. This is before the pandemic, which has the potential to greatly increase houselessness in LA. According to UCLA 495,000 Angelenos are in danger of eviction. What percentage of them will end up on the streets of Los Angeles? There are not enough shelter beds in Los Angeles. There is not enough affordable housing in Los Angeles. As a direct service provider, I can tell you we are desperate to find beds and homes for one person at a time. This is a systemic issue and not the fault of the people experiencing poverty. This will be further complicated with criminalization that will make it even more challenging for

people to find stability in already untenable situations. We urge you to vote against this and any motion that criminalizes homelessness. It is not a solution. It is in fact a crime and a violation against our citizens. We are happy to work with you to find a better way forward as our community continues to experience crisis and are committed to solutions. With respect,
Soma Snakeoil AKA Natasha Vanderhoof The Sidewalk Project

Communication from Public

Name: Shawne West

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:15 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. This amendment continues Los Angeles' criminalization of your unhoused constituents in the name of "safety". It is brazen and frankly disgusting, especially in a time when our unhoused neighbors are at such high risk for COVID-19. The current stops in place to house the homeless do not do NEARLY enough and accepting these amendments will only exacerbate the issue instead of providing support to our most exposed neighbors. As a constituent of CD 13 and a lifelong Angeleno I demand and urge the members of city council, and Mayor Eric Garcetti oppose these proposed amendments to Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 and instead invest the time and money to commandeer the hundreds of thousands of vacant hotel rooms in LA to house the thousands of unhoused constituents who have been PUSHED into poverty due to the negligence of the City Council, the Mayor, the Governor of CA, and the President.

Communication from Public

Name: Paul Patterson

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:16 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the ban on sitting, sleeping, and lying in public areas. I live in a part of West LA that has a high concentration of homeless individuals, and I can't think of a more inhumane, grotesque action that further criminalizes the poverty of my neighbors.

Communication from Public

Name: Anthony K Cortes

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:19 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This trend of helping with one hand and slapping with the other when it comes to the unhoused is getting increasingly insane. This measure increasingly criminalizes being unhoused at a time when we increasingly cannot trust the police to handle our residents of color, a disproportionate amount of which are unhoused. This prevents them from being near or storing their belongings near shelters, making it harder for them to reach out and obtain services. This regressive measure is also being snuck through when national attention is on the federal election. I cannot more strongly oppose this measure or the frankly cowardly way it is being snuck in while everyone is looking away.

Communication from Public

Name: Martin Hernandez

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:21 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This is an abhorrent ordinance that will do nothing except further criminalize the homeless population in Los Angeles. We need care and housing for our unhoused neighbors, not additional legislation that will only harm their wellbeing. I am urging the council to vote NO on the adoption of this ordinance.

Communication from Public

Name: Dane Gbrayes

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:21 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: As a constituent within the districts of the La city council. I find it absolutelh abhorent that at a time when the number of shelter beds are not equivalent to the unhoused Angelenos within our communities,at a time when we are still in the midst of a pandemic that claims at higher rates the lives of those without proper shelter to effectively social distance that have made their own homes because of your failure to, and not to mention with increading calls for local and state realignment away from The police force and towards the services that would benefit thoe most at risk. That the city council decides to move with lightning speed to approve and pass and action that one denies and ignores the need for more equitable and efficable housing solutions, goes out of their way to take away and destroy what litlle shelter and protection our unhoused neighbors have made for themselves this forcing them to cram into local shelters that are already not capable of meeting the amount of beds needed for the given homeless population as programs like the abridge home have failed to meet and with the increased call to help those in need by offering services instead of police officers who do nothing but terrorize our unhoused communities. La city council is on a path to failure and absolute disregard for the common decency of our fellow angelenos. This bill will do nothing but criminalize and hurt our already struggling angelenos please stop this senseless act of violence these are people in need of homes that the system has failed , that ee as a city have failed. do not bring more harm to our neighbors and fellow Angelenos. look deep into your hearts and stand with the people not against them.

Communication from Public

Name: Terra Ashe

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:21 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am urging the council to say no to 41.18. This ordinance is incredibly dangerous, to our unhoused neighbors giving them essentially nowhere to go but prison. By criminalizing sitting, sleeping, lying in area close to freeway, or the "public right of way" or withing a distance to a shelter when there are far from enough spots for unhoused folk you are criminalizing their existence. We already have a mass incarceration problem this will only increase our prison population and further marginalize an already marginalized group. This is a cruel, unjust, and despicable ordinance. We need to help our most vulnerable communities not make their lives more difficult than they already are. Where are they supposed to go? This doesn't stop homelessness, this doesn't fix the problem it just puts it out of sight. This pandemic has caused so many people to be on the edge of eviction, at this point the unhoused population is only growing so stop wasting time creating ordinances that only harm your constituents when you could spend time actually solving the problem and helping. This ordinance is outrageous, do not pass it.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Shoup

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:22 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. 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, Sarah Shoup Venice Resident /Stakeholder

Communication from Public

Name: kuo wei chao

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: please look at the files in applying the program of Yale world fellow leadership. global studies .

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
(909)3412035
ilikechao@hotmail.com

Hi Sherry, Thanks so much . I just need 2 more of recommendation letter, I am urge this project and the attendance to Yale to the foundation I am currently working on not only I will able to bring the files of increase on the homeless population to justices and to reduce of its crimes which could trace to our basic right as one human and the policy of today's immigration system . in such racial injustice and education would take places . Another function is to fund the community of greenhouse institutions and manufacture the clean energy devices in each one of us to be aware of the war and world history and can recycle and waste in a pattern of the galaxy we all have in this center of earth . we call the earth planet

The link was provided after I started the text with the National palace museum on the platform of Instagram dated On Tuesday Oct 27. 2020. although such instructions does not have too much mention of the community which was in all chinese characters but it's painting and the description in details how ancient chinese empire make a living by defining the character of the imagination.

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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: L. Stephanie Tait

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:25 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council-members, I strongly urge you to oppose this motion which would criminalize homelessness rather than direct funds to services and housing which we know are the key levers to solving homelessness. Until there is sufficient housing capacity, sweeps like this motion creates, will only cause disruption to people who are unhoused and make their suffering more untenable. Sweeps cause people to lose important documents, be disconnected from their outreach workers, and simply move them into new areas rather than solving the problem. Instead, we should be building capacity for services for mental health care and substance abuse as well as to build more affordable permanent housing options.

Communication from Public

Name: Tony Bill

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:25 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE ENFORCE THE ADA REQUIREMENTS AND THE
SIDEWALK CLEARANCES FROM ENTRANCES ON
MARKET STREET IN VENICE.

Communication from Public

Name: CT

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:26 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please pass Measure 20-1376. As someone who lives within 100 feet of a Bridge Home and a major encampment, I see firsthand how hard it is to maintain a shelter with an encampment directly next to it. Furthermore, since the encampments have sprung up in Venice, we have been unable to use our sidewalks, despite the voluntary 'comprehensive clean ups' that Councilman Bonin decided to implement in lieu of actual clean ups. In the last two months we've had multiple stabbings, a shooting and a major tent fire. Our building is broken into on a regular basis, and I have personally witnessed 4 unhoused people passed out on our property from drug use. We need to restore balance back to our neighborhood, and to allow the Bridge Home to actually help the people who want to find housing. We are desperate - please help us!

Communication from Public

Name: Daniel Ostrander

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:26 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: These restrictions on where homeless people are allowed to legally exist are abhorrent and wrong. What sort of society are we, when instead of helping these vulnerable populations, we banish them from resting underneath an overpass to shelter from the rain? Any councilmember supporting this measure should expect waves of disapproval from their constituents. People prefer more housing and support for the homeless, not exile.

Communication from Public

Name: Rachael Mason

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to ask you to oppose 41.18 and 56.11. The fact that these motions have even been brought to the floor is horrifying. Criminalizing homelessness targets the people that need our help the most and disenfranchises people who already have little to nothing. Instead of expending our limited resources on these disgusting sweeps, put that money and time into helping people get out of these circumstances. You are essentially criminalizing people for existing. Los Angeles has to be better than this.

Communication from Public

Name: Jesse Varnam

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:28 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: NO MORE SWEEPS. They are unhumane and actively put unhoused folks in more danger. SERVICES NOT SWEEPS.

Communication from Public

Name: Anat Azencot

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:30 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I support the passage of 20-1376 for the health and safety of our community members.

Communication from Public

Name: Century City Business Improvement District Association
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:35 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: The Century City Business Improvement District Association strongly supports this long overdue updating of LAMC 41.18 and LAMC 56.11. We need clear and consistent guidelines for addressing the homelessness crisis we all see on our streets, sidewalks and public spaces.



October 26, 2020

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

Dear Council President Martinez,

The Century City Business Improvement District Association incorporates the Century City business corridor – specifically Santa Monica Blvd from its border with Beverly Hills to Century Park West as well as another dozen blocks along Century Park East, Avenue of the Stars, Constellation Blvd and Century Park West. This area includes the Westfield Century City Mall, the Intercontinental Hotel as well as over a dozen high rise buildings. The Century City BID Association is committed to keeping our district clean, safe and beautiful and supports comprehensive solutions to the homelessness crisis our City is facing.

Recent Court decisions, such as Mitchell v City of LA and Martin v Boise as well as pending Garcia v City of LA and the LA Alliance v City of LA, require changes to the City's laws (LAMC 41.18 and LAMC 56.11) that dictate how the public realm is used.

We strongly urge and support the motion to update LAMC 41.18 and LAMC 56.11.

For far too long, the City's approach to homelessness has been dictated by the latest litigation and not grounded in clear and consistent guidelines. Updating these two municipal codes to improve transparency, accountability and consistency will help to begin addressing the street homelessness crisis.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vicki Nussbaum".

Vicki Nussbaum

Executive Director

Cc: Councilmember Paul Koretz

2029 Century Park East, 4th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90067 www.centurycitybid.com

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:35 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Like many people living in Los Angeles, I'm saddened by the homelessness problem that has gotten exponentially worse during the Covid-19 pandemic. No matter where I go, I'm reminded of the high cost of living in this city and the city's failure to invest their power in programs that actually help the vulnerable. I'm disgusted that the city council is considering criminalizing the homeless instead of providing the care and services that would alleviate the problem in the long run. Councilmembers Blumenfield, Buscaino, Rodriguez, Krekorian, Price, Cedillo, and Lee have chosen a cruel non-solution over humane leadership and I vehemently oppose LA Municipal Code 41.18.

Communication from Public

Name: Elisa P Foster

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:38 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am utterly appalled by proposed bill 41.18, which would criminalize unhoused people for being unhoused. This is inhumane, period, and must be stopped. That this is being proposed during a horrific health and economic crisis that has caused thousands of Angelenos to slip deeper into poverty is obscene. This wealthy city has tens of thousands of people living unhoused as rent and home prices continue to be out of reach for ordinary people. I certainly can't afford to rent my own place here in L.A., and I work full time with a professional degree. And now 41.18 wants to punish people for being poor? I am DISGUSTED by this. This is not how you treat human beings. NO ON 41.18.

Communication from Public

Name: Terry Ballentine

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:43 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, Terry Ballentine Venice Resident/ Stakeholder

Communication from Public

Name: Serena Johnson

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:43 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote No on 41.18. This criminalizes our unhoused community when they need support. We need more housing, services and compassion. Ciminalization does nothing to solve this problem.

Communication from Public

Name: Amber Baysinger

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:45 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, I am a physician at UCLA. The views in this email are my own and do not necessarily represent those of UCLA. 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. Signed, Amber Baysinger, MD, PhD

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:46 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

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Communication from Public

Name: Gabriela Lazalde

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:47 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Sweeps are not a constructive solution to our city's housing problems and rob citizens of their human dignity. As a public health researcher, I strongly oppose this change which would be catastrophic for our (growing number of!) unhoused neighbors. Sweeps and criminalization do not address the root problems of homelessness and further entrench the rampant physical and mental health issues unhoused people face for which they face astronomical risk. When the poorest among us suffer, those in power must be held accountable for not doing everything they can to help. In my professional work and personal mutual aid efforts I have come to understand how most people in Los Angeles (including many of my peers who are graduate students at one of the most prestigious public universities in the country!) are just a paycheck or two away from experiencing homelessness. The resources we have to help people facing homelessness meet are woefully inadequate; this is NOT a solution and will not help anyone.

Communication from Public

Name: stephanie

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:49 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: the drafted amendment is horrifying and evil. fucking do your job, do the right thing and reject this motion.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Scott Bader

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:51 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The homeless camps on 31st between Grand and South Hope South Hope between 31st and 33rd And south Hope and 33rd to Grand are deplorable not only are my employees impacted and unable to safely walk due to side wall obstruction USC employees and students are also effected In the past 12 months two homeless camp fires destroyed two cars belonging to students and were not even safe walking around incampments and walking in the streets with automobile and truck traffic what will it take some one to get seriously injured or loss of life ?

Communication from Public

Name: Danielle Fiorito-Grzesiuk

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:52 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie Montes

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:58 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. This is Stephanie Montes a member from the West Valley's People Alliance. I'm calling to oppose team 42. 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 these actual, proven solutions, City Council members are attempting to expand harmful criminalization policies which have only proven to fail and exacerbate homelessness. I stand in solidarity with the Services not Sweeps coalition to reject this motion and demand that all processes involved in propelling this motion forward be halted immediately, as this motion poses a direct threat to the health and safety of our unhoused neighbors and their surrounding communities. We demand that City Council and the Mayor's office instead invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing a healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, and take concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer. We demand that the city take the following actions immediately: Focus efforts on providing hotel rooms, motel rooms, and permanent housing to ALL unhoused Angelenos (not just those in specific areas that are visible to the general public) End Special Enforcement and Cleaning Zones (SECZ) permanently Respect CDC guidelines and work with health department officials to ensure that basic sanitation needs are met without the threat of displacement Halt all CARE+ "comprehensive cleanup" operations Remove law enforcement from outreach Repeal LAMC 41.18, LAMC 56.11, and all ordinances used to criminalize unhoused residents.

Communication from Public

Name: LEO

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 03:00 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I see that homelessness has become a huge issue for our great city and I support any cause to make the lives of the homeless and the live of the rest of the residents of the area better. I feel that the way things are, our great city has started to resemble a third world country. A solution for the benefit of all involved is an urgent concern. We appreciate all your efforts and hope for a fruitful outcome.

Communication from Public

Name: Joel Kropinski

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 03:00 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote NO on LAMC 41.18. I am not in support of further criminalizing and thereby displacing homeless persons further for not immediately accepting the 'help' offered to them. To many people these are their homes and they have family, care animals, and belongings. Asking them to up and leave and labeling them as criminals for not wanting to immediately do such is wrong. With unemployment in the city at record highs and a projected wave of evictions coming in the near future, this motion could not come at a worse time. Punishing those for living in the only way that they know how does not end or even begin to tackle the issue of homelessness. We need housing, services, and compassion, not further criminalization of the homeless. Again, I strongly ask that you vote NO on LAMC 41.18.

Communication from Public

Name: Joe Lisanti

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 01:49 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council Members, I am writing to ask that you 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. Right now, both the unhoused and housed are suffering and this has to end. 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 the residents maintain a clean and healthy community. Sincerely, Joe Lisanti Venice Resident/ Stakeholder

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 01:50 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Let's amend 41.18 to provide for enforcement around freeways, around interim shelter facilities, to ensure disabled access under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and for anyone who has been offered shelter and declines.

Communication from Public

Name: Mathew Satuloff

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 01:51 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

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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,
_____ Mathew Satuloff 23+year Venice Resident

Communication from Public

Name: Fe Legaspi

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 01:51 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: My place of work is in the LA downtown area by Spring St. and 7th St. coming from Koreatown where I live. The homelessness crisis is really getting worst that makes me feel not so safe anymore. Not only on the streets of downtown LA that are greatly affected but also how I commute by bus or train each & everyday. Gone are the days of comfort walking and riding a bus/train safely not threaten by homeless passing the sidewalks or riding a bus/train. Business offices, retail & commercials are closing because of these homelessness too. Final change is needed now. Time to pass a resolution to stop the epidemic of homelessness. Business need to go back to normal and keep the economy growing for the good of all the residents of the City of Los Angeles and beyond.

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_____ 23+ year venice resident and business owner

Communication from Public

Name: Ninoska Suarez

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to oppose this motion for this ordinance. Los Angeles must not criminalize people that are experiencing homelessness. We need to treat our neighbors like human beings. The city should provide ways to uplift individuals going through a difficult time. I urge that the city council continue to look for better ways to help out our unhoused neighbors. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Veronica Burt

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 01:36 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The homeless criminalization motion is not only incredibly unethical, it is absolutely poor policy. Sweeps do not meet the needs of displaced people. We need to work with health department officials on meeting the needs of unhoused Angelenos and to STOP threatening and traumatizing those that are already severely underserved. Poverty and homelessness must be decriminalized. This process can begin by repealing all laws that criminalize homelessness including 41.18. Shame on the city for continuing to hurt those that are most vulnerable in our community, it past due you decriminalize poverty and provide AID.

Communication from Public

Name: Eleanor Bray

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 01:37 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the city council to oppose this cruel and downright fascist ordinance. It violates the California Constitution and criminalizes homelessness without providing any viable alternative. It is shameful and disgusting that city council would choose to make it illegal for homeless folks to merely exist.

Communication from Public

Name: Marianne Liggett

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 01:43 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I hope and pray the City Council will vote YES to the proposed amending of 41.18. I understand the direness of a solution for the homeless and also for the neighborhoods and the people who call this area home. The way things are now, no one is benefitting. I believe this amendment will be a start in the right direction. The way things presently are places everyone in danger. I want to feel safe walking in my neighborhood again and know that those in need are getting some decent care.

Communication from Public

Name: Bennett Shaeffer

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 01:45 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Using public funds for "sweeping" our unhoused neighbors instead of for humanly care, job searching, and stable housing is the epitomy of sweeping a problem under the rug. Just because a problem is difficult doesn't warrant a macabre solution that only furthers to terrorize fellow Angelenos. Focus on meaningful action regarding homelessness, and oppose revisions to 41.18.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 01:47 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Homelessness in LA specially in downtown area is getting out of hand. I lived in Koreatown and worked in downtown area. Driving around town and seeing tents on every corner is depressing. This is so wrong! so unsafe! so unclean! This issue must be address and put to an end. I hope this proposed amendments to section 41.18 of LAMC is the best opportunity in solving the homeless crisis in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: H McCants

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 01:32 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I 100% oppose this motion. It is inhumane and disgraceful to harass unhoused people, especially in our current situation with the pandemic/ unemployment forcing many more people out of their homes!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 01:33 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello - Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns. I am writing to express my support for resuming enforcement of cleanups of encampments for those who refuse to accept shelter. My husband and I have lived in Angelino Heights since 2011, first renting and then owning since 2013. Since the Covid pandemic and even before that, we've experienced an outsized number of homeless congregating in our area, particularly at Echo Park Lake. Since my oldest daughter was born, my family has spent anywhere from 2-7 days a week visiting the lake. We would do family picnics there, go out on the swan boats, ride scooters around the perimeter, and play on the playground. It was a joy to meet new members of the community, the lake is where our daughters met their first friends. However, as the encampment has grown, it has become a place that no longer feels safe or welcoming to the greater community. It is ironic that playgrounds were deemed essential enough to open amidst the pandemic, but keeping the Echo Park playground safe and clean for children hasn't been a priority. While I am completely empathetic to the plight of our city's unhoused and support measures like Proposition H and expanding mental health services and clinics for drug abuse, it is difficult to stand by and watch as the park that is beloved by so many in our neighborhood becomes a place where it is acceptable to throw trash in the lake. To publicly urinate. To take drugs and leave drug paraphernalia scattered in the grass where our children can find them. To sleep, when camping overnight in a public park is not allowed. While there is value for our children to see that life does not come easily to all, there is also value in letting children have a clean and safe space to enjoy and run around in, especially now that their schools are closed and their lives have become so closed off to the rest of the community. Thank you for taking the time to read this. I recognize that is a difficult and controversial issue and I appreciate you considering the perspective of all the city's residents.

Communication from Public

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Communication from Public

Name: Matthew A Schoenfeld

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:16 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please, no more sweeps of homeless encampments. This is not the solution (or any solution for that matter). It is dehumanizing and often results in theft/destruction of personal property without any positive result for the community. Thank you, Matthew Schoenfeld 90034

Communication from Public

Name: Di Schempp

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 01:06 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am a Registered Nurse, and I am commenting to say these proposed amendments to the LA City Municipal code are unconscionable. Homelessness is a public health crisis, and these amendments do nothing to address it. Instead, they create more burdens for unhoused people in Los Angeles to overcome, making the problem worse. Sweeping homelessness under the rug by displacing unhoused folks, not allowing them to sit or lie down in public, is a morally bankrupt gesture to appease the sensibilities of the wealthier residents in LA. It does a grave disservice to our community. Please focus your energy, time, and efforts on creating resources, housing, and wrap-around services for unhoused folks. Stop raiding and bulldozing their temporary homes to "beautify" the city. It might look better on a shallow level, but it betrays the profound ugliness of inhumanity underneath the surface.

Communication from Public

Name: Ericson A

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 12:38 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am currently a resident in Panorama City. I wanted to express our concerns in regards to the Homeless issue and the current situation of our city. Homeless encampments and continues violence being done by homelessness has made our city a dangerous place to live in. Sidewalks are filled with debris and garbage from these encampments. It has made our sidewalks dangerous and has affected the daily living of its residents. It is unsafe to even walk on broad daylight as homeless people have been constantly attacking and harassing passersby. We as residents feel helpless in this situation. This problem has been ongoing across LA county. Everywhere you go within Los Angeles, Homeless encampments are everywhere. The City that we used to Love has changed drastically and is a shame how the Local Government has been blind for so long. We as residents demand a change on this matter as this chaos has to stop. We want our families to live in a peaceful and clean environment. We deserve this and we demand this to voted officials of this City. It is the responsibility of the City to assist its residents and take care the needs of these poor homeless people as well. The City has billions of dollars of funds that it should use to solve this major chaos. We pray that our voices could be heard by the authorities in place as we are desperate for your help. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Charles Carnow

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 12:44 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: "The law, in its majestic equality, forbids the rich as well as the poor to sleep under bridges, to beg in the streets, and to steal bread." - Choulettee, in the Red Lily by Anatole France On behalf of UNITE HERE Local 11, we oppose this draconian measure to criminalize homeless people, just as we opposed the similar motion offered last year that included some of the same provisions, including banning sleeping near driveways. A study done prior to the pandemic found 10% of workers for a major hospitality employer, our members, had experienced homelessness. We need to address our housing crisis and provide services, not jails for the houseless. Please do not embrace the cruel, failed policies of criminalization that our 9th circuit has repeatedly found, counter to the famous quote at the head of the comment, to be cruel and unusual punishment for poverty, which it is a cruel and unusual punishment in and of itself in our world let alone, a country as blessed as these United States.

Communication from Public

Name: Gabriel Durkin-White

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 12:47 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This proposed ordinance is disgusting. We need real solutions to homelessness. We do not need to further fil our jails with poor people.

Communication from Public

Name: Kait Ziegler

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 12:47 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. This is Kait with Mutual Aid Los Angeles. I'm calling to oppose item 42. 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 these actual, proven solutions, City Council members are attempting to expand harmful criminalization policies which have only proven to fail and exacerbate homelessness. I stand in solidarity with the Services not Sweeps coalition to reject this motion and demand that all processes involved in propelling this motion forward be halted immediately, as this motion poses a direct threat to the health and safety of our unhoused neighbors and their surrounding communities. We demand that City Council and the Mayor's office instead invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing a healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, and take concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer. We demand that the city take the following actions immediately: Focus efforts on providing hotel rooms, motel rooms, and permanent housing to ALL unhoused Angelenos (not just those in specific areas that are visible to the general public) End Special Enforcement and Cleaning Zones (SECZ) permanently Respect CDC guidelines and work with health department officials to ensure that basic sanitation needs are met without the threat of displacement Halt all CARE+ "comprehensive cleanup" operations Remove law enforcement from outreach Repeal LAMC 41.18, LAMC 56.11, and all ordinances used to criminalize unhoused residents.

Communication from Public

Name: Olivia Talbott

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 12:47 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 is INHUMANE. House-less peoples are not a "problem" for you and your wealthy, tax-payd out council people to solve. I respect you more than half of the council for your lack of support, nonetheless, we need you to hold strong PLEASE. It is unconstitutional, an abuse of power, and wildly irresponsible to criminalize existing within 500 feet of different areas or taking a nap on the street or in the park. Without poverty, drug abuse, and the desperate poor we would not have 1%'ers, overpaid politicians, big pharma, and dirt cheap labor for all our random goods we want at our 24 hour fingertips. We have an EXCESS of random buildings that developers buy to add to their narcissistic and greed-driven "portfolios" that could be used to house the people that make you look awful. The houseless population in our city don't stain the city. Their existence shows your inhumane apathy, willful commitment to the status quo against your own moral compass assuming you aren't an alien person, and the nonexistent fight in you and other more progressive council members. I'm disappointed. But you have the power and opportunity to show up and stand up for what is right, decent, and moral in this case. Please do that for anything, on behalf of me and other decent humans you're representing.

Communication from Public

Name: Dak Ultimak

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 12:47 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The proposal to expand the already anti-homeless and inhumane 41.18 code is reactionary and regressive (what conservatives do). The efforts, time, and money, should be spent finding shelter and homes for these people. Not making criminals out of them, and creating another tool to penalize pedestrians taking a break, rest, or naps in public spaces. Especially during a pandemic.

Communication from Public

Name: Lucas

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 12:48 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 is completely fucked and you know it. This law is a disgrace to the city and its people and is not how we need to tackle homelessness in LA. Please focus efforts on finding HOUSING for our homeless, not criminalizing them. END CARE+ SWEEPS!

Communication from Public

Name: Carrie Ambler

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 12:49 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in reference to item 42 regarding the issue of homelessness. I oppose this proposal, however well intentioned, to solve the complex issue of homelessness in Los Angeles currently. This proposal would serve to criminalize those that are homeless and nearly hopeless as well. This proposal would simply serve to move the homeless to another location. "Out of sight" will not fix the problem. Read your Theodore Dreiser or Charles Dickens and show some human compassion. Govern wisely - it is what you have been elected to do. This proposal falls short of your elected duty to represent all Angelinos in these difficult times. Thank you for your consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Claire

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 12:51 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to oppose any further criminalization of the unhoused population here in Los Angeles. At a time when leaders like you need to step up and find solutions to the housing crisis it is unconscionable to think that instead you are thinking up ways to make their lives worse. You were elected to solve problems for the city's residents and not criminalize your community. Please do not approve any further criminalization for the citizens of Los Angeles experiencing homelessness.

Communication from Public

Name: Umai Mejia

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 12:52 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: As someone who lives and work in DTLA, I would really appreciate if there will be an enforcement and a better way of managing camping on our sidewalk. I sympathize with people who are suffering from homelessness but our leaders also need to understand that we also need compassion as this situation make people like me very afraid of the neighborhood I live in which is not good. I would like to feel safe and comfortable in the neighborhood where I work and live in. I truly hope our leaders find the right balance between the needs of those experiencing homelessness and keeping our public spaces safe and accessible.

Communication from Public

Name: Robert Glass

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 12:53 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. 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. We need services not sweeps. We need all of our unhoused neighbors in housing. We do not need to further criminalize poverty during a global pandemic. Please stand up for us and oppose these measures.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 12:55 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The current situation in Los Angeles now is not really that safe specially lots of homeless scattered all over the street/places and building tents wherever they want to sleep and its very dirty specially the air we breathe and its not good to the business establishments and the people living here. Sometimes I rode the bus going to work and its scary walking form the bus stop to the office because there are lots of homeless roaming around you have to be watchful they might hurt you. You should clean Los Angeles Downtown to preserve the Historic buildings and for the tourism.

Communication from Public

Name: Ani Barsamian

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 12:56 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: We demand from city leaders to fight for taxpayers and clean up our streets. We are unable to use public property. Drug paraphernalia, human excrement and filth are taking over our streets. Allowing drug addicts and mentally handicapped individuals loiter all over public property does not help the city or those inflicted. In fact, it leads to less business for already hard hit small businesses and less tax revenues overall. Not to mention it's incredibly embarrassing that a city as wealthy as Los Angeles cannot figure out a means by which to help those inflicted.

Communication from Public

Name: Reina

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Do not criminalize homelessness. Create more spaces where house less people can live, support them. Be better.

Communication from Public

Name: Cameron Andrew Mitchell

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 01:02 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: If you don't oppose the revision to this Municipal Code, I ask you to do the right thing and go fuck yourself until you are dead. You do not represent Los Angeles. You do not represent its people. You do not care about its people. You only care about yourself, your friends, and your wealth. Go amass that in private like the rest of the creepy rich people and FUCK. OFF. Unhoused people are people. In fact, I'd say they're better people than most of you.

Communication from Public

Name: Mireille T Sine

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 01:09 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. This is Mireille Sine with EveryoneIn. I'm writing to oppose team 42. 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 these actual, proven solutions, City Council members are attempting to expand harmful criminalization policies which have only proven to fail and exacerbate homelessness. I stand in solidarity with the Services not Sweeps coalition to reject this motion and demand that all processes involved in propelling this motion forward be halted immediately, as this motion poses a direct threat to the health and safety of our unhoused neighbors and their surrounding communities. We demand that City Council and the Mayor's office instead invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing a healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, and take concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer. We demand that the city take the following actions immediately: Focus efforts on providing hotel rooms, motel rooms, and permanent housing to ALL unhoused Angelenos (not just those in specific areas that are visible to the general public) End Special Enforcement and Cleaning Zones (SECZ) permanently Respect CDC guidelines and work with health department officials to ensure that basic sanitation needs are met without the threat of displacement Halt all CARE+ "comprehensive cleanup" operations Remove law enforcement from outreach Repeal LAMC 41.18, LAMC 56.11, and all ordinances used to criminalize unhoused residents.

Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: We are concerned about walking on our streets with our children due to safety issues, health issues and drug paraphernalia. There is human excrement on our public streets. We are tax payers and over the last few years our streets are unusable for the general population. We urge you to pass this ordinance. All small businesses are losing money because patrons are afraid of interacting with mentally ill drug addicts that have taken over the city.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 01:17 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: Jake Arky

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 01:17 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. This is Jake Arky, a citizen of Los Angeles, CA. I oppose item 42 because 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 these actual, proven solutions, City Council members are attempting to expand harmful criminalization policies which have only proven to fail and exacerbate homelessness. I stand in solidarity with the Services not Sweeps coalition to reject this motion and demand that all processes involved in propelling this motion forward be halted immediately, as this motion poses a direct threat to the health and safety of our unhoused neighbors and their surrounding communities. We demand that City Council and the Mayor's office instead invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing a healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, and take concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer. We demand that the city take the following actions immediately: 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. Please do the right thing to help people who are without a home in Los Angeles find one in the most effective and humane way. Thank you, -Jake Arky

Communication from Public

Name: Leony Miranda

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 01:18 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I live and work in the LA downtown area since 2018. The situation now in downtown is not as safe as it was before. Now more homeless people are roaming and sleeping on the streets and sidewalks. Some are not in their right mental state that could harm anyone. I once witnessed a homeless person throw a glass at a passing bus and an old lady with no clothes on roaming and screaming on the street. The government should do something about this situation. Another thing is the cleanliness. Pet owners sometimes don't pick-up what their pets left off. People may walk on it and spread more dirt everywhere. BID police should look-out for these pet owners also.

Communication from Public

Name: Sam Ahmed

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 01:19 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: It is absolutely disgusting that you would continue to create harmful bandaid solutions for a problem with a very simple solve-help people stay alive. Pushing the unhoused out of the city will simply cause further strain on our ALREADY STRAINED medical system during a pandemic, force black and brown folks into unsafe situations with the police at a time when cops are KILLING left and right, and provoke adjacent cities inheriting the population to take even more dangerous actions. You cannot postpone a problem indefinitely, and allow folks to starve, get sick, and likely die. We are entering a winter with next to zero resources due to the pandemic- people cannot even use the bathroom. Where are they supposed to shower? Los Angeles is a real city- equipped with the resources and professionals to SOLVE this issue. You sleep in your bedroom right next to your kitchen- this is exactly what you are banning for the unhoused, at a time when they are desperately trying to get back on their feet. It is a direct attack on financial and racial privilege, and frankly dangerous to push a motion that will continue to spread COVID and provoke survival desperation tactics among the unhoused community.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 01:20 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I work the Alexandria Ballrooms located at 501 S. Spring Street. We had events since 2016. We get a lot of inquiries not only from local residents of Los Angeles but also from out of town and out of state. We could have more events if only our area is not saturated with homeless people. They trash the sidewalks. You cannot even walk properly on the sidewalk. So many trash, urine and dog poop. They build their tents anywhere. When I do tours for the clients, some of them get discouraged due to the environment and surroundings. There are a lot of homeless people roaming around the area and most of them are not in there normal mental state which scares the people walking and our guests. Some homeless people do not care where to urinate or do the #2... :(Alexandria Ballrooms (Hotel) is already part of the Historic Landmark. It would be great if the city would provide enforcement in the area daily, especially at night and weekends to keep DTLA clean and safe. Install bright lights on light posts. Put homeless people in proper care and the ones with mental problem should be treated. Garden Islands along the freeway and sidewalks are filled with tents and trash. Every time I drive to DTLA, I feel embarrassed because the area is so dirty. WE need a clean, healthy and safe environment. Los Angeles is one of the biggest city. We have tourists around the world and make LA as one of their destinations. We strongly request from the City Council office to prioritize the clean up and safety of DTLA so we can invite more locals to live in DTLA. To invite more tourists and discover a lot of historic sites.

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 01:21 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Robert Peppey

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 01:30 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Strongly opposed 20-1367 motion the so-called enhancement of LAMC 41.18 and 56.11 written by City Attorney Mike Feuer. Supported by Blumenfield, Buscaino, Rodriguez, Krekorian, Price, Cedillo and Lee. This ordinance is racist and white supremacist. It is an unjust as the anti-Black, anti-Brown and anti-Poor measures of the Jim Crow laws of the last century. It is aimed at the 10,000's of poor unhoused Black and Latinx residents of Los Angeles. Instead of focusing on how to get Los Angeles out of the quagmire of homelessness that the shortage of low income housing in LA has created this motion further criminalizes poverty. The City Attorney and City Council turn to even more stringent measures that will lead to mass incarceration of Black & Latinx LA residents, and harsh brutal tactics the LAPD will use to enforce this new measure. I urge Mitch O'Farrell my CD13 councilmember to vote against Motion 20-1367, end the SECZ's and defund the LAPD and use the billions wasted on the LAPD to build a 100,000 public housing units. Robert Peppey Silver Lake Homeowner.

Communication from Public

Name: Erica Hendry

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 01:30 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear 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. 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.
Signed, Erica Hendry

Communication from Public

Name: Jane Riegler

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 01:30 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This is not a copy and paste, but instead my own anger and outrage over the proposed amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 that punish our unhoused neighbors. I am a resident of Sherman Oaks where there has been an increase in lack of resources for unhoused people. These bans are inhumane and cruel, kicking people out of what has now become their homes and giving them no further stability or support. It does nothing to solve the issue and instead punishes them for being unhoused during a PANDEMIC when many are losing their jobs and homes. I should share a brief story about the time my car stalled on the off ramp of the freeway. Before the highway patrol showed up, a man living underneath the freeway came to help direct cars around me and push my car out of the way with the officer when she arrived. These people are not eyesores, they are contributing members of our community and their vote and voice matters. This is not a matter you can hide away and force these people away. Until there are more resources and room in shelters, this cannot be passed.

Communication from Public

Name: Ruth Hanby

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 01:25 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose proposition 41.18. I don't believe it's ethical to criminalize poverty and punish people who literally have no where to go. I myself have had moments where I needed to step out of my apartment and get some air. Because I don't access to outdoor space where I live, I will usually sit on a neighbor's stoop or on the sidewalk after taking a walk around the block. I feel like my right to simply exist in a public space would be violated by this measure. Not everyone can afford to pay to have somewhere to safe to rest. If anything there should be more measures to expand safe and sanitary public spaces for people seeking shelter, not less.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 01:26 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I chose to live in the Los Angeles downtown area with my family with hopes of living in a comfortable life and have my six year old kid grow in the most safest environment. With already 10 years living in downtown area, the treatment of homeless crisis is giving me and my family so much anxiety. I used to walk with my kid anytime of the day freely without hesitation on the sidewalks of downtown. But nowadays, it is so difficult to take chances. Everywhere you go there are homeless and using sidewalks as shelter and worst of all threaten by them. Business establishments, offices, retail & commercials are all very much affected. They are closing with no clear sight of coming back to the days before. Businesses are completely down, leaving business owners to stop operation and leave that caused an increased unemployment as well that will also add up to homelessness. This is the time to make a strong commitment to pass a resolution to help and stop this ongoing crisis. People cannot continue and live this way or else the economy will continue to suffer.

Communication from Public

Name: Nicole Plescia

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The criminalization of unhoused residents during the time of a pandemic, especially without options for all unhoused people is unethical and will not stand. Unhoused people have a hard enough time without the City harassing and threatening them. This motion goes against CDC guidelines and cannot go forward. Please refocus the money you would be spending on terrorizing to actually helping our unhoused neighbors.

Communication from Public

Name: Ms. Young

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 06:58 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I support this motion that prevents persons from sleeping on public thoroughfares, sidewalks, pedestrian paths, and public medians.

Communication from Public

Name: Alexander Ferrer

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:00 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This proposed ordinance is an exercise of pure cruelty. The council has consistently abdicated its responsibility to care for the vulnerable, and now turns to violent removal. The council has not brought relief to the city's renters. The council has not provided shelter to those who asked. The council has not compelled the ownership of publicly subsidized hotels to open their doors in to the houseless, when shelter in place is the only measure that can prevent illness and death. The council has not built housing on the public land the city owns, turning it over to hotels or offering it for sale. The council has not acted in the interest of justice, and this council it seems never will. I am ashamed to be represented by this body. I am disgusted to see my neighbors express their support for this measure, grounded in prejudice and false narratives.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:00 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please keep the walkway near Penmar golf course (on Rose Ave) clear of any tents or campers. My family uses that walkway for running, walking and biking. Since the encampments started growing we have not been able to use it. I have tripped over garbage and have been shouted at by the people living in the encampment. It no longer was safe for us to even bike on that side of the road. I have lived in the area for 18 years and it's extremely disheartening to have areas that we use taken away from us, made unsafe and looks like a garbage dump. Please keep the walkways clear of the homeless encampments and campers that end up taking over our waking spaces.

Communication from Public

Name: Nicholas Van Brunt

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:03 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I write as a homeowner in the City of Los Angeles who lives within walking distance of a new bridge housing center that is being built. Perhaps more importantly, I write as a human being. I write to register my utter disgust that this City Council would consider enacting amendments to 41.18 and 56.11 that will undoubtedly make life harder for our unhoused population in the middle of the pandemic. It's literally what a villainous City Council would enact in this current horror movie. Why not 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) or removing law enforcement from outreach? C'mon. You all can do better. We can do better. 41.18 and 56.11 should be repealed, not amended.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:03 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: There is nothing shameful about being homeless, but neither should the people who work hard, pay taxes and support their communities be made to feel shameful by the likes of mean spirited comments posted on this site. Why should we be deemed guilty because we have a better lifestyle than those out in the encampments. I am supportive of any aid to enrich their lives with council and local govt support and we can better serve the homeless by also being included and not locked out of meetings as those held by the mayors office, to exclude anyone who does not fall in line with their vision. Bridge housing was implemented and none of the promises withheld. Covid is just another excuse not to enforce change. Where are the civil disabilities rights? What about the safety of a mother pushing a stroller in the road. How does she protect her child and herself from oncoming traffic? How do I protect myself from physical threats, thefts and constant fear of danger. I am awoken constantly in the wee hours with sounds of screaming and fighting. I have no peace throughout the day. Constant hammering and banging. There is constant theft of our property launching "businesses" in the streets. I have to close and lock my patio door each and every time I walk into another room because I am so scared that someone will jump the wall again to get into my home once my back has turned. We have shit around property and people peeing and defecating on our trees right outside our gate. Yet bridge housing has toilets less than 20 feet away!!! I am taunted by them to call the police. Neighbors have been accosted on their own property. Our gardens have been torn up and stripped of anything that can be used to build a shelter. The camps spill out into the roadways. I do not feel safe walking out at night. At 7am one morning my elevator door opened to a man acting inappropriately and had peed all over the floor. I was alone with no one else in sight. I ask again. Where are my rights??? Yes this city is for all who live in it and it needs resolution for all sides. Stop condemning those that are opposing encampments. Change comes about with great difficulty and not bashing the other side.

Communication from Public

Name: Varsiann Amerian

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:04 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. Our neighbors who use manual or electric wheelchairs or other OPDMD'S should not be forced to compromise their safety, nor their civil rights, because of a blocked sidewalk. With the growth of encampments along the sidewalks, many citizens with disabilities are forced to travel down busy streets putting them in grave danger of being struck by a vehicle. When having to chose to travel down the street, most of the time its in the bike lane which poses a threat to persons riding bicycles. The encampments also pose a threat to those simply walking down the sidewalks. Many people have been assaulted and/or robbed by the inhabitants of them. The city has an obligation to provide safe sidewalks for its residents especially in the Venice area around A Bridge shelter. To rebuild the faith, the Police, Mayor, Council and the Councilman for CD11 must keep the promises made to Venice residents surrounding this bridge shelter, which has seen a continuous growth of encampments along its surrounding area. If the promises are not kept, then no community will want a Bridge Shelter in their neighborhood because they cannot trust the City will keep their promises made of safety zones, and clear of encampments. 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, Varsi Amerian Venice Resident/Stakeholder

Communication from Public

Name: Erik Lund

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:05 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Absolute NO on 41.18. Decriminalize homelessness!

Communication from Public

Name: Daniel

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:08 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not vote to criminalize poverty. We need services, not sweeps! You cannot push this law through without first engaging the community!

Communication from Public

Name: Mark schwartz
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:09 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: Please vote in support of motion 20-1376 for the health and safety of our community

Communication from Public

Name: Jay Williams

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The draft ordinance to greatly increase the amount of sweeps we subject homeless people to is cruel and should be rejected. The city set its own goal of housing 15,000 people in hotels during the pandemic and couldn't even get to 1/3 of that, and they have the gall to say that people living in tents need to work harder, to live in even more tenuous circumstances? The city has not even lived up to its own all-too-meager goals and they're declaring not only have they given up on trying to help, but they are interested in making things worse. It's pathetic and it's disgusting. We should be reaching out to help people, to give them shelter and services and not spend money and resources making lives harder. Being homeless is not a crime. Making it one will not improve anything. It's a real failure of imagination in a city with the resources of LA to think the only way to address the issue of people not having someplace to live is to take away what little they do have. "Out of sight, out of mind" is a method of addressing problems that most people grow out of once they learn object permanence. We should instead be finding ways to connect people with shelter and services. I'm confident we can do better.

Communication from Public

Name: Chelsea Byers

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:13 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. This is Chelsea Byers, an organizer with the Everyone In campaign, addressing Item 42. This cruel motion and draft ordinance are the wrong approach to solving homelessness - and it feels clear that this council knows this, which is why they seek to rush this motion through in the cloak of distraction while the public is captivated by a crucial national election. This furthers the inhumanity and recklessness behind this decision. This motion effectively makes homelessness illegal in Los Angeles constitutes the largest increase in the criminalization of homelessness in decades. It caters to the voices in our communities who press for urgent and immediate response - "bandaids" - to what they consider to be problems in their neighborhood, careless of the impact. These voices are many of the same voices who oppose affordable and supportive housing. Just 3 years ago, the majority of voters in this city supported Measure HHH - funding to catalyze the construction of permanent supportive housing - a permanent and long-term solution. We must double down on these strategies instead of waffling. In crisis, we must stay resolved to our course. This is a horrendous pivot from our path forward - a path that was laid with proven solutions and the command of the people. In a moment where more doors are beginning to open to the most vulnerable in our community, this council accelerates policy to target and devastate. 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. Richman

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:16 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident and homeowner in Los Feliz, where the failure of city leadership is cleared ever day in our rising homeless population, it is unfathomable to me that the city would not only double down on this cruel policy of criminalizing poverty and homelessness, but do it in the middle of a global pandemic. Until the city can guarantee a bed and services for all 40K+ unhoused residents, then it has absolutely no right to restrict them from the public spaces where they can find or make shelter. The money spent on enforcing this inhumane ordinance would be much better spent on increasing capacity for outreach and services to these communities instead (both of which require a trust that this ordinance will only destroy, perpetuating a vicious cycle that will no doubt be blamed on the unhoused themselves as the city pushes for more criminalization and less accountability for its part in this crisis).

Communication from Public

Name: Wendy Vazquez
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:17 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: This is the worst expansion of mass criminalization I've heard of. How can it be illegal to sit! You are all cowards and we're ready to VOTE YOU OUT!

Communication from Public

Name: Marina Pismennaya

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:23 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please clean up the homeless encampments. The city has deteriorated before our eyes under the mayors leadership. I am a native to the San Fernando valley. You can no longer walk the streets safely, go grocery shopping or walk to your car. These people are allowed to break the law and endanger our lives yet we get ticketed and laws only apply to us. Some one with pride for our city must step up to save it.

Communication from Public

Name: E. Thompson

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I demand you reject the ordinance criminalizing homelessness. It is blatantly cruel. To criminalize sitting anywhere in public where "shelter" is "offered" is so vague and monstrous. There are over 40,000 people experiencing homelessness in this city! There is not enough "shelter" of any kind. To hound them to death for the city's dereliction of duty is horrific. We know criminalization doesn't solve homelessness! You can move people around, send them to jail for the crime of being poor (which has the benefit of being both cruel and more expensive than providing care!) or wait for people to die from constant disenfranchisement. All the while more people will be falling into homeless due to the financial challenges of Covid, which the City Council has not risen to meet. This is the wrong move for our city.

Communication from Public

Name: Taylor Carr

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:28 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: this cruel amendment to 41.18 will be devastating to the city's unhoused communities and it's absolutely disgusting that y'all are ramming this through without any concern for their lives. none of you that vote for this will last another term.

Communication from Public

Name: Eva Luc

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:28 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. This is Eva Luc with Inclusive Action, 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: April Peterson

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:30 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I support this motion and urge the council to pass it. While this is applicable to all of Los Angeles, it is especially relevant for parts of Mar Vista, as there is an urgent need to provide sidewalk accessibility to the community as well as to improve the health and safety for both the community and those camped in these locations. Please pass this motion, post appropriate signage and enforce this once it has been passed in all council districts, especially Mar Vista. Respectfully Submitted

Communication from Public

Name: Myron Dean Quon, Esq.

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:33 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Honorable City Councilmembers, Please vote against this item. It essentially criminalizes unhoused people. This is not the best way to address homelessness, especially when so many community members already are suffering from behavioral health conditions, including substance use disorders. Very Truly Yours, Myron Dean Quon, Esq. Executive Director NAPAFAASA

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Hronsky

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly encourage you to vote against this. As a resident of Sherman Oaks, and a religious leader in a large community in Valley Village, I strongly oppose criminalizing the homeless population, and chasing them away from low resident area will not accomplish anything for the better.

Communication from Public

Name: Joey Mann
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:34 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: Clean these streets up

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The policy of permitting these camps has turned LA into a third world city. Favelas have destroyed our few green spaces, our parks, our sidewalks, the beauty of what was once a truly world city. The young and the old are forced to risk their lives just to walk in LA, forced off the sidewalk into busy streets. Crime is up wherever there is an encampment. Echo Park has been destroyed. The working class, tax paying citizens of Echo Park no longer have access to the one green space they had. Syringes, drugs, human refuse, crime now abound. This must end. Clean up the camps, get them off our public streets.

Communication from Public

Name: Andres

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:35 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I want my city clean and back to its original glory

Communication from Public

Name: David Reff

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:35 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This proposed law makes no sense. It does not solve any problems it just moves the homeless into other areas closer to homes. We need social services for the homeless not more law enforcement.

Communication from Public

Name: Paul

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:37 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I ask the city council to please start encampment cleanups and enforce bulky item clean up. Our neighborhoods are a trash dump and mentally ill and drugged out transients roam the streets. I have been assaulted, stolen from, witnessed nudity, drug use, been verbally attacked and chased in my own neighborhood by these people on the street and the police either don't show up or tell me they can't do anything and to vote smarter. Where are we living?! These activists are worried about criminalizing homelessness????!! They can't get arrested if they tried. Please clean up the city. We can not be the dumping ground for America's homeless. Do not listen to the small but loud group of crazy activists that do not represent 90% of us. The citizens of Los Angeles deserve much better. Clean up the city! Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Kylie

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:38 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I demand that the city decriminalize poverty by repealing 41.18. During a pandemic, the LA City Council should prioritize opening up hotel rooms for temporary housing and offer permanent housing options to all unhoused Angelenos. This means putting an end to CARE+ Sweeps, which threaten the livelihood of unhoused individuals. Instead, the LA City Council should prioritize working with health department officials to meet residents' needs without threatening displacement or their health.

Communication from Public

Name: Corbin McCarthy

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:39 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please resume cleaning up the streets and allow us to use the sidewalks once again. It is hard when I am walking around the neighborhood with my 8 year old daughter and we have to walk in the street because the sidewalks are blocked by encampments. There are needles and trash everywhere. I want to help the homeless people but allowing them to live wherever they want and put other citizens lives in danger is not helping anyone. I urge you to enforce the clearance of encampments blocking sidewalks and clean ups.

Communication from Public

Name: John Tapia
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:40 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: Please stop the further destruction of our city. No more camping!!!

Communication from Public

Name: BARBARA JAVITZ

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:41 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: this will put homeless people back into the community, if they are not allowed to be in a park, etc. Not a good idea

Communication from Public

Name: Racquel Larin

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:41 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Clean up the freeway entrances on the 405/Devonshire and 118/Sepulveda. They are full of homeless encampments and trash. There was fire in the under pass this past weekend. It is a health hazard to the community.

Communication from Public

Name: Cynthia

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:44 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The dirty sidewalks that are filled with encampments by my home make it difficult to safely walk with my family. They are aggressive and the city is being negligent in this case. It is extremely important something is done. I've seen several businesses affected by this and this is why they close please enforce these roles

Communication from Public

Name: Zoe Roller

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:44 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. 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:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 03:13 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please clean up the sidewalks.

Communication from Public

Name: Zach Schlagel

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 03:13 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of PATH (People Assisting The Homeless), we ask the Council to vote against this harsh and ill-timed motion on the floor. Mayor Garcetti and this City Council have made some important strides in addressing homelessness and in reducing the stigma around those who end up living on the street. This momentum has coincided with a helpful decriminalization of homelessness that seeks to lift up and support these individuals, rather than penalizing them for circumstances largely out of their control. We know that successful outcomes for these individuals are more likely when they engage with a service provider. Additionally, the guidance and approach of the Departments of Public Health and Health Services has been for everyone to shelter in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among the homeless population. At the end of the day, we must continue our collective work towards providing homes and supportive services to individuals experiencing homelessness and not move backwards towards criminalization and stigma that we know will only exacerbate our homelessness crisis. The motion on the floor will not provide a home to one single Angeleno and we urge you to vote against it.

Communication from Public

Name: Dawn Forrester
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 03:48 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: Can we also have 500 feet safety around schools and parks added into this addendum.

Communication from Public

Name: Jimmy Shomof

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 03:50 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I live on Crescent Heights and Beverly Blvd and have trouble entering the alley adjacent to my home to access my garage because it's completely blocked by homeless encampments. I've called 311 to report these issues multiple times but have not seen anything change. It's no longer safe to walk alone in this area as multiple times my roommates and I have been harassed by different homeless loitering around. My car has been broken into being parked on the street 3 times since March. I still cannot park my car in my garage. There's been many times that we'd take the trash out on the days for pickup and that night homeless get into our trash and leave a mess for me to clean up. There's also RV's that park right on the block and stay there for weeks. It's not fair that I need pay property tax and don't have this safety. I hope this letter can assist in having additional help to clear the streets/sidewalks and replace the homeless from the streets into shelters. I also hope the alley adjacent to my house can be cleared so I can park my car in my garage and not deal with a break in every other month. Thanks, -Jimmy

Communication from Public

Name: Brittany Van Horne

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:39 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 is cruel and shameful. You should be putting resources into HELPING the unhoused, not criminalizing their situation. You are actively making matters worse, and you're doing it in the middle of a pandemic. Decriminalize poverty, and use your power to HELP.

Communication from Public

Name: Sam Woolsey

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:40 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: For too long Tax paying residents and businesses have had to endure lax policy in dealing with homeless. Our votes for taxes to get people off the streets have only seen the problem wildly exacerbated over the last few years and in fact invited junkies, low lifes and thugs to invade our neighborhoods and homes. Rampant drug dealing and use goes unchecked in our streets. Tent brothels are ignored by local leaders. More harm is being done to the people on the streets by turning a blind eye while developers line their pockets. We've tried far left progressive policies for years and it's only gotten demonstrably worse. We need to enforce the laws. We need to keep our neighborhoods safe. What is happening now is just getting in the way of helping those that truly need and accept it. Please vote to restore order

Communication from Public

Name: Steve Ducey

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:40 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This draft ordinance is yet another attempt to criminalize being poor in public. It is cruel, unnecessary and counter-productive. Why is it that this body is so quick to act when it comes time to punish, to add yet another tool of oppression, but is so slow to act when it comes time to deliver on the promise of housing every Angeleno who has been forced onto the street? Thousands of hotel rooms, subsidized by public money, sit vacant. Where is your urgency when it comes to using those empty rooms to house the poor who have died at a rate of 4 people per day in 2020? Why is it acceptable for a hotel that has benefited from tax exemptions to refuse to house the poor because it will "damage their brand"? Why must the people whom you have been failing for the last decade be victimized yet again? If we are to enact the language before you today, all it will take is the "offer" or housing that DOES NOT EXIST to deem a person a criminal, subject to ticketing, fines, handcuffs, and imprisonment. A jail cell is not a home. Police officers are not social workers. How many times must the volunteer service providers, who witness every day the incredible damage being done by encampment sweeps, have to tell you that this is not a solution? How many times must the city be sued before it realizes that violating the civil rights of our poorest residents is cruel and unusual punishment, and thereby flagrantly unconstitutional? How many times must the UN visit our city and tell us that our homelessness crisis is the direct result of a lack of political will before you realize it's time to do things differently? What is the desired outcome of this legislation? It certainly isn't to help people. The notion that people are choosing to remain homeless simply because there isn't enough incentive to "accept" housing, services and treatment has been disproved time and time again. For years now the people closest to the problem have been telling you what the solutions are. You have continued to ignore them and instead, return to paternalistic, punitive measures that are costly, harmful, counter-productive and certain to face (and lose) legal challenge. I am angry. I am disgusted. And I am beyond disappointed at the speed with which this ordinance is being heard, and at the amount of support it has from what Mayor Garcetti laughably called "the most progressive City Council in the US". You will almost certainly vote to approve this ordinance, and in doing so, will leave little daylight between

yourselves and the violent, racist, reactionary Republican Party. I hope you all feel great shame and that when history looks back on this moment, it is as cruel and unkind to you as you are being to the most vulnerable people in the city. I am not a Christian, but Jesus of Nazareth taught many important lessons that I find great truth in. I leave you with Matthew 25:40. "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."

Communication from Public

Name: Alexis Cary

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:41 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I love our city, and am devastated to see the fever pitch our homelessness crisis has reached during this challenging time. But this proposed revision to Municipal Code 41.18 is not the answer. LA has BEEN doing sweeps and things are only getting worse. It's time to give compassionate care a try and provide for these members of our community rather than criminalize their existence. - Alexis Cary, district 13

Communication from Public

Name: Ndindi Kitonga

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:41 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Good evening, My name is Ndindi. I am an educator and homeless outreach worker residing in mid-city. The draft ordinance proposed in item 42 is a cruel motion and the wrong approach to solving homelessness. This ordinance will only push unhoused residences from where they are currently living and not address the fundamental issue---a lack of housing and shelter for unhoused people. This ordinance will result in more trauma, loss of possessions and will make it difficult for service outreach workers to follow up with their clients. 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 have 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. Please consider the unhoused people this ordinance will most affect.

Communication from Public

Name: Nicolas Schlosser

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 03:53 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, Nicolas Schlosser

Communication from Public

Name: Jeremy Burdick
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 03:57 PM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I live in Venice immediately adjacent to the shelter on the southern perimeter along Thornton Pl. Ever since it opened, promises that the city made to enforce daytime camping ordinances in the special enforcement zone have not been kept. The surrounding conditions have rapidly deteriorated, with the adjacent sidewalk on Main now lined with decrepit vehicles, tents, and garbage, while Sunset across the street from the shelter is now a block long encampment. Property crime and assaults have risen considerably in the vicinity as well, yet the city removed the assigned 24/7 patrol car because, as Garcetti ridiculously said in July, "the neighborhoods surrounding shelters are the safest in the city" (reference <https://youtu.be/bvnTYDAHUYc?t=25>). That has to be one of the most oxymoronic statements he's made recently. None of the aforementioned problems existed to remotely the same degree prior to opening of the shelter. We fought long and hard against this shelter in Venice for exactly the reasons that have now manifested, just as we said they would, and just as we said the city would break every single promise it made to us. The nearby neighborhood is much worse than before. We plead with you to follow through with your promises. What kind of men and women are you if you constantly make promises you do not keep? Why would anyone keep voting for people who have zero integrity? Your reputations as stewards of this city are on the line. Do the right thing and uphold your compact with the communities you built shelters in.

Communication from Public

Name: Kevin Varzandeh

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 03:59 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This would be the biggest expansion of poverty criminalization in LA in many years. It is blatantly in violation of court orders and existing laws. It is not an exaggeration to call it genocidal. Shame on all you members who jumped all over each other to get your names on this legislation. You should be ashamed of yourselves. This is why people show up at your homes to protest. Because you don't listen to us when we do it politely via public comment. I urge the rest of you to vote no or you could expect house calls too.

Communication from Public

Name: Jeremy Burdick
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:00 PM
Council File No: 20-1376

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Communication from Public

Name: helen eigenberg

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:02 PM

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: Kendall P Mayhew

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:03 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. This is Kendall Mayhew with POWER-LA. I'm writing to oppose item 42. 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 these actual, proven solutions, City Council members are attempting to expand harmful criminalization policies which have only proven to fail and exacerbate homelessness. I stand in solidarity with the Services not Sweeps coalition to reject this motion and demand that all processes involved in propelling this motion forward be halted immediately, as this motion poses a direct threat to the health and safety of our unhoused neighbors and their surrounding communities. We demand that City Council and the Mayor's office instead invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing a healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, and take concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer. We demand that the city take the following actions immediately: Focus efforts on providing hotel rooms, motel rooms, and permanent housing to ALL unhoused Angelenos (not just those in specific areas that are visible to the general public) End Special Enforcement and Cleaning Zones (SECZ) permanently Respect CDC guidelines and work with health department officials to ensure that basic sanitation needs are met without the threat of displacement Halt all CARE+ "comprehensive cleanup" operations Remove law enforcement from outreach Repeal LAMC 41.18, LAMC 56.11, and all ordinances used to criminalize unhoused residents.

Communication from Public

Name: Hollywood Chamber of Commerce
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:04 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: Please see attached letter of support for Council File 20-1376 from the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce.



October 26, 2020

Honorable Nury Martinez
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N Spring St
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Council File 20-1376 / LAMC 41.18 & LAMC 56.11

Dear Council President Martinez,

On behalf of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and our more than 800 members we represent, **we urge City Council to approve the motion to update Los Angeles Municipal Code 41.18 and Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11.** Past and pending litigation has convoluted community understanding of the homelessness crisis and rights that unhoused individuals and business owners have in protecting their property and properly accessing public rights-of-way. Repealing the current version of LAMC 41.18 and relacing with current City practices, including the Ninth Circuit decision in *Boise v. City of Martin* and amending Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 56.11 to align with the new version of Section 41.18 will create transparency in City operations, improve community understanding, and further incentivize City Council to take swift action in finding safe, temporary and/or permanent housing options for those experiencing homelessness.

Pending litigation between *LA Alliance v. City and County of Los Angeles, et al.* underscores the lack of solutions that have been put in place in the past to adequately address the homelessness crisis within Los Angeles. As a result, the City has begun to expedite their efforts in streamlining the development of shelters and safe housing options for the unhoused community. Concurrently, the statements by Federal Judge Carter explaining that the health and physical safety of those experiencing homelessness should be fostered and highlighting that public space through critical transportation infrastructure must be accessible are remarks that need be immediately acted upon. Additionally, restricting encampments adjacent from newly-erected shelter locations will incentivize those experiencing homelessness to seek housing and necessary wrap-around services and encourage neighboring community members that temporary and permanent shelters are a vital stepping stone in solving the homelessness crisis within our City.

It is imperative that Council take immediate action and repeal the current version of LAMC 41.18, relace with current City practices, and amend LAMC 56.11 to align with the new version of Section 41.18. If you have any questions please contact Carli Olson, Director of Public Policy and Economic Development, at carli@hollywoodchamber.net or (323)785-1761 ext. 115.

Sincerely,

Rana Ghadban
President & CEO

Communication from Public

Name: Janis

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:06 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: There are NOT enough public services in place to justify these criminal sweeps of the unhoused, no matter where in the city of Los Angeles they might be. This should really never be the policy of a supposedly liberal city but it is especially relevant given the obvious fact that we are in the middle of a global pandemic. Please DO NOT allow these inhumane sweeps to continue.

Communication from Public

Name: Anne S

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:06 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose 41.18. Why is it necessary for councilmembers in Los Angeles to penalize unhoused people and add to their constant stress? There are so many ways to make this city better that do not involve terrorizing the unhoused. House them! Do better!

Communication from Public

Name: Anne Freiermuth

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:55 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. I'm writing to urge the city council to vote against this motion. Given the city's near total inability to put Proposition HHH funds to their intended use to help our unhoused neighbors (according to the City Controller), this motion is simply cruel. People who have nothing do not deserve to be turned into criminals simply for trying to survive. 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. The City Council and the Mayor's office should instead invest their time and legislative power into addressing the eviction crisis unfolding right now, to avoid more Angelenos falling into homelessness; 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; taking concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer. You should oppose the motion to instruct the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. Signed, Anne Freiermuth

Communication from Public

Name: Nora Randall

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:57 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear 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. 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. We also can acknowledge that Project Room Key failed to meet its state goal, only providing about one-third the expected units. It is cruel to not provide material options for homeless people, then punish them for doing what they need to do to survive. I am social worker who routine helps clients get into housing, so I have first hand knowledge of the inadequacies our systems of care. Incarceration and sweeps lead to trauma, poor health outcomes, and in general make homeless folks less likely to trust service providers. 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, Nora Randall

Communication from Public

Name: Alex Sato

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 06:00 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in opposition to the proposed amendments to 41.18. We have allowed homelessness to grow in Los Angeles to the point where nearly 1 in 100 Angelenos is unhoused. When a problem is the pronounced, we cannot blame the individuals impacted, but the system that has allowed this many community members to live without housing. Until there are enough housing opportunities and supportive services to serve all individuals in our community; we cannot criminalize living unsheltered on our streets. I ask our City Council to oppose this proposed amendment and to instead focus time and energy developing policies that look upstream and stop individuals from becoming homeless in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 06:00 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Re: Council File Number 20-1376 I am writing to strongly urge the city council to vote to IMMEDIATELY (as in TODAY) to resume sweeps of homeless encampments in parks and on sidewalks. This situation has become dire to all parties involved: the unhoused, the housed, homeowners, and elected officials. The residents of our city cannot continue to live in this squalor. We used to be a first world country. In very short order we have slipped into third world status of open sewers, total lack of law enforcement, unchecked crime including assaults and murders, overdoses, destruction of public property and very real threats to public health. The unhoused are suffering as much as the housed, as their enabling institutions continue to gleefully pack them into a slum that residents now call The Death Zone. We saw this happen before in Europe in the case of the Warsaw ghetto preceding the second World War. History repeats itself. If we let it. I specifically urge you to enforce city ordinance 48.12 and 56.11 and those laws and ordinances that pertain to people living in public parks. As a resident of Echo Park, I cannot express the toll the homeless encampments outside my windows has taken on the surrounding community. The filth, the rats, the needles, the fights, the noise, the spread of communicable disease, public defecation and urination, pollution of the water, destruction of public property, four deaths, numerous assaults, and the complete and total law enforcement vacuum cannot be allowed to go on one minute longer. This is a public park that is supported by taxpayers for the use and enjoyment of the community. It is not land that the homeless proponents can grab for their own self aggrandizement. The law must be enforced. I also urge you to enforce the law to remove those unhoused persons who try to refuse to leave. If they are breaking the law, arrest them as you would anyone else. The fact that a few homeless would-be politicians are digging up and polluting public land for their own use is not to be tolerated, and there is no excuse for not applying the letter of the law equally. Echo Park used to be the jewel of Los Angeles. Now its a dangerous, hideous, smelly, polluted slum. The people destroying the park have the option to pick up their tents and their belongings and move at will. Other people don't have that option. All we can do is sit and look at it and try to remember the beautiful park that served so many lower income families and other local residents

and the beautiful peaceful festivals and events that are now fading memories of a world long gone. I am tired of writing, tired of calling, tired of living with this stress and getting nothing in return but the cold shoulder for the heavy taxes I pay. Bring Echo Park back! Begin removing the occupiers today. Get this mess the hell out of here before you lose your taxpaying base and economic development and tourism dry up completely. These city council initiatives need to pass unanimously today.

PHOTOS TAKEN AT THE ECHO PARK LAKE ON 10/15/20



Communication from Public

Name: Christopher Lloyd

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 06:00 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose this revision to Municipal Code 41.18. It shows a callous indifference to unhoused people, and it is an inhumane response to the homelessness problem in LA. The imprecision with which it was written also strongly suggests that the author intended to give sweeping powers of interpretation to the people who would be enforcing this law. This revision would, in practice, criminalize homelessness, and it disgusts me that this is on your agenda. It is shameful. Please stand in opposition to this. It is, literally, the least you can do.

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Communication from Public

Name: Nicole

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 06:02 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am so against Blumenfield's 41.18 plan to criminalize and punish our city's most vulnerable population. It is disgusting that in this time of high stress and desperation for so many, you would resort to penalizing the unhoused in order to appease your intolerant and ignorant constituents. I'm continuously disappointed with LA City Council and this is a new low.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 06:03 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, Margaret Michon

Communication from Public

Name: Katie Waters-Smith

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:43 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose this motion. I live very close to an overpass where many unhoused Angelinos live. I want unhoused Angelinos to be provided with housing and services, not further criminalized. This motion does not reflect my desires or wishes at all, and I respectfully request that the LA City Council oppose this motion.

Communication from Public

Name: Amy L Tannenbaum

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:43 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Amy Tannenbaum and I'm a homeless services attorney in Los Angeles, serving the South LA area. I am horrified by the proposed 41.18, which is cruel and 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. What is more, this work will make my job, and the work of other city- and county-funded attorneys like me, much harder. Our clients will lose documents and pick up citations in the course of these sweeps, which I will then have to try to replace (documents) and clear (citations) to remove barriers to housing. It makes no sense for the city to use its resources to sweep and criminalize unhoused Angelenos rather than directing that money and energy into real compassionate and accessible services, especially in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis. 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: Patricia Joyce

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:44 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, We urge you to see that the community of Venice is faced with a great public health threat by allowing encampments on every corner. The state of our entire community is unsanitary and unsafe. There has been a significant and serious increase in crime against residents. Most of us do not feel safe now even in daylight hours. The encampments encompass all areas of Venice with the most significant at Rose, Sunset/Hampton, Main street, Venice blvd, areas near Lincoln, and the beach and boardwalk. The areas around Sunset/Hampton/3rd/4th/Main/boardwalk make areas unsafe as sidewalks are not passable. Due to inaction by the City of Los Angeles, residents are forced to walk in the middle of the street to go about our daily business. This is especially difficult for our neighbors with mobility issues, the elderly, and those with baby strollers. It puts all residents at risk when we have to walk for blocks on the street rather than the sidewalks. The trash, littering, dumping and human waste problem has reached epic proportions. The trash exposes residents, sanitation workers, and the environment to significant public health threats of transmittable illnesses, bacteria, and viruses. Come spend time walking any part of Venice, you will be shocked and overwhelmed. I urge you to see how we are living. Venice is a small community but for some reason, city officials have decided that they will allow Venice to take the brunt of the homelessness problem. We urge you to walk our streets, every corner of Venice to see this problem for yourself. Then walk other parts of CD11 and see how it compares. Something is not right and the city is failing to protect residents in Venice. The "bridge home" has only made the problems worse with an increase in encampments, trash, and crime. For those of us living near the "bridge home", our streets have become unsafe day and night. Crime is out of control with hammers being thrown through doors, constant theft, harassment walking along the street and violent street fights to happen on a daily basis. There is no police enforcement of any of these crimes. The city must take action and protect our community.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael mccooy

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:45 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This is a personal story . I had an older sibling , who was addicted to drugs and living on the streets. She eventually died and if she had been given the ultimatum to get help , she would have had a fighting chance . I'm appealing to your humanity , this is not a way to for them to live or us to live . Enabling Addicts or persons with mental disabilities, is not good . This is really a slap in the face of the Sober community, one I belong to .

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:47 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to demand that City Council DENY this motion and instead focus on concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities. Criminalizing homelessness to whitewash the problem is not what I want my city council representatives to spend time and resources on!

Communication from Public

Name: Darryl DuFay

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:47 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: City Council Members, I am in favor of the Motion in Council File 20-1376. So often it seems one side wants or demands everything. It is refreshing and encouraging to have a motion that addresses the needs and desires of both sides. Sincerely, Darryl DuFay

Communication from Public

Name: Melissa

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:48 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote no on 41.18. The unhoused will have no place to turn, no where to go if passed. Shelter is lacking and more and more of our fellow humans have no where to turn.

Communication from Public

Name: Brittany Bunch

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:48 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: NO TO 41.18! This ordinance is cruel and does NOTHING to address homelessness in LA; it will only make things worse! We need outreach, services, and affordable housing - NOT SWEEPS. We will remember your vote come reelection.

Communication from Public

Name: Owen Ellickson

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:49 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This cruelty is not what we need. People experiencing homelessness are your constituents too, and if you won't treat them that way, we'll find representatives who will.

Communication from Public

Name: Martha Lennon

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:51 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I support this whole- heartedly!! 41.16, 41.18

Communication from Public

Name: Hallie Bateman

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:51 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, This is straight up evil. So, so many people in our city are so hard-hit right now, and more will become homeless in the coming months because we don't have adequate protections to housing in this city. Why on earth would we make a law that criminalized things like finding basic shelter? 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: Brentwood Community Council

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:51 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The Brentwood Community Council supports this Motion; please find our statement attached. Thank you, Michelle Bisnoff Chair
Brentwood Community Council



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Re Council File 20-1316: LA Alliance v City and County of Los Angeles / Martin v City of Boise / Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals / Los Angeles Municipal Code / Amendment

Dear Council President Rodriguez and Councilmembers Blumenfield, Buscaino, Cedillo, Krekorian, Lee, Price:

The Brentwood Community Council has served as the most broad-based community organization in Brentwood for 22 years, representing 4 business districts, 13 resident associations and 34,000 residents.

The Brentwood Community Council **supports the ordinance as drafted** by the City Attorney, as it is a proven mechanism by which service resistant unhoused residents will be presented with clear choices to accept services. Similar policies work effectively in other municipalities, including Thousand Oaks, California.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Bisnoff

Chairperson

Brentwood Community Council

cc:

Eric.Villanueva@LACity.org

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew Thomas-Nathan

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:53 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The last thing we need right now is more criminalization of the already downtrodden. Stop hurting those suffering homelessness and start helping. May I remind you there is still a viral pandemic going on. The health and security of any individual is the health and safety of the entire city. Any action that boosts spread of the virus while hurting the most vulnerable of our population is unfathomably callous. I beg you to reconsider.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:53 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: It is unconscionable that Councilmembers Blumenfield, Buscaino, Rodriguez, Krekorian, Price, Cedillo, and Lee, along with City Attorney Feuer, are proposing to codify new ways to criminalize our unhoused neighbors. The amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 would only further shuffle and exacerbate the moral and humanitarian crisis happening every day on our streets, without offering a single solution to that crisis. This motion does not provide any new housing resources, does not provide any services for those experiencing homelessness, and does not offer any solutions to decrease the unhoused population in LA. I urge the Council to oppose this motion. It is morally imperative of you to consider the traumatic, and in many cases lethal, consequences of this abhorrent attempt to criminalize public space - public space which belongs to every Angeleno, regardless of their income level or housing status.

Communication from Public

Name: Maggie Harrington

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 03:01 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to demand that our city decriminalize poverty! The 41.18 proposed law is inhuman and an action that will threaten lives to thousands of Angilino's. As a constituent I want to see laws ending street sweeps, we need our unhorsed neighbors to be treated like citizens and taken care of. I need you to do better, or we will vote you out.

Communication from Public

Name: Eric Chien

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 03:09 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: We must be empathic and provide support to those that are homeless, but that does not mean allowing open drug use, human feces on the sidewalk, and the inability for our kids or even ourselves to walk to the park, let alone someone in a wheelchair or pushing a stroller. Allowing the homeless to continue to house themselves on sidewalks has resulted in fires, screaming in the streets at night, bike theft, trash, and individuals committing theft and entering our property. These can not be allowed negotiables because an individual is homeless or more accurately mentally ill or addicted to drugs and wishes not to take steps to improve their shelter situation. We must help improve their shelter situation with viable alternatives and not allow them to build encampments on sidewalks and streets.

Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. This is Holly Seely with Everyone in LA and Services Not Sweeps. I'm commenting to oppose team 42. 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 these actual, proven solutions, City Council members are attempting to expand harmful criminalization policies which have only proven to fail and exacerbate homelessness. I stand in solidarity with the Services not Sweeps coalition to reject this motion and demand that all processes involved in propelling this motion forward be halted immediately, as this motion poses a direct threat to the health and safety of our unhoused neighbors and their surrounding communities. We demand that City Council and the Mayor's office instead invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing a healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, and take concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer. We demand that the city take the following actions immediately: - Focus efforts on providing hotel rooms, motel rooms, and permanent housing to ALL unhoused Angelenos (not just those in specific areas that are visible to the general public) - End Special Enforcement and Cleaning Zones (SECZ) permanently - Respect CDC guidelines and work with health department officials to ensure that basic sanitation needs are met without the threat of displacement - Halt all CARE+ "comprehensive cleanup" operations - Remove law enforcement from outreach - Repeal LAMC 41.18, LAMC 56.11, and all ordinances used to criminalize unhoused residents.

Communication from Public

Name: Eric S Shevrin

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:09 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting:

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criminalize unhoused people. "Service resistance" is a myth
perpetuated by having armed police at CARE+ cleanups
demanding unhoused people decide if they want to leave all of
their belongings and THEIR PETS in that moment and accept
services by people they do not know or trust. This will be a stain
on the history of Los Angeles. This happened in 1984 for the
Olympics and it is a shameful part of LA history.

Communication from Public

Name: Valeria Sanchez
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:11 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: DECRIMINALIZE POVERTY. Repeal all laws that criminalize homelessness, including 41.18. PROVIDE HOUSE KEYS NOT HANDCUFFS. Focus efforts on providing hotel rooms and permanent housing to ALL unhoused Angelenos. END "CARE+" SWEEPS. work with health department officials to meet residents needs without threatening displacement.

Communication from Public

Name: Barbara Motz

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:13 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I write to encourage all city council members to oppose motion 20-1376. No one benefits from criminalizing homelessness. It will further involve police in solving homelessness issues, matters that are better left to social services agencies, as we are learning more and more from police interactions with the homeless. Sweeps of encampments and criminal prosecution for living on the street cost taxpayers money. This money could better be spent on permanent solutions, services and housing for unsheltered residents of our city. If the homeless are chased away from areas specified in the draft ordinance, they will spread out into communities, because there is nowhere else for them to go. This will make it harder to provide the unsheltered with services and will disperse any negative impacts of homelessness throughout these communities. This proposed ordinance will solve nothing and take up valuable city resources.

Communication from Public

Name: Hank Chilton

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:15 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: LAMC 41.18 is a bad idea! It criminalizes the homeless for being homeless! I urge you not to pass this stupid idea!

Communication from Public

Name: cha

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:00 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am Cha and I live in Cudahy, a small city in Los Angeles County. Everyday I travel from home to my work in Downtown LA and homeless are in almost every corner. You can see them even when you are in the freeway, their encampments under the bridge and sidewalks, outside an abandoned shop and even on trains and buses. I have never seen LA with this many numbers of homeless. Before I got to the US, I never have thought of America having dirty streets and people living on the streets. This beautiful country's homelessness crisis skyrocketed in the past years making it more like of threat to people like me and the dirt becomes a familiar sight to people from and visiting LA . We cannot deny how dirty the streets in LA are especially in Downtown, I cannot tag my son with me to show where I work because of how crazy outside is. Whether on tent encampments, homeless' making out in sidewalks or simply making the street as their toilet, it's a shame for us Angelenos. There was a time I went to work early and saw a man doing drugs (heroin) in one corner. Going home late especially on Fridays is scarier when most homeless are either drunk or high on drugs. They just don't care; they scream and yell at everyone passing by. We never know what they can and might want to do. The homelessness and the Covid-19 pandemic combination made me more worry on walking around LA and riding the public transportation. With cold season coming homeless are vulnerable of getting sick and could always spread viruses. Homelessness has been an intractable problem in LA but I hope this can be resolved so we can live and go to work without fears.

Communication from Public

Name: John
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:02 PM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: There is only one cure to homelessness and that's homes. The simple offer of "housing" when that has no definable meaning is not enough to get people off the street. There are enough horror stories of what temporary housing looks like that you should know better by now. All this law will do is force the homeless out of the gaze of the wealthy and force the problem onto the poor and voiceless. This is like saying you're curing cancer by ignoring cancer patients. You seem to only do your jobs when some beverly hills NIMBY decides enough is enough, not when 60,000 people on the streets beg for your attention and help. The rich have to actually sacrifice something if this problem is to be addressed. Why not tackle zoning laws or other development hurdles? Stop attacking people and start attacking the structures that create these situations. What do you think is going to happen when this is enforced? Has this summer taught you all nothing on what happens when you involve cops in non-violent situations? People get killed. In this case they'd be killed for the crime of not being lucky enough to have a roof over their heads. Do you really want to be on the side of people setting tents on fire or threatening the homeless with guns? I hate to bring up Nazis but come on what else does forced migration look like? Shame on anyone who thinks this is a good idea. Most of you would probably consider yourselves progressive but will bend to the demands of whatever fills your reelection coffers. There is no easy way to fix this, so don't pretend like sweeping the homeless away will do anything but cause unneeded harm on the people our society has failed. Government is for all people, and it should be there especially for the most vulnerable, not the most powerful. Do the right thing, vote no. Fuck you forever if you don't.

Communication from Public

Name: MAX BEAN

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:02 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. 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 notice that the sidewalk on Venice Blvd just east of Erewhon is actually blocked by toilets and sinks provided by the city. Did the city actually block wheelchair access?!? 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, Max Bean

Venice Resident /Stakeholder -- Max Bean
max@beanito.com

Communication from Public

Name: Savannah Gardner
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 02:04 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: NO ON 41.18 STOP CRIMINALIZING POOR PEOPLE WE
NEED HOMES NOT HANDCUFFS STOP SWEEPING
PEOPLE'S BELONGINGS

Communication from Public

Name: Quinn Wilson

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 01:55 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. This is Quinn Wilson. I'm writing to oppose team 42. 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 these actual, proven solutions, City Council members are attempting to expand harmful criminalization policies which have only proven to fail and exacerbate homelessness. I stand in solidarity with the Services not Sweeps coalition to reject this motion and demand that all processes involved in propelling this motion forward be halted immediately, as this motion poses a direct threat to the health and safety of our unhoused neighbors and their surrounding communities. We demand that City Council and the Mayor's office instead invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing a healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, and take concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer. We demand that the city take the following actions immediately: Focus efforts on providing hotel rooms, motel rooms, and permanent housing to ALL unhoused Angelenos (not just those in specific areas that are visible to the general public) End Special Enforcement and Cleaning Zones (SECZ) permanently Respect CDC guidelines and work with health department officials to ensure that basic sanitation needs are met without the threat of displacement Halt all CARE+ "comprehensive cleanup" operations Remove law enforcement from outreach Repeal LAMC 41.18, LAMC 56.11, and all ordinances used to criminalize unhoused residents.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 01:55 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please stop criminalizing our unhoused neighbors. Half the city council and the mayor own rental housing and this bill is tried to sneak through. This seems like potential big conflict of interest for a city with the largest unhoused population in the country. Lets not forget, while BLM is still front of mind, That Black people are 42% of the unhoused population in LA county but only 8% of the overall population. That's systemic racism that this bill makes worse just so lardlords and developers can make more money. Is the point of our society to create happy, healthy people or to generate as much profit as possible for a small group of rich people? I want the point of our society to be the creation of happy and healthy people. This bill does the opposite.

Communication from Public

Name: edna monroy

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 01:56 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The unhoused are fundamental part of our communities that need our support and care. Criminalizing those same community members that need shelter, mental health services and care will further create distrust between the most vulnerable and those providing support. We need to ensure that everyone has access to a safe, healthy and accessible home and shelter, especially right now more than ever during global pandemic. We need to keep LA housed, we need #ServicesNotSweeps.

Communication from Public

Name: Rochelle Megdal
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 01:56 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: Please vote yes on motion 20-1376

Communication from Public

Name: Ryan

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 03:13 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This motion is cruel and will only cause more suffering to the most vulnerable among us. Shame on anyone who supports this.

Communication from Public

Name: Caleb Cody

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 03:21 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Stop criminalizing homelessness and poverty. Stop the sweeps. We should be caring for our unhoused neighbors, not demonizing them. Whether there is a shelter or not in the neighborhood shouldn't be the deciding factor as to whether someone is allowed to live out of their car or rest/sleep in a public space. Show some humanity and empathy for these people who have fallen on hard times, many of whom the system and our city have completely failed. Instead of taking responsibility for those failures, the city council now seeks to forcibly remove the problem because they've offered a "solution" in the form of shelters. Well, the council's solutions haven't solved anything. So now it's time you listen to us, your constituents. We demand that you stop criminalizing poverty and homelessness. We demand that your solutions to the unhoused crisis in our city not involve further terrorizing your unhoused constituents, but rather involve providing reasonable, caring, humane solutions that factor in the humanity of the people involved. The presence or absence of a shelter in a neighborhood should not dictate whether we treat the unhoused with the empathy and care they deserve. Your job, as city council members, at its root is to care for the community, but it seems that our current city council interprets that to mean caring about the aesthetics of the city, rather than its actual citizens. I would challenge each and every council member to sit and think about how this further vilifies one of the most vulnerable groups in our city, and how it does nothing to provide a path to reduce actual homelessness in our city. Our unhoused neighbors aren't stats and figure, they deserve the same level of compassion, care, and thought that you extend to your home owning constituents.

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren Schultz

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 03:22 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 is a blatant attack on the unhoused community in Los Angeles. It continues to criminalize the most vulnerable citizens with the least access to resources. Shelters are not solutions for all of the unhoused -- its hard for families to stay together, people with pets or disabilities have difficulties, as well as people who have substance abuse or mental health issues. All this does is continue to criminalize our citizens. We need more care from the city and less criminalization of the city's most pervasive problem. You're not going to ticket and arrest people out of homelessness. You're increasing the likelihood that they are trapped in the system with even fewer access to resources with a criminal record and/or unpaid fines. Work to create supportive housing that answers to the needs of the unhoused instead of assuming every person is fine with a cot in the middle of a room.

Communication from Public

Name: LeAnna Guzzardo

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 03:24 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please oppose the amendment to section 41.18 of the LA Municipal Code. Please don't make being homeless a crime. Please don't do this ever, but especially don't do this during a pandemic, when more and more people are at risk of becoming homeless everyday. Existing while unhoused shouldn't be against the law. I don't want to be ashamed of living in this city.

Communication from Public

Name: CHRIS R RIDDLE

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 03:26 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 is an embarrassment to the citizens of Los Angeles. This motion is a denial of the basic humanity of our unhoused residents in LA. Homelessness is a symptom of a disease that has been ravaging our city. I'm not talking about COVID, I'm talking about the lack of compassion and care our city government and it's systems of power show to our most vulnerable and desperate citizens. Criminalizing someone's existence based on their housing status is unrontionable. Sweeps like this motion would propose cause tremendous harm and trauma to the unhoused while not doing anything to solve the root causes of homelessness in our community. It's shameful that this would even be proposed. The city council knows this isn't a solution, but you would clearly rather use force and violence to hide our problems rather than put in the real work to build a better, more supportive community. The people of LA deserve better, we deserve bold leadership, not cowardly acts of violence against the weak and vulnerable. This measure is a clear waste of time, money, and resources. 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, Chris Riddle

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica O'Malley

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 03:29 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing today to urge you to oppose the motion in Council file: 20-1376 and to focus on offering services, not location-based prosecution of people who have nowhere else to go. The NoHo Home Alliance Advocacy Table released a detailed outline for the kind of support that should be provided and I stand in alignment with them. Stop criminalizing poverty and homelessness. Please, build more affordable housing in my neighborhood, Sherman Oaks, and throughout Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Vicki O.

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 03:29 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, Vicki Ohliger Del Rey Resident/ Stakeholder

Communication from Public

Name: Cyndi Otteson

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 03:33 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the City Council to oppose the motion to instruct the city attorney to draft amendments to LAMC 41.18 & 56.11 As a resident, homeowner and volunteer who does outreach to our unhoused neighbors, I'm frustrated with the fact that 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Valerie Hurt

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 03:37 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please stop criminalizing homelessness. The money spent on these sweeps could serve us all better by providing services and housing. Housing is a human right. Take money from the police and use it to help the house less.

Communication from Public

Name: Kinsey McCabe
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 03:38 PM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, On October 21 2020, LA City Councilmembers Blumenfield, Buscaino, Rodriguez, Krekorian, Price, Cedillo, and Lee presented a motion that 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 are spending time and city resources for a motion that will only shield neighbors from the view of the homelessness crisis, but not do anything to actually address the crisis. City Council and the Mayor's office need to invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing 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 provide truly dignified living accommodations. I oppose the motion to instruct the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. Sincerely, Kinsey McCabe

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 03:40 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please pass motion that does not allow camping on streets of Woodland Hills. Especially at Winnetka and Ventura Blvd. as it is far too close to Taft High School. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Bill Maxwell

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 03:40 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: As a citizen of Los Angeles who experienced homelessness for almost a year in 2008, the implications of the proposed ordinance on homeless is horrific. Taking the ethical and moral considerations aside--because they are substantial--, this ordinance exposes the city to an incredible amount of liability and exposes a large part of the population to drastic harm. Are you planning to withhold evictions forever? If not, don't you understand that there is a wide swath of people who are a month or less away from being homeless? Do you honestly feel, given the national situation, that the economy is going to magically reopen on a sensible timescale? The rational response in a pandemic, and in an economic crisis, is to pull together. Programs already in action or proposed by organizations like Services Not Sweeps are the route to take to create a stronger Los Angeles. Do not amend LAMC Section 41.18 and 56.11. Stop criminalizing homelessness and show your constituents that you care about the health and welfare of -all- of the citizens of Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Catherine Safley

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 03:40 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I vehemently urge Los Angeles City Council to oppose 41.18. Enough with these depraved laws that make it illegal for houseless people to exist in our city. Criminalizing houseless people's behaviors and encampments endangers their safety and the safety of the communities within which they reside. Houselessness is the result of a brutal, callous system and 41.18 would give that system even more teeth to destroy vulnerable lives. If you genuinely want to resolve the crisis of houselessness in our city, then give people housing. Give houseless people homes to live in, or at the very least, hotel rooms, since we have so many vacant now. It is the most safe, humane and effective solution, not to mention far more cost effective than incarceration. We must stop throwing away city funds on punitive, carceral "solutions" that only worsen the problem. Decriminalize houselessness. Repeal ALL laws that punish people for being houseless and impoverished, give all houseless people in Los Angeles actual homes to live in, and end Care+ and sweeps of houseless encampments. Then we should start to see the end to houselessness and a true increase in public safety.

Communication from Public

Name: Studio City Business District
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 03:41 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: The Studio City Business Improvement District strongly supports clear, consistent guidelines for our homeless strategy in public spaces.

STUDIO CITY

BUSINESS DISTRICT

October 26, 2020

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

Dear Council President Martinez,

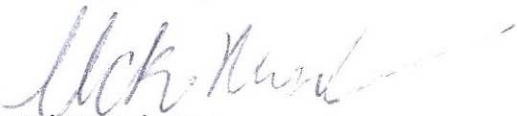
The Studio City Business District incorporates 1 ½ miles of prime commercial real estate in Studio City – a vibrant and highly sought after area for shopping, dining, and entertainment. This area incorporates businesses ranging from grocery stores, exercise studios, hairdressers, clothing, make up and gift shops and every kind of restaurant from sushi to tacos. The Studio City Business District is committed to keeping our district thriving and supports comprehensive solutions to the homelessness crisis our City is facing.

Recent Court decisions, such as Mitchell v City of LA and Martin v Boise as well as pending Garcia v City of LA and the LA Alliance v City of LA, require changes to the City's laws (LAMC 41.18 and LAMC 56.11) that dictate how the public realm is used.

We strongly urge and support the motion to update LAMC 41.18 and LAMC 56.11.

For far too long, the City's approach to homelessness has been dictated by the latest litigation and not grounded in clear and consistent guidelines. Updating these two municipal codes to improve transparency, accountability and consistency will help to begin addressing the street homelessness crisis.

Thank you for your consideration.



Vicki Nussbaum

Executive Director

Cc: Councilmember Paul Krekorian

Communication from Public

Name: West Valley Homes Yes and West Valley People's Alliance

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 03:42 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: We, West Valley Homes Yes and West Valley People's Alliance, are writing to urgently demand your opposition to Council file item 20-1376, the motion to amend LAMC Section 41.18 and 56.11. Put bluntly, this motion de facto criminalizes homelessness. This is a return to practices of exclusionary zoning whose intent is to significantly reduce the spaces where unhoused people can be present without fear of harassment. In particular, the clause in this motion that would disallow any person who has been “offered shelter” from sitting, lying, or sleeping on public property is a de facto criminalization of any unhoused person living in a public space—especially since it is not clear what “offering shelter” consists of. The reality is that there are far fewer shelter beds available than there is need. The recent West Valley Project Room Key locations filled up within 48 hours with long waiting lists including people who are still waiting to this day. There is far more demand for shelter than shelter available to be offered. And jails are not shelter. Furthermore, during the ongoing pandemic, those experiencing homelessness have tremendous rational reasons to avoid being forced into congregate shelters where they would be at increased risk of COVID infection! The City Council continues to disregard CDC guidelines when it comes to the unhoused; meanwhile we have already surpassed our 2019 record of 1000 deaths of unhoused people — three months before the end of the year. The lives and dignity of our unhoused community members require that they maintain the right to refuse offers of shelter if they feel that accepting shelter would be unsafe or would not meet their needs. Beyond being inhumane and ineffective, this motion is fiscally irresponsible. We are facing a budget shortfall of \$400 to \$600 million, and we know that criminalization and sweeps cost hundreds of millions while not reducing homelessness. With the economic crisis from COVID and the tsunami of evictions coming, this is reckless to put forward at a time when the City needs to focus its resources on real solutions to homelessness, not on ballooning police budgets, filling our jails, and criminalizing the poor. Finally, the City Council’s tactics in bypassing the usual committee process and rushing this motion through in advance of a major national election resemble nothing so much as the right-wing rush in the U.S. Senate to confirm a Supreme Court justice at the cost of

breaking the norms and rules of good governance. Has the LA City Council bought fully into such an abrogation of norms and procedure, in order to force through a vote on this motion in the face of public mobilization against it? This change to the LAMC is abhorrent. You must oppose it. You say you are concerned about “community buy in” for housing and shelter projects in your districts, but you will never get the approval of community members who see their unhoused neighbors as subhuman, and policy should not be written with the goal of appeasing them. The only way to end homelessness in LA is to increase the supply of affordable housing, and to offer shelter without requiring it be accepted. Until we can meet housing needs we must approach homelessness with humane and supportive solutions. We cannot criminalize our way out of this problem, and it is cruel to try. Oppose this motion. Then we need to collaborate on real solutions for those experiencing homelessness. Signed, West Valley Homes Yes West Valley People's Alliance



October 27, 2020

Dear Councilmembers Lee and Blumenfield,

We, West Valley Homes Yes and the West Valley People's Alliance, are writing to **urgently** demand your opposition to Council file item 20-1376, the motion to amend LAMC Section 41.18 and 56.11.

Put bluntly, this motion de facto criminalizes homelessness. This is a return to practices of exclusionary zoning whose intent is to significantly reduce the spaces where unhoused people can be present without fear of harassment.

In particular, the clause in this motion that would disallow any person who has been “offered shelter” from sitting, lying, or sleeping on public property is a de facto criminalization of any unhoused person living in a public space—especially since it is not clear what “offering shelter” consists of. The reality is that there are far fewer shelter beds available than there is need. The recent West Valley Project Room Key locations filled up within 48 hours with long waiting lists including people who are still waiting to this day. There is far more demand for shelter than shelter available to be offered. And jails are not shelter.

Furthermore, during the ongoing pandemic, those experiencing homelessness have tremendous rational reasons to avoid being forced into congregate shelters where they would be at increased risk of COVID infection! The City Council continues to disregard CDC guidelines when it comes to the unhoused; meanwhile we have already surpassed our 2019 record of 1000 deaths of unhoused people — three months before the end of the year. The lives and dignity of our unhoused community members **require** that they maintain the right to refuse offers of shelter if they feel that accepting shelter would be unsafe or would not meet their needs.

Beyond being inhumane and ineffective, this motion is fiscally irresponsible. We are facing a budget shortfall of \$400 to \$600 million, and we know that criminalization and sweeps cost

hundreds of millions while not reducing homelessness. With the economic crisis from COVID and the tsunami of evictions coming, this is reckless to put forward at a time when the City needs to focus its resources on real solutions to homelessness, not on ballooning police budgets, filling our jails, and criminalizing the poor.

Finally, the City Council's tactics in bypassing the usual committee process and rushing this motion through in advance of a major national election resemble nothing so much as the right-wing rush in the U.S. Senate to confirm a Supreme Court justice at the cost of breaking the norms and rules of good governance. Has the LA City Council bought fully into such an abrogation of norms and procedure, in order to force through a vote on this motion in the face of public mobilization against it?

We had been recently encouraged by both of your support of additional housing for our unhoused neighbors, and especially, Councilmember Lee, by your support of the Project Homekey location in Chatsworth. This change to the LAMC, however, is abhorrent. **You must oppose it.** You say you are concerned about "community buy in" for housing and shelter projects in your districts, but you will never get the approval of community members who see their unhoused neighbors as subhuman, and policy should not be written with the goal of appeasing them.

The only way to end homelessness in LA is to increase the supply of affordable housing, and to offer shelter without requiring it be accepted. Until we can meet housing needs we must approach homelessness with humane and supportive solutions. We cannot criminalize our way out of this problem, and it is cruel to try.

Oppose this motion. Then we need to collaborate on real solutions for those experiencing homelessness.

Signed,

West Valley Homes Yes
West Valley People's Alliance

Communication from Public

Name: Kuniko Vroman
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 03:43 PM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Unfortunately, the mindset of this proposed ordinance perpetuates the myth that our unhoused neighbors do not want assistance and prefer life on the streets. There are many reasons why someone living on the street may not feel comfortable immediately accepting an offer of shelter. For instance, the offered shelter could require them to dispose of their belongings or separate themselves from their family or support animals. This ordinance criminalizes and displaces people for not immediately accepting the help offered. It fails to acknowledge the difficult and patient work required to build trust with some of our unhoused neighbors who are understandably reluctant to accept help from a city that has historically mistreated them. It is critical to establish this trust before offering a bed. Bridge housing and safe parking have helped a number of our neighbors over the past 2 years. However, these temporary fixes do not accommodate the majority of those experiencing homelessness. There are simply not enough beds to shelter the vast majority of unhoused residents. We know it is difficult to get into one of these facilities, which is why we objected to the resumption of sweeps around the SECZs. This ordinance puts the cart before the horse: forcing folks theoretically into housing that simply does not exist. With more evictions sure to come, this motion's timing is terrible. During a pandemic no less. The proposed ordinance will only make it harder for our unhoused community rather than address homelessness's underlying causes: high rents, stagnant wages, & a lack of physical + mental health resources. Punishing those for living by the only means they have available does not make homelessness go away—it makes us complicit in the systemic racism and violence that has already caused so much suffering. This motion is not the answer. We need housing, services, and compassion—not expanded criminalization.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 03:46 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: As someone who is very involved in engagement and outreach with my unhoused neighbors, I am appalled that the City Council is considering this measure. Criminalizing poverty does not do anything to solve the problem. If you talk to anyone in the city affected by homelessness, they will tell you things that you could take and turn into meaningful legislation to help address the root causes, but this is the exact opposite of that. As a tax payer in this city, I'm horrified that you'd rather potentially incarcerate people for not being able to afford to live here or pay any fines for your unjust criminalization of their lives, as that is not an effective way to spend money. The City Council's wastefulness of HHH funds has made it more limited in what it can provide than what was originally promised, and yet you're using the ABH sites as justification for this ordinance. Displacement isn't going to make the problem disappear; it's just going to make an already vulnerable population more stigmatize and more discarded by the rest of society. And on top of that, to do this during a pandemic, when the options for housing this population are limited due to the virus, is particularly inhumane. To consider incarcerating people who live on the street makes them more vulnerable to contracting Covid, which very well may kill them. To not take into account input from the numerous groups who work regular with the unhoused populations throughout the city makes no sense. You can't make this problem disappear, and this is a disgusting way to pretend you can. As a tax payer in this city, I want services not sweeps; I want compassion not aggression; and I want support not stifling. Please consider a more just and moral alternative to this.

Communication from Public

Name: Sherri Chung

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 03:46 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council Members, I am writing to ask that you 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. Right now, both the unhoused and housed are suffering and this has to end. 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 the residents maintain a clean and healthy community. Sincerely, Sherri Chung

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Nail

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:13 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. Unfortunately, we're seeing worsening crime and increased homelessness in Venice and I'm hoping these motions will start to provide solutions to improve our community. 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. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:16 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: It is a travesty that so many people are homeless, but it is also a travesty that the population is allowed to make encampments on our city sidewalks. It breaks my heart that there are tents all along Wilshire Blvd outside the Veterans' hospital. From what I am told, the encampments within the property are for our servicemen who have no place to go, but the ones along Wilshire Blvd are homes to those with harmful addictions who are not allowed on the property. This is the view from apartments across the street. I have family who live in Venice who are afraid to walk their dogs at night because many of the homeless have become violent. My daughter and neighbors have had to hire security outside of their homes. My daughter actually came home and found someone taking a shower in her bathroom. Other friends are cleaning human feces from their properties. These is not the same homeless population who shared Venice with their more fortunate neighbors who actually invited them to charge their cell phones and share other conveniences not afforded to those who had unfortunately ended up living on the boardwalk. But even these homeless people are fearful of the new more dangerous sort who now swarm the neighborhood. This can't continue to be common place.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:18 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:20 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am appalled that the city would make this horribly blatant attack on the (ever broadening) community of unhoused people in LA. Poverty, mental illness, AND addiction should not be criminalized and furthermore the citizens of LA should not be punished for making use of PUBLIC space. You may say this is an issue of safety, but I ask for who? If you are truly concerned about the safety of the people in LA, then invest more resources in health care and housing NOT more forms of punishment. I live in Echo Park directly in front of the lake and my unhoused neighbors deserve to have a safe place to sleep without fear of some aggressive police officer confiscating their only belongings. How dare you intensify the already criminal policies targeting these communities, people of color and the mentally ill. To police our bodies in this way is a form of state violence that no representatives should ignore nor condone. The people of this city are powerful and deserving of care.

Communication from Public

Name: Rachael C.

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:21 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not pass an ordinance to criminalize sitting and laying down which is aimed at unhoused people. Unhoused Los Angeles residents need affordable housing and services. This is in humane and will harm many innocent people, have you seen how unhoused communities are growing in the pandemic? So many people I know have lost their jobs and with no end in sight may lose their housing. Also as someone with a history of fainting I have had to sit and lay down in public places many times in the past three decades! Many people with all kinds of health issues do.

Communication from Public

Name: Brittani Nichols

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: You are once again creating legislation that does nothing to solve the problem of homelessness. You are sinking more money into an approach that obviously doesn't fucking work. If it worked AT ALL wouldn't the countless sweeps and criminalization you ALREADY DO have resulted in less homeless people? It's only made things worse. Your pointless posturing will result in more deaths and more wasted money. A vote for this will destroy your political careers and when we vote you fuckheads out, we will celebrate within ten feet of driveways, 500 feet of freeways, and wherever the hell else we damn well please. You are evil goons that love murdering people and I truly don't understand how you sleep at night.

Communication from Public

Name: Lindsay Kerns

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the proposed ordinance that would "ban sitting, sleeping, or lying" within 10 feet of driveways and 500 feet of any overpass/underpass, any freeway ramp, any freeway tunnel, any pedestrian subway, or any supportive services site opened in the last three years (including Bridge Housing and safe parking sites). Obviously, homelessness is a huge issue in our city. But I believe we need to address it with affordable housing, mental health services, and compassion for our neighbors—NOT expanded criminalization. It is cruel to punish people for living by the only means they have available. And making homelessness less VISIBLE will not make it go away, nor will it address its root causes. I urge you to instead look at ways to provide services and support to our needy neighbors, not punishment. Thank you.
Sincerely, Lindsay Kerns

Communication from Public

Name: Anne

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:28 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: In the early 80's, I was a small child and went walking with a family member in my neighborhood. While this family member wasn't paying attention, I had found a syringe on the ground which I believed to be a water gun, because pediatricians back then used to hand out barrel and plungers to kids as toys to shoot water with. I uncapped the syringe, not realizing what I was holding, and when my family member told me to put it down, I went to put the cap back on, but the cap was cracked and the needle went straight through my finger. For months following, I was dosed with antivirals as preventative measure in the hopes that I would not contract hepatitis or HIV. I was extremely lucky I did not, but it's a memory that has framed my childhood...There isn't a moment that goes by now that, that memory doesn't enter my mind as I pass encampments on the streets. Parents with kids, fear not just open drug use, but also other damaging exposure, and it's not right! It's not right for any citizen wanting to use the sidewalk, and it's not right that we've let people on the fringe of society get treated less than human. I believe in the dignity of peoples' suffering, but not when it comes at a cost to the majority. If we do not allow some regulation, and hold people accountable for their actions, then we've allowed the rights of a small group of people to supersede the rights of the rest of the population. Please vote in favor of Council File 20-1376.

Communication from Public

Name: Local 148 - LA County Public Defender Union

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:29 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: October 27, 2020 The Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council Los Angeles City Hall 200 N. Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012 RE: Opposition to Proposed Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.18 Dear Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council: We, the nearly 700 members of Los Angeles County Public Defenders Union Local 148, write in fervent opposition to proposed Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 41.18 which seeks to ban the following: sitting, sleeping or lying down within 500 feet of freeways, ramps, and tunnels; sitting, sleeping or lying down within 500 feet of any facility opened after January 2018 that provides housing, shelter, services, safe parking, or storage to unhoused people; and storing property in the aforementioned areas. Los Angeles is in the midst of a humanitarian crisis. LAMC 41.18 is an inappropriate and appalling response to the current crisis. As public defenders we routinely represent people charged with crimes which effectively seek to punish them for being poor and unhoused. It is clear to us that LAMC 41.18 seeks to build upon a model of criminalization that has already proven to be ineffective and inhumane. Housing shortages have left an unprecedented number of our community members without safe places to live and with no means by which to meet their basic needs. This emergency has been drastically exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Financial hardships have resulted in people being evicted from their homes and service provider delays have prevented many people with mental health needs from receiving appropriate care. Urgent action must be taken to provide for our unhoused neighbors but LAMC 41.18 is not the answer. Our community members need services, not sweeps; resources rather than incarceration and costly court fees. The criminal system cannot meet the needs of our most marginalized communities and it cannot solve the homeless crisis. For these reasons, we strongly oppose LAMC 41.18 and implore you to vote NO. Thank you for your urgent attention to this matter. If you have any further questions, please contact us at lapubdefunion@gmail.com. Sincerely, Local 148 Political & Legislative Action Committee



LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDERS UNION

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Communication from Public

Name: Jackie Vorhauer
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:29 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: My statement is in opposition to the proposed amendment to 41.48 and 56.11. This motion does not provide solutions to homelessness. We are in a pandemic and about to have more people on the streets during the cold and rainy season. And this is what legislative time and power is being spent on - a motion to make some areas aesthetically more pleasing to communities that have built services and housing in the last two years. We need to be spending legislative time and power focusing on real solutions, both immediate and long-term, that actually end homelessness and keep our most vulnerable populations safe and on the trajectory to housing and healthcare. Moving people from one place to another is a drain on resources and tax dollars because service providers will need to spend more time locating and re-engaging clients, rebuilding their trust, and addressing people's trauma that comes with being repeatedly displaced. That time could be, and should be, spent on finding housing and support services for people. In the motion it's stated there is, "a massive effort underway to increase the availability of housing and shelter for the City's homeless residents." But the current amount of shelter and housing, needed to properly meet the needs of our population that is homeless, is not available at this very moment. Spend the time and money that goes into motions like this and instead please address the housing emergency we are in. If you truly want to be popular with constituents, help address the problem for the long-run and don't sweep people and their belongings around the corner out of sight and out of mind. Stand up for housing solutions, work to reduce red-tape with permits for permanent supportive housing, put money and efforts into preventative measures to catch people before they become homelessness. These solutions are worthy of everyone's time, not this motion. It is also mentioned, after an update to the first draft, that Subsection (d) notes it, "would allow the City to enforce a ban on sitting, lying, or sleeping in any public area -- Citywide -- provided that an offer of shelter is provided before enforcement occurs." Who will be offering this shelter? Anyone who has experience working in homeless services knows the challenges of offering shelter to people who have experienced trauma. Many people have been traumatized in shelter settings. And not all shelter and housing is designed to be equal or dignified. It is critical that if we move

anyone into shelter, bridge housing, or permanent housing that it be the right move for that person so there is not a cycle of shelter then streets then shelter then streets. This is a drain on our resources and again, it delays the work outreach teams are doing to move people into permanent housing. What are the consequences for someone who continues to seek shelter in these designated areas? When basic human needs such as shelter and clean, safe bathrooms are not available, people get ticketed. Those tickets delay a person's housing and cost money because it takes the time and resources of courts, advocates, and service providers to get those tickets expunged so a person can apply for housing and move off the street. So this motion and draft ordinance not only offer no solutions to homelessness, but it delays the path to housing. Finally, I completely understand the need to support accessibility under the American with Disabilities Act. I do agree we need to ensure safe passageways for everyone. But if this motion was truly about strengthening the laws that promote that accessibility, then why is it specific to 500 feet around homeless service areas built after January 2018? This is a move to appease communities and make people think something is actually being done about homelessness when in fact it is just making the crisis look aesthetically more pleasing. It is not right to site ADA compliance when this is not really what it is about. Service providers are here as a resource. Reach out to ALL service providers, bring us together and we will be happy to work with you on actual solutions to this crisis. We know what works and what doesn't, what is costly and what is cost saving in the long-run. We want to see streets without tents as well...when it means everyone has a permanent home.

Communication from Public

Name: Angela Arnold

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:30 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Criminalizing the state of being unhoused, particularly during a pandemic, is morally bankrupt. There are a myriad of pragmatic reasons why the unhoused would feel safer on the street than in the “offered shelter.” Until our shelter system becomes more humane and focused on long term positive outcomes rather than temporary solutions, it is criminal to force people into the system.

Communication from Public

Name: Stacie

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:33 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The unhoused citizens who will be effected by this measure already have a huge disadvantage and need support not action taken against them and what little personal belonging they possess. These citizens need respect, safe housing, social services, clean water , bathrooms and food to name a few basic needs. This measure is in humane without having an alternative place to relocate these human beings in need . I live near an encampment and these people are just as much my neighbors as the people omg living next door to me. The conditions that they are living in are Awful and we bring food and water to them. If the city can not provide temporary housing these unhoused need With weekly city garbage Pick up and fresh water access as well as a bathrooms . I am against this measure as written.

Communication from Public

Name: Tommy Takezawa

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:35 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

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Communication from Public

Name: Gabrielle Seiwert

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:37 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This motion is a horrifying way to criminalize poverty after the city of LA has repeatedly failed to provide sufficient affordable housing options for all Angelenos. 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: Erika Rogers, Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County (CCALAC)

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:38 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County (CCALAC) represents 64 nonprofit community clinics and health centers that operate more than 350 sites throughout Los Angeles County and serve approximately 1.7 million low-income, uninsured, and underserved individuals each year. CCALAC's member clinics are patient-centered organizations whose mission is to provide high-quality, affordable health care to all medically underserved patients, so they can have the opportunity to thrive, contribute to their communities, and reach their full potential. LA County health centers are proud to welcome and serve all members of their diverse communities, including more than 75,000 individuals experiencing homelessness. Therefore, CCALAC strongly opposes agenda item 42 and believes this motion and subsequent amendments to the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) are the wrong approach to solving homelessness in Los Angeles. If approved, the motion would allow an ordinance amending Section 41.18 of the LAMC to specify the particular times and locations where it shall be unlawful for a person to sit, lie, or sleep on public property. Ultimately giving the City of Los Angeles authority to make it illegal for people experiencing homelessness to exist near any shelter or homeless services related property, within 500 feet of freeways, or anywhere in the city if they have been "offered shelter." This motion effectively makes homelessness illegal in Los Angeles and constitutes the largest increase in the criminalization of homelessness in decades. While Section 41.18 focuses on when and where individuals may lodge, Section 56.11 regulates where and how people may store their personal property in public spaces. If agenda item 42 is approved, the draft ordinance would amend LAMC Section 56.11 to align with the new provisions of Section 41.18 by banning the storage of personal property in any area where sitting, lying, and sleeping is banned by Section 41.18. Pushing people from one public space to another does not end homelessness. In fact, it's a completely ineffective approach – data and research clearly state that an enforcement-led approach is not evidence-based. As outreach workers and homeless service providers work tirelessly to move those most vulnerable to COVID-19 into permanent housing, this

proposal also 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. All people should have the right to access public spaces and no one should be arbitrarily banned from large sections of the city. Therefore, CCALAC urges the city councilmembers to vote no on this motion and instead focus on increasing access to immediate housing throughout Los Angeles so that our unhoused neighbors can access shelter.

Communication from Public

Name: Brandon Lapins
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:38 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: Do not pass this dreaded motion, we need housing and healthcare not more criminalization. Stop the madness.

Communication from Public

Name: Yelena Zeltser

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:38 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. My name is Yelena Zeltser and I'm a resident of CD10, 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:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:41 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Sidewalks were intended for pedestrian traffic. NOT for storing massive piles of garbage. Many are so blocked that an individual in a wheelchair cannot pass, thus causing a violation of the ADA. While I might feel compassionate for someone needing to put up a tent, I do not feel at all that way if the tent impedes movement on the sidewalk, or if other items are blocking it. The other day I saw a sidewalk blocked by many things all accumulated by one individual. This mess included a chair missing a leg, a broken basketball hoop, and other such items clearly not essential to living. I had a brother who was a hoarder. The city would not allow him to just pile stuff anywhere he wanted - why is it any different with people and sidewalks?

Communication from Public

Name: Ellory Smith

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:44 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno and service provider for the unhoused in the city. I run a free lunch program on Tuesdays, and I can attest to the horrific nature of homelessness in our city. Services are impossible to access. I know this, because I spend all week trying to access them for the people I work with. I have the benefits of a laptop, internet, phone, and college education and it is still a minefield for me to navigate. Ordinance 41.18 is so unbearably cruel, it criminalizes and HURTS our neighbors because WE can't provide enough services. There are 1,000 shelter beds in LA City. There are ~60,000 unhoused people. MANY are children and families. Some will walk all day, miles in the sun, to get to a shelter only to learn there is no bed available. This ordinance ensures that these people cannot REST, they cannot stop for a second. Their entire existence is criminalized. If you spent as much effort into PROTECTING these people as you do trying to erase them from your line of sight, we could actually solve this problem.

Communication from Public

Name: Mellie Nolen

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose 41.18. After months of protests demanding care and services over policing, this shouldn't even be a consideration. Policing does nothing to abate the homelessness crisis. Our unhoused neighbors need care not handcuffs.

Communication from Public

Name: Alex Brennan

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:47 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I do not want my child to grow up in a city that criminalizes people rather than cares for them. It's really that simple for me. Separately from the question of what my daughter does or doesn't understand: this is a problem of our making. We have a homelessness crisis because we have a housing affordability crisis that has been unmanaged by our political leadership from federal level on down to, yes, the municipal, a crisis of housing affordability that has not been meaningfully addressed with any sort of urgency by this body. A legislative-executive body that does not meaningfully provide a place for people to exist and then criminalizes people for the fact of their existence is just abhorrent to a point I can barely verbalize. I cannot believe that I share my city with people who think this way, who could feel so callously and operate so selfishly. As you decide how to vote on this measure, I want you to think about what I should tell my daughter about the kind of city she's growing up in.

Communication from Public

Name: Maribel Ortega

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:49 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: City Council Members, I am writing in regards to Item 42. I am a legal services professional working in homelessness prevention in Los Angeles. I offer my strong opposition to this motion. This motion effectively makes homelessness illegal in Los Angeles and 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 housing in every neighborhood so that our unhoused neighbors can come safely indoors. 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. We must protect our unhoused neighbors now more than ever, not further criminalize them. Please vote no on this cruel motion. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: John Motter
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:50 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: Have you tried not being fascists?

Communication from Public

Name: Kaycee

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:58 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I do mutual aid outreach with unhoused people in Los Angeles and am urging the council to vote NO on 41.18. Criminalizing homelessness places additional barriers between unhoused people and housing, and we have learned from decades of policing homelessness that it simply does not work. It's a waste of city money to do devastating and cruel CARE+ sweeps. Unhoused people need HOUSING, not handcuffs. It is cruel to continue to subject unhoused people to police harassment and displacement when the city makes it impossible for unhoused people to get what they need...HOUSING. Please vote NO on 41.18 and stop proposing laws like this that waste mine and other taxpayers' time and resources. No on 41.18.

Communication from Public

Name: Kate Kornberg

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:58 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, On October 21 2020, LA City Councilmembers Blumenfield, Buscaino, Rodriguez, Krekorian, Price, Cedillo, and Lee presented a motion that instructs the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. I strongly appose this motion because it fails to provide new housing resources or shelter resources 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 are spending time and city resources for a motion that will only shield neighbors from the view of the homelessness crisis, but not do anything to actually address the crisis. City Council and the Mayor's office need to invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing 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 provide truly dignified living accommodations. I oppose the motion to instruct the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11.
Sincerely, Kate Kornberg

Communication from Public

Name: KYLIE

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:59 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: LAMC 41.18 and 56.11 are being put up for amendment to criminalize unhoused folks here in LA, and it's absolutely disgusting. I call on the City Council to: focus efforts to provide hotel rooms and permanent housing for ALL unhoused Angelenos; End SECZ immediately; work with the health department and respect CDC guidelines to ensure sanitation needs are met WITHOUT displacement or threat of displacement; REMOVE LAW ENFORCEMENT FROM OUTREACH; and finally, repeal 41.18 and 56.11 and all ordinances that criminalize homelessness. I don't know how you all sleep at night knowing you constantly fuck over the most vulnerable citizens of our city. Take care of our city or get the fuck out.

Communication from Public

Name: Annemarie

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:01 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Making it a crime to be homeless makes ZERO sense. Especially when the state does nothing to help these people and in fact makes mandates that has created more homelessness. So you have a hand in creating more homelessness and then you criminalize it? This is shameful! Do the right thing and DO NOT CRIMINALIZE HOMELESSNESS!

Communication from Public

Name: Amir Blumenfeld

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:01 PM

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-Amir

Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie McCartney Griffith

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:04 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. I support this motion because it addresses The Americans with Disabilities Act, which has been for too long dismissed by the city of Los Angeles. Disallowing sidewalk access to the disabled due to tents and encampments blocking entire sidewalks and not allowing for the 3' sidewalk clearance is wrong and a civil rights violation against the disabled and wheelchair bound. The disabled are forced onto the streets and their lives are being endangered with cars whizzing by them at 40+ mph. There must be a three-foot (3') clearance of all sidewalks in the city of Los Angeles to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act. The disabled through the ADA are guaranteed equal access to and equal opportunity in public Accommodations and prohibits discrimination in all areas of public life. It gives the disabled civil rights protections similar to those provided to individuals on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, and religion. 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 surrounding the shelter. 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. From late February when the Bridge Shelter Venice opened to August of this year, there were 144 police calls. The residents living around bridge shelter are suffering without the police protections they were promised. Promises made, promises broken. To rebuild the faith, the Police, Mayor, Council and the Councilman for CD11 must keep the promises made to Venice residents surrounding this bridge shelter. If the promises are not kept, then no community will want a Bridge Shelter in their neighborhood because they cannot trust the City will keep their promises made of safety zones, and clear of encampments. 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,
Venice Resident / Stakeholder Stephanie McCartney Griffith

Communication from Public

Name: Daniel Griffith

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Dan Griffith Venice Resident

Communication from Public

Name: Nitzan Bluvstein

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:06 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The criminalization of being unhoused is not only absurdly cruel, it also makes absolutely no sense. And it's especially disgusting during a pandemic when Angelenos are just trying to survive. We demand you use your power to establish programs for the unhoused population vs continuing to fault them for just trying to exist. I demand that City Council and the Mayor's office 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: Wendy Garcia

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:07 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. This is Wendy Garcia with The Center In Hollywood, addressing Item 42. This is 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. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Louis Evan Abramson

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:11 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council, I chair the Central Hollywood NC's Homelessness Committee, but write in a personal capacity. The following should not be taken to represent the views of CHNC. I oppose affirming this motion on substantive and procedural grounds. Substantively, clause (d) of section 1 of the draft ordinance makes it illegal for those who have been “offered shelter” to sit, sleep, or lie upon the street. As is well known and the basis of past federal court decisions, LA lacks the facilities to shelter all of its unsheltered residents. This draft ordinance would thus seem to criminalize the dwelling on the street of someone who had a bed, lost it for any reason, and now seeks another that is unavailable due only to limited supply. That is wrong. Further, left unspecified is what constitutes a valid offer of shelter, who can make one, in what timeframe “before enforcement occurs,” and how its authenticity/actionability would be verified. These factors should bear on enforcement and the Council should not proceed until they are made explicit. Procedurally, to my knowledge, the Council has neither presented nor requested an assessment of the potential effects of the draft ordinance in terms of, e.g., displacement and casework disruption. Such was also the case with an amendment attempt last year, for which the LA Times and other organizations—including CHNC—were left to estimate potential impacts after the motion had passed committee. That ordinance would have ruled at least 26% of LA’s land off-limits to street dwelling (LA Times) or displaced over 12,000 Angelenos (Abramson/CHNC). The motion under consideration today is less aggressive, but homelessness has only increased since 2019. It behooves the Council at least to understand how many of its constituents the proposed ordinance would affect before moving forward. I urge the Council to reject this motion. Instead, it should consider its aims more carefully and take up a draft ordinance whose effects are understood prior to voting. Thank you for your time and attention, Louis Abramson Hollywood Resident

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:11 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. 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, _____ Venice Resident /Stakeholder

Communication from Public

Name: Taylor Fulton

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:15 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This motion is highly problematic for those in the unhoused communities of Los Angeles. Many folks are waiting for spots to open in these homes, and that is why they are living nearby. Instead of spending money to further criminalize homelessness and enforce punishment on those that are awaiting services, I implore you all to reconsider this motion and instead think of directing more funds to homelessness services and not criminalization of homelessness.

Communication from Public

Name: Tiffany Wong

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:16 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: 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: Nanette Svolos

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:17 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The transients should not be able to live where they want. You raised our property taxes. Do something

Communication from Public

Name: Zach Dunn

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:19 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, I am writing as a very concerned citizen. 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. We owe our unhoused neighbors so much more. Can't you see that "solutions" like this only make the situation worse for everyone? 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, Zach Dunn

Communication from Public

Name: Danny Gresham

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:23 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello , This is Danny Gresham with Housing Long Beach and the Tenant Power Collective, 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. I have seen the masses of houseless people here where I live in Long Beach as well as all across the South Bay get shuttled from skid row down south only to be further mistreated due to misappropriation of lack of affordable housing and shelters. This motion effectively perpetuates this crisis and makes homelessness illegal in Los Angeles and 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. In fact this proposed ordinance sounds eerily similar and just as egregious to a similar harassment policy that was once proposed by our current Governor Gavin Newsome when he was the Mayor of San Francisco. That is now commonly known as "Sit / Lie" I know this because I myself actively voted against this policy when I was living in San Francisco at the time. Furthermore, I'm quite perplexed. The finalized adopted budget for the county of Los Angeles is just over \$38 Billion dollars. Of this money roughly 9.3 BILLION DOLLARS is allocated for "public safety" and another 9.5 BILLION dollars is allocated for "public assistance". Correct me if I'm wrong but I believe the quote unquote "homelessness issue" would fall under both of those categories? Correct ? So, if this money is not being used to actively find a solution to eradicate homelessness in Los Angeles County then what is that money being used for? I implore you all, is that how this city council wants to go down ? In infamy and shame ? Because you should all be absolutely ashamed of the abhorrent display of disregard this policy shows to our houseless communities. Housing is a human right despite a person's ability to pay and collectively we will not back down until the needs of our fellow community members are not only respected but also given the protections and housing they deserve. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Ted Luymes

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:23 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of the Venice Beach House, 1101 Ocean Front Walk, I wish to advise the City Counsel of the near constant blockage of sidewalks and public rights-of-way around this residential building. Homeless encampments are a recurring problem in the area. They frequently block access to public sidewalks in violation of the ADA, forcing handicapped individuals into the street. They also block access to businesses in the building, as well as fire escapes. We have frequently reported these dangerous conditions (see attached letter dated October 10, 2020). We ask that the City take decisive action to address this problem. Thank you.



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October 10, 2020

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**Re: Notice of Dangerous Condition of Public Property - Homeless
Encampments near 1101 Ocean Front Walk, Venice, CA**

Dear sirs and mesdames:

This office is legal counsel for the owners and management of the residential building located at 1101 Ocean Front Walk in Venice. After numerous and repeated informal reports to local law enforcement, I have been asked to formally place the city, county, and law enforcement on notice of the dangerous conditions posed by homeless encampments in the immediate vicinity

of the building. This concern has reached alarming levels in 2020 and it must be adequately addressed.

Location of Homeless Encampments

The size, number, and location of homeless encampments in the vicinity fluctuates almost daily. Most recently, however, a sizable encampment has become semi-permanent and is growing along the north-west corner of Wavecrest Avenue and Ocean Front Walk. This encampment partially occupies the roadway, public sidewalk, and rests directly against the north wall of the building. There are also camps in the grassy areas on the beach side of Ocean Front Walk, as seen below.



Public Nuisance, Property Damage, and Safety Issues

The encampment on Wavecrest is of particular concern to the preservation of my client's building, as well as the use and enjoyment of the property. The encampment is a constant source of noise, garbage, urine, human and animal waste, drug and alcohol use, and sometimes criminal activity. This encampment is directly below the windows of residential units and near the entrance of the Beach House Market. The commercial unit immediately next to the camp is presently unoccupied. However, the encampment and graffiti often spill over to that business entrance, making the unit very undesirable to prospective tenants.

My clients are proud that this building has long been part of the public art scene at Venice Beach. The building serves as a canvas for several prominent murals - commissioned by my clients - including the famous and valuable mural "Homage to a Starry Night" by Rip Cronk (<https://www.loc.gov/item/2013632394/>).



Owing to the homeless encampments that provide shelter to vandals, "Homage to Starry Night" is heavily damaged by graffiti and can no longer be enjoyed by the public, as seen in the photo below taken midday on October 7, 2020.



In addition to the property damage and public nuisance created by the illegal encampments, it is important to note that a fire exit and the building's fire suppression standpipes are located on the north wall just east of the mural. The encampment sometimes expands into this area. This

poses a danger to evacuating occupants and emergency personnel in case of a fire. In September 2020, there were at least two major fires at homeless encampments on the 300 block of Ocean Front Walk and another at the Penmar Golf Course. A fire at this encampment on Wavecrest Avenue would be consequential.

Demand to Remove Public Nuisance and Dangerous Condition of Public Property

This letter formally places each of the public entity jurisdictions on actual notice of the ongoing public nuisance and dangerous condition of public property (see, Cal. Govt. Code §§ 830, 835, *et seq.*, Civil Code § 3479, among other statutes, codes, and regulations).

My clients demand that you take appropriate action to remove the nuisance and maintain these areas of public property. You are directed to restore the public's right of access to sidewalks, roadways, businesses, and fire safety ingress/egress for the building.

We are mindful that the homeless encampment problem is complex and sometimes difficult to resolve. However, my clients' onsite manager has been reporting these issues regularly for many months. The situation is getting progressively worse. It demands your full attention. The property owners, businesses, residents and visitors to Venice deserve a safe and vibrant community - not one overrun by illegal encampments.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this serious concern.

Yours cordially,

Ted Luymes Law Firm



Ted H. Luymes

Copy via email to: client

Communication from Public

Name: Ariana Lenarsky

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:24 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, I am firmly opposed to the proposed amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. I am a coach for the Corporation for Supportive Housing's Speak Up! Program, which empowers formerly unhoused individuals to use their personal stories as an advocacy tool in the fight to end homelessness. Working with CSH has shown me the reality of the real needs for unhoused people in Los Angeles from people with lived experiences. These amendments do not reflect that. This motion provides any no new supportive housing, no useful services for those experiencing homelessness, or any solutions to decrease the unhoused population in LA. Criminalizing poverty punishes people in a situation where they are already vulnerable beyond the scope of what many Angelenos can imagine, but may soon be faced with if we do not take real steps to understand how to actually confront what our community needs instead of looking for some kind of inhumane solution that attempts to make life even more difficult for human beings who are out of options. I demand that City Council and the Mayor's office oppose the motion to instruct the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. Ariana Lenarsky

Communication from Public

Name: Kristina Meshelski

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:24 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This is the worst possible way to respond to homelessness. I strongly urge you not to pass this motion. It is not only immoral and inhumane, but it will also make things worse for everyone. I am ashamed to be represented in government by people who would propose this motion. I endorse the demands of the Services Not Sweeps coalition and I know I do not have to write them here because you know exactly what they are. Go to servicesnotsweeps.com if you haven't seen them. The organizations that have endorsed these demands represent thousands of your constituents. Maybe our voices don't mean much to you, but they should.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:24 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Do not pass this. I strongly oppose this motion. You can walk into a city and you can immediately tell how they treat their homeless. Getting rid of public restrooms, passing no loitering laws, like this, are not a solution it's a reflection of everything that takes the soul and character out of a place a reflection of money interests. Where have these laws worked to get at the root of homelessness? For me, when I am walking in a city I feel the tension in places where people are displaced and have no resources, not just places where I see displaced people. And you're going to do this now??? In the middle of a pandemic where thousands are homeless and people are currently fighting with landlords? We have a homeless woman on our block and everyone knows her by name. I would rather her stay sleeping there until y'all get your act together and stop giving money to new construction and putting infrastructure into care for humans not posting signs.

Communication from Public

Name: Wendy Wang

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:25 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Wendy Wang from Hathaway-Sycamores, a non-profit organization serving homeless young adults. We would like to offer the following public comments on Item #42: The draft ordinance seems counterproductive to the other strategies and programs embraced by the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles and LAHSA to address homelessness. As others have pointed out, individuals have equal rights to access public spaces. Prohibiting individuals from occupying public spaces merely places a "band-aid" on a long-term regional issue. At the heart of this draft ordinance is the criminalization of those who are experiencing homelessness. If passed, the ordinance will need to be enforced; this will divert precious resources away from more effective strategies. In an environment where COVID-19 threat still exists, outreach workers and homeless services providers are working tirelessly to house our most vulnerable Angelenos, and others are supporting individuals/families from becoming newly homeless, the development of this draft ordinance appears ill-conceived. Therefore, I urge the City Council to vote no on this motion.

Communication from Public

Name: Patrick Zagorski

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:30 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Thos ordinance criminalizing being unhoused is inhuman and lacking any sort of decency or empathy. This is not the LA I know and the people who live here will not be pleased to find out this has been rushed through. These are people living on the streets, many of whom are there because of the mismanagement of the city by the mayor and city council! You must hold yourselves accountable for the fate of these people and do something about this that won't harm these people any further.

Communication from Public

Name: Mehitabel Glenhaber

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:37 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: As a housed constituent of Echo Park, and the city of Los Angeles, I am writing on behalf of my homeless neighbors to demand that LA repeal 41.18, and all other laws which criminalize homelessness. Laws like 41.18, which makes it illegal for homeless people to seek shelter or store belongings under overpasses, or camp out in safe places near shelters, do nothing to help the problem of homelessness, and only make lives harder for already unlucky people who find themselves without homes. Especially during a global pandemic and economic crisis, where many people are losing their jobs and are unable to pay rent, and when being homeless comes with greater risks than ever before, LA should not be cruelly hassling and criminalizing our homeless neighbors - it should be helping them, providing support services, and guaranteeing that they have safe housing, especially for the duration of the pandemic. Rather than treating poverty as a criminal offense, LA should listen to its homeless residents, who are also LA citizens and voters, as much as I am - work with the homeless residents, and listen to what services they need. Basic human needs, like a tent to sleep in, or a dry place to store possessions, should not be illegal!

Communication from Public

Name: Gabrielle Joy Seiwert

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:37 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote NO on 41.18 - this ordinance would criminalize poverty throughout the city and is not the solution we need.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 08:57 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Lets keep our public areas clean.

Communication from Public

Name: Eve Garrow

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 08:59 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The ACLU of Southern California opposes the proposed ordinance. The proposed ordinance criminalizes homelessness, is ineffective, is a threat to public health, and perpetuates homelessness. Such policies do not reflect the moral values of Los Angeles or any civilized society. The city should focus instead on meeting the basic human needs of unsheltered people and expanding access to permanent, affordable housing. - The proposed ordinance is ineffective As stated by City Attorney Mike Feuer, the motion is justified as a way to “reduce the temptation of any shelter resident to fall back into life on the street...” But despite the claim that people can be “deterred” from living on the streets, the vast majority of people experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles do not have access to an indoor place to sleep. LA has only enough shelter beds to accommodate a small fraction of all people that are homeless, and affordable housing wait lists are longer than a decade. Most unhoused people have no choice but to sleep outdoors, and the proposed ordinance would do nothing to change that. Therefore, as noted by the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, “The forced dispersal of people from encampment settings is not an appropriate solution or strategy, accomplishes nothing toward the goal of linking people to permanent housing opportunities, and can make it more difficult to provide such lasting solutions to people who have been sleeping and living in the encampment.” - The proposed ordinance threatens public health The Centers for Disease Control advises against disbursing encampments during the pandemic. As stated in its Interim Guidance on Unsheltered Homelessness, “If individual housing options are not available, allow people who are living unsheltered or in encampments to remain where they are. Clearing encampments can cause people to disperse throughout the community and break connections with service providers. This increases the potential for infectious disease spread.” - The proposed ordinance perpetuates homelessness Criminalization and dispersal of unhoused people is not only ineffective and dangerous for public health; it also perpetuates homelessness. Citations can result in warrants, the accumulation of fines, time spent evading police instead of connecting to service providers, and time in court and jail. When people are swept up in the criminal justice system it is harder for

them to find and keep housing, employment, and needed benefits. Citations can give people a criminal record, which perpetuates homelessness by preventing them from obtaining government benefits and housing. They may spend the little income they have paying back fines instead of putting it toward living expenses that could help them get off the streets. Criminalization also heightens hostility to real solutions such as permanent supportive housing and affordable housing by reinforcing the idea that being homeless is a crime, and that unhoused people, rather than the city's failure to provide sufficient permanent, affordable housing to meet the need, is the problem. Because criminalization claims to "deter" people from being homeless, it reinforces the false idea that people are making a choice to be homeless. And underlying the myth that people are making a choice to be homeless is the myth that they can instead make the choice to be housed. For the above reasons, we urge you to take responsibility for your failure to provide people with real alternatives to homelessness instead of blaming them for being unhoused, work to meet the basic human needs of unhoused people, commit to expanding access to permanent, affordable housing, and oppose this motion.

October 27, 2020

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

Dear Council President Martinez and City Council:

The ACLU SoCal opposes the motion for a new ordinance that would allow the removal of tents and other makeshift shelters close to the nearly two dozen shelters. The proposed ordinance criminalizes homelessness, is ineffective, is a threat to public health, and perpetuates homelessness. Such policies do not reflect the moral values of Los Angeles or any civilized society. The city should focus instead on meeting the basic human needs of unsheltered people and expanding access to permanent, affordable housing.

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The proposed ordinance threatens public health

The Centers for Disease Control advises against disbursing encampments during the pandemic. As stated in its [Interim Guidance on Unsheltered Homelessness](#), “If individual housing options are not available, allow people who are living unsheltered or in encampments to remain where they are. Clearing encampments can cause people to disperse throughout the community and break connections with service providers. This increases the potential for infectious disease spread.”

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Sincerely,

Eve Garrow
Dignity for All Policy Advocate & Analyst

Communication from Public

Name: Craig Ostrin

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:00 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, first time commenting, long time being infuriated by your actions. I don't know why this council insists on trying failed policy after failed policy. Criminalizing homelessness Does Not Work. Study after study conducted all around North America shows that the solution to people not having homes is ...
drumroll please ... giving them homes! Helsinki tried this strategy and they have been extremely successful in resolving homelessness. What doesn't resolve homelessness is providing awful, inhospitable "shelters" and then penalizing our unhoused neighbors for rightfully turning down your bogus offer of false aid. I demand that you reject Councilmember Blumenfield's inhumane motion (shame on you, Bob) and commit our City Council to providing REAL solutions to homelessness.

Communication from Public

Name: Lindsey Voitunski

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:07 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council Members, Please vote in Favor of Council File 20-1376. Our family has lived on Sunset Ave in Venice for over 10 years and had supported the bridge housing so we could help those in need get off the streets. We were promised a safer neighborhood surrounding the new complex. It was to be a win/win for everyone and a step in the right direction. We have been disheartened at what our neighborhood has become since its opening. The encampments have gotten exponentially bigger and scarier. It's to the point where we are seriously considering moving only because of how unsafe and overtaken we feel. That's so sad to say because we LOVE Venice, but we've had our property broken into more than once and the safety of our family comes first. We have two young children (4 and 6 years old) who both know we can't walk out our door to the right because it is unsafe and we have to walk on the street instead of the sidewalk because it's ALWAYS blocked and it is physically impossible to walk on the sidewalk unless you're walking over someone or through their tent - what are those who are disabled supposed to do? (note: to the left is hardly better and we still need to walk in the street some of the time to get around the stuff on the sidewalk) Dodging cars with two little kids in the street because the sidewalk has been overtaken shouldn't be part of our daily lives, but it is. I've had to cover their eyes while we walk by people using needles and others using the sidewalk in front of our house as a potty. I couldn't walk my daughter to Westminster Elementary in the morning (when schools were open) in the most direct way because of the sidewalks being full and afraid of what she would witness. It's gotten exponentially worse since then. :(I also 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. We still want to help those who need help and feel this is a good this is a balanced step in the right direction that will give relief to both homeowners and those who need help with transitioning to housing. Something needs to happen. We really don't want to leave Venice. Please help us. Lindsey Voitunski

Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: As a member of Gil Cedillo's district, I demand that City Council and the Mayor's office instead invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help. Time and time again, you sink our resources into criminalizing homelessness. These policies seem dead set on punishing those weathering the worst symptoms of LA's housing crisis, instead of trying to address the root cause. A real shame to watch our city council stoop to NIMBYism, but it makes sense that this city council would be more beholden to real estate interests than their own constituents. Services!! Not sweeps!!

Communication from Public

Name: Felicity

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:13 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please listen to your constituents for once in your lives. DO NOT PASS THIS BILL. You are absolute scum to criminalize homelessness. Why don't you do your jobs and actually figure out solutions that actually help people.

Communication from Public

Name: Kent
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:14 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: Please resume sidewalk clean ups thank you

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:16 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Your vilification and dehumanization of Angelenos experiencing homelessness is immoral to the greatest degree. Real solutions - services and support - will get people off the streets. Stop criminalizing homelessness!!!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Mark Chenevey

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:17 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. This is Mark Chenevey with Everyone In, addressing Item 42. This extremely cruel, heartless, and unnecessary motion and draft ordinance are the wrong approach to solving homelessness. LA City Council should be ashamed of themselves for even allowing this motion to come to a vote. It is disgusting, disheartening, and disappointing that an ordinance like this would be considered in any way to be a viable solution to end or even reduce 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 implore 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: Vince Newman

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:17 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Vince Newman and I've been a resident in Venice for the past 35 years. It is extremely important to have 41.18 amended to provide for enforcement around freeways, around interim shelter facilities, to ensure disabled access under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and for anyone who has been offered shelter and declines. The encampments taking over so many places has become a major problem! It's also very important to bring back the comprehensive cleanup service of the sidewalk encampments. I'm in support of this extremely important action and appreciate your leadership on this very challenging issue! Thank you for taking the time and placing the attention on these issues! all the best, Vince Newman

Communication from Public

Name: Antonio Ortega

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:19 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please clean up our streets. The homeless encampments are out of control filled with drugs and human feces. The residents of Los Angeles have a right to walk on public sidewalks but can't due to laws allowing these encampments to grow. Please do what is right for the hard working people of our city.

Communication from Public

Name: Ellen Hobson

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:20 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The "homeless" camps, or as we see them, transient camps, near my home are unsightly, unhealthy, and attract vermin. It is a disgrace that our once beautiful valley has become home to camps where drugs are freely purchased, exchanged, and used in full sight of our children. Speaking of children, before school was converted to online learning, our highschool children who had to traverse the underpass at Winnetka to wait for a bus or just walk to school had to experience the unhealthy conditions created by these horrendous camps. Open sexual activity within these camps has frequently been observed which seems to have become commonplace and acceptable to our city council. Theft of mail, packages, and home and car break-ins in our neighborhood has increased dramatically since the formation of the transient camps under the Corbin and Winnetka freeway underpasses. We homeowners, property taxpayers, law-abiding citizens, feel totally helpless as we see the city and county of Los Angeles totally ignore our rights to a clean, healthy, and safe city, but instead, bend to the will of the ACLU, refusing to defend court cases or participate in common-sense decisions. I believe anyone would agree that we need to help genuinely homeless people with any support available. What we see in the camps around us are not homeless people. Truly homeless accept help when offered. Truly homeless don't create chaos for their neighbors. Truly homeless don't lay about all over the street, defecating, smoking, and/or shooting up drugs. Truly homeless are for the most part invisible because they are more embarrassed by their situation and don't want to be on display. You must vote YES to return some resemblance of dignity to the county of Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Nick

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:23 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose file 20-1376. The city is not doing enough for these people, we are in the middle of a pandemic, and these people have nowhere else to go. Angelenos DO NOT want this service. Though they may not have physical homes, they are still our neighbors and we are NOT ok with you deciding on the fate of our neighbors.

Communication from Public

Name: Taylor Miles

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Absolutely oppose this. This is inhumane to our brothers and sisters who struggle to live in one of the most expensive cities in our country. We are a people committed to ending homelessness by aiding and empowering those in need, not punishing them. Please do not pass this, they do not deserve to be moved around, displaced or arrested. Why can't we make one of the dozens of high rise luxury apartment buildings sitting half empty that no one can afford to live in shelter instead??

Communication from Public

Name: lydia

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to speak on agenda item 20-1376 that moves to amend LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11, and demand City Council deny the motion. This motion is yet another attempt to codify inexplicable cruelty toward people simply trying to survive. Similar to the other instances in which the Council has wasted time dedicating their energy toward criminalizing homelessness rather than doing something useful, this will eventually be overturned, if passed. The City has been told time and time again that this type of law is unconstitutional, yet, here we are again. Watching the Council waste more time, energy and money, during a pandemic and economic depression, drumming up ways to harm unhoused residents. Unsurprisingly, the motion does not outline any additional services or resources that have been proven to be long term solutions to homelessness. In fact, it punishes people for living in proximity to some of those very resources. It does not offer solutions to improve our current systems, despite access to a wealth of ideas and best practices. Instead, it penalizes people for sitting, sleeping, or lying down *near* a shelter, which, unless one has been connected to a service provider, met the correct level of vulnerability, and done so at the very right time, would be inaccessible to them, anyway. At a disgusting level of irony, it criminalizes a population of people who are disproportionately disabled for violating the ADA. This motion is fatally harmful. It is cruel and predatory and will hurt many, many people. If the City wants people living inside, they have been presented with a multitude of options to realize that goal. This is not, and will never ever be one of them. Again, I demand the council oppose the amendments to LA Municipal Code 41.48.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:28 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am urging the council to OPPOSE Council File 20-1376. This motion poses a threat to the health and safety of our unhoused Angelenos.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:28 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The taxpayers want the laws enforced. Does it take a judge to do it. You councilmen have the power. Please stand up & give this to the people. Put the toilets, hand washing stations & now laundry rooms on DWP property . Under the miles of power lines.

Communication from Public

Name: Rev. Zachary Hoover

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:29 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council President, Council Members, especially my representative in the 14th, Kevin De Leon: I am speaking as Executive Director of LA Voice, which represents over 70 congregations across the region, including congregations in all but two of the city council districts as well as LA Voice Action, an individual member based 501c4 whose combined campaigns have directly spoken to over 107,000 Los Angeles County voters in races for offices this year. This proposal is not how we are going get where we are all trying to go. We don't get to belonging and thriving by allowing the challenges of human circumstances to narrow our response, limit our imagination, and put us into "political" mode. I strongly urge the council to vote "no" on this motion and go back to the drawing board for whatever challenge this is attempting to address. I know that we are capable of better, more human, more helpful policy, and I pray that we may rise to the occasion. Rev. Zachary Hoover

Communication from Public

Name: Paula Patino

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:30 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. This is Paula, addressing Item 42. This cruel motion and draft ordinance are the wrong approach to solving homelessness. As a former case manager working with families and individuals experiencing homelessness, I urge city council to not approve this ordinance. This ordinance further creates division and NIMBYSM (not in my back yard phenomenon) as it does not address the root causes of homelessness, and instead criminalizes individuals and families that are already struggling to survive. This is not a solution to solving the housing crisis, this is a tactic to turn a blind eye on citizens that are in need of additional support. People do not choose to sleep on the streets, they are often left with no other options especially because of high rental expenses. Once again I urge that this motion is declined.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:31 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: We need our city back. The conditions are extremely unsafe for business owners/ residents / customers/ tourists/ etc. We need our city to become beautiful again not known for filth and disease.

Communication from Public

Name: Grant Torre

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:39 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in hopes that the council votes against this heartless, discriminatory law. Rather than criminalizing our unhoused fellow Angelenos, we should be working more extensively to ensure they are all able to be housed. There is so much to be said about the impacts of this proposed law, but I ask you to consider what if your children, your best friends, or your family were experiencing homelessness and then encountered a city policy further othering and not supporting them to get back on their feet and back into housing which should undoubtedly be a human right. It is certainly unacceptable and I hope we as Angelenos can stand against such an egregious policy and instead be leaders in ensuring all citizens are able to find affordable housing.

Communication from Public

Name: Kendall

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 08:30 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: LAMC 41.18, LAMC 56.11 and other ordinances which criminalize homelessness are the ways in which city council is trying to commit murder legally. It is an abhorrent abuse of power, and it is reprehensible that city council is trying to pass this under the pretext of "taking care of the unhoused" while flippantly saying how you will harass the unhoused further. This is explicitly an attempt to harass and leave the unhoused to die when there is NO housing for them, as is evidenced by the writing in 41.18. This is literally genocide. In case you need a refresher of what genocide is, it is defined in the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Article II) as the following: "In the present Convention, genocide means any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, as such: Killing members of the group; Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group; Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part; Imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group; Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group." This directly applies to what City Council is doing, where they are attempting to bring about the physical destruction of the unhoused, who are marginalized and minoritized groups. No amount of money or power council is receiving should outweigh the fact that their actions are GENOCIDE. Thus, I demand that City Council 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: Jesse

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 08:32 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose this. Sweeps are a bandaid that just move people around in a way that makes it impossible for them to ever get on their feet.

Communication from Public

Name: Candy Cane Lane resident

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please, please, please vote YES to amend Section 41.18 so that our elderly, our children and our disabled friends can safely use the sidewalks and avoid having to walk into traffic to pass by the urban campers. Thank you for giving this plea due consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: charlotte Lethbridge

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Your actions are discriminatory and will kill people. We will not forget. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The situation in Los Angeles has become sad and disgusting. Mentally ill people wander the street. The naked man walking down 3rd last week didn't even surprise me anyone. Everywhere you look is trash and people literally dying on the sidewalk. I've talked people out of visiting places because they're just disgusting. Something has to be done. What's the end game here?

Communication from Public

Name: Brody Brooks

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 08:40 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I'm a constituent in the North Hollywood / Studio City area. I'm writing because I'm alarmed and angry at hearing about a recent motion the City Council has presented (council file 20-1376) that would further expand the criminalization and harassment of unhoused Angelinos around the city and in my own neighborhood. This motion doesn't provide any new social services, housing assistance, decrease the level of homelessness in our district, or solutions to help such people. Encampment sweeps, trashing property, and other forms of criminalizing the unhoused only sets them back further and decreases their chances of bouncing back, exacerbating the problem. I demand that the City Council and the Mayor's office instead invest their time and legislative power into programs and services that actually help and provide healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities that would help them recover and transition to permanent housing opportunities. And I demand that the City Council oppose the motion to instruct the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11.

Communication from Public

Name: Giulia

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 08:46 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the ordinance that would "ban sitting, sleeping, or lying" within 10 feet of driveways and 500 feet of any overpass/ underpass, any freeway ramp, any freeway tunnel, any pedestrian subway." According to the city attorney, this ordinance would "reduce the temptation of any shelter resident to fall back into life on the street, and may help encourage neighborhoods to more readily accept desperately needed homeless housing and services in their communities." However this implies that our unhoused community do not want help and enjoy living in the street which is simply not true. Many unhoused people do not go to shelters for a number of reasons including shelters requiring them to give up their possessions, being separated from family or pets, not being prepared, or not trusting a system that has failed them. This ordinance criminalizes our most vulnerable citizens does not solve the larger issue of the housing crisis in Los Angeles. Temporary shelters are just that, temporary and cannot hold the large number of unhoused people in our city. We need real solutions to this homelessness crisis not more criminalization.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 08:49 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please clean up out streets and clear our encampments!! There is shit and piss everywhere.

Communication from Public

Name: Liz Nolan

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 08:50 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I live in Beachwood Canyon and the encampment underneath the 101 on Gower St in Hollywood is beyond filthy! Trash is spewing over the sidewalks onto the street, it is extremely dangerous and scary. Please cleanup ASAP!

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Plescia
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 08:50 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the motion of spending money harassing unhoused people

Communication from Public

Name: Shannel Pittman
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 08:50 PM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: First of all, I want to say that it makes absolutely no sense to continue enforcing and crafting these inhumane ordinances as if the Unhoused and disabled people who call this city home aren't your constituents! I would love to have someone explain to me how it is logical that high end restaurants are being allowed to feed wealthy customers in plastic pods on the street, but our unhoused neighbors should never been seen or helped, its such a disgusting double standard. It becomes more obvious by the day that this council absolutely loathes the poor and working class, or ordinances with provisions like that found in LAMC 41.18 would have been scrapped a long time ago. It feels like the Council has once again not taken a good look our city before trying to put such laws on the books, the driveway provision alone makes it nearly impossible for anyone to stop and rest over 50% Los Angeles at least, there is a driveway within 10 feet of any working class residential area in the City! In its haste to demonized our unhoused neighbors, yall have once again forgotten that it is not only unhoused people who rest on sidewalks and in public space! I stopped to sit down four times yesterday alone walking a half mile, just because my disabled body needed to stop. Whether disabled or unhoused, ALL of people who live and visit and spend money in within the Jurisdiction of this council deserve the ability to stop and take break without fear of arrest! The provisions of this Ordinance have nearly guaranteed any place where to be. I don't understand how this council can see that "offered' and usable/available to the public are not the same thing. Every time I speak to you, I beg you to show your empathetic humanity and EVERYTIME you take the opportunity to remind me that empathy for the suffering isn't something the lot of you actually have. You can be the saviors of thousands of lives by rejecting this and repealing all the ordinances that criminalize poverty in Los Angeles in your jurisdiction, what is stopping you? I know that guilty conscience has to be heavy by now.

Communication from Public

Name: Tania Orellana

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 08:51 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please push forward Amending 41.18 and bring back the comprehensive cleanup of sidewalks encampments. NO MORE HOMELESSNESS

Communication from Public

Name: Tom kinan

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 08:54 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please resume the comprehensive cleanup. We are almost forced to leave this city. We live in Santa Monica and our family annual income was \$480,000 in 2019. If you do not resume, we will leave this city. We will not allow our children to be surrounded by mentally ill people and feces.

Communication from Public

Name: Daniel Gaines

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 08:54 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing this in hopes of appealing to any sense of compassion and moral righteousness that still exists in city council by asking all councilmembers to oppose the proposed amendments to 41.18 and 56.11. To some councilmembers, this proposal may seem somewhat commonsense on the surface; if neighborhoods allow for housing and safe parking in their neighborhoods, shouldn't we reward them to encourage other neighborhoods to follow suit? Shouldn't we show residents the impacts of these decisions by allowing them to see decreased homelessness on their streets? The insidious problem with this proposal is that it does not show real progress, but merely creates a facade of progress for the benefits of some few housed individuals who are tired of seeing unhoused individuals on their streets. We all know what REAL progress would look like, which would be decreasing homelessness on the streets by actually providing people with safe, good quality housing. It doesn't have to be a luxury flat, but in my opinion it should be a place where any of us would at least feel safe, especially given the pandemic and uncertainty of these times in which many more Angelenos will likely be forced out of their housing; I'm a social worker who serves the unhoused, and have heard many stories from individuals who were working, contributing members of society who never thought this could happen to them. As I hope all councilmembers know, we do not have anywhere close to the number of even inadequate open floor shelter beds to house everyone. In 2018, there were about 28,000 people unhoused people in the City of LA alone, with only 8,100 shelter beds. Now the number of unhoused people has risen to over 36,300, and shelter beds have barely increased. If we want to alleviate problems in neighborhoods related to homelessness we need to provide more services, at the very least more social workers to provide essential goods and help address any crises that may arise. We already know from the SECZs that despite a few signs demarcating the enforcement zones, our unhoused neighbors regularly find themselves within these arbitrary zones, and have had their tents and other precious belongings removed as a result. This new proposal drastically expands the areas of enforcement, such that any reasonable person would find it nearly impossible to know if they were 500 ft from a freeway or safe parking site etc.

Furthermore, when we are talking about blazing heat or rainfall, any reasonable person without access to shelter would act from the most basic of instincts and set up shelter under a bridge or overpass, something else that this legislation absurdly bans as well. The result will be hundreds, if not thousands of people being forced away from the relative safety of their tents, corralled like cattle to some unknown other place, with many of their tents and other belongings destroyed. As a grandchild of holocaust survivors, and a great grandchild of holocaust casualties, the disappearing of fellow human beings on my streets strikes a familiar and ominous tone. And although these individuals (unless they are undocumented) may not be taken to camps per se, by removing and destroying their shelter we are increasing their likelihood of death and disease. Before the pandemic, the equivalent of 3 unhoused people die on the streets of LA every day from exposure and lack of access to health care. Now, removing people's shelter during a deadly pandemic in which many unhoused individuals are more at risk because of the immense physical toll that being unhoused can have on the body, we are very likely to raise that figure. There are further echoes to the holocaust in the fact that these policies will have a detrimental impact on racial and ethnic lines, disproportionately affecting Black unhoused Angelenos. And the cruelest irony of this measure is that it does nothing to add to the housing or services for unhoused people, and yet untold amounts of money, likely in the millions of dollars will instead be spent on their continuous removal. Speaking of money, there will of course be even more untold amounts of dollars that will be spent on litigation if this motion is allowed to pass. Do not act as if this measure is in any way a reward for housed people; some may see it as such, but I assure you that many others do not. We want to see solutions, not increased criminalization which will only exacerbate the problem. It can be hard to see the grime that some people in our city are forced to live in, but only by seeing this reality and confronting it, only by working with other unhoused people to come up with actual solutions, can we actually accomplish something to be proud of. More than this though, spending our dwindling city budget on more housing and services to our unhoused neighbors, thereby allowing them the opportunity to live in dignity and give back to society, is always better than displacement and harassment. Thank you, Daniel Gaines

Communication from Public

Name: Grayson Peters

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:45 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, I'm the vice president of the North Westwood Neighborhood Council and chair of the council's Transportation and Safety Committee. Speaking as an individual, I oppose this motion in the strongest possible terms. Criminalizing homelessness does not solve homelessness. This is a horrible, unbelievably unconstitutional proposal that would give homeless Angelenos literally nowhere to go without the coercive arm of government harassing and penalizing them. *Martin v. Boise*: "As a result, just as the state may not criminalize the state of being "homeless in public places," the state may not "criminalize conduct that is an unavoidable consequence of being homeless — namely sitting, lying, or sleeping on the streets."" Are you looking to get sued again? You know that there aren't nearly enough shelter beds to house every homeless person in Los Angeles and that a perfunctory offer of shelter from a police officer means little to the unhoused person he's handcuffing. For what it's worth, banning homeless people from public space when 34% of them are Black is literally just segregation. If this passes it will be a black mark on City Council.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:46 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The homeless encampments are destroying our city. Please clean them up. They are dangerous and make LA look like a giant dumpster.

Communication from Public

Name: Anat Azencot

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:46 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am for the cleanup and removal of homeless of our streets.

Communication from Public

Name: Tommy Newman

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:46 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please find the public comment attached.



October 27, 2020

Re: Motion to Draft Ordinance Amending LA Municipal Code Sections 41.18 and 56.11

Dear City of LA Councilmembers,

On behalf of the United Way of Greater Los Angeles, I urge all councilmembers to vote against the [motion](#) regarding the proposed [draft ordinance](#) to amend LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. With 73% of our population on the streets, over 41,000 in the City of LA, no neighborhood has added enough shelter and housing for Angelenos experiencing homelessness. We must focus all of our effort on increasing access to immediate and permanent housing options, instead of criminalizing unhoused Angelenos that have no viable alternative to sleeping on our city's sidewalks. A thorough and deliberate process with service providers, health agencies, and people experiencing homelessness is critical and should be conducted before any policy changes of this magnitude. We know there is a better way forward, and the United Way is ready to be a partner in developing solutions to our region's homelessness and housing crises.

This motion would make it possible for the City of Los Angeles to prohibit people experiencing homelessness from sitting, sleeping, or lying near any homeless housing, shelter, supportive services, safe parking, or storage facility, within 500 feet of a freeway overpass, underpass, ramp, tunnel, or pedestrian subway, or anywhere in the city if they have been "offered shelter" and constitutes the largest increase in the criminalization of homelessness in decades.

This measure is wrong, ineffective, inconsistent, and cruel. Experiencing homelessness is a crisis, not a crime.

All people have an equal right to access public spaces and no one should be arbitrarily banned from large sections of the city. The best available research shows punitive approaches are expensive, ineffective, and counter-productive. They move people experiencing homelessness around without creating or taking advantage of permanent solutions. Approaches like this are tied to racist systems of oppression that undervalue the civil rights of those experiencing homelessness, who are disproportionately Black and deserve the same access to public services as housed residents. Proposals like this motion, which seeks to move homelessness out of sight, without solving it, erode collective trust and frustrate the effectiveness of those working fervently on complex permanent solutions.

Outreach workers and homeless services providers are currently trying to move thousands of older and very vulnerable people into permanent housing in response to the deadly threat of COVID-19. This includes people in Project RoomKey and unsheltered residents living on our streets. This proposal is in conflict with that effort, is dependent on misusing limited housing and financial resources, and is jeopardizing the health and safety of the people who need more than ever to be inside.

The proposed ordinance is inconsistent with the guidance of the Departments of Public Health and Health Services for everyone to shelter in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19. When COVID-19 began spreading through the homeless community, over 50% of infections occurred in congregate shelters where overcrowding and lack of adequate hygiene infrastructure contributed to an unsafe environment for residents and staff. Sheltering in place has prevented wide scale spread of COVID-19 amongst the unsheltered homeless population. As congregate sites continue to work with reduced bed capacity to prevent the spread of COVID-19 inside interim housing, the ability to shelter in place is increasingly critical to the health and safety of unhoused Angelenos. With the coldest and rainiest days approaching - and winter shelters already full because they never closed - it is especially cruel to make it illegal for someone without a home to follow public health guidance and take shelter from the rain underneath a freeway.

We know that pushing people from one public space to another doesn't make it any more likely that the person will secure permanent housing. We should be fighting poverty, not poor people. 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tommy Newman", written on a light gray dotted background.

Tommy Newman
Senior Director, Impact Initiatives

Communication from Public

Name: Jeff Traill

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:47 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE HELP US CITIZENS!!! This city is a filthy and dangerous mess.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:48 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. 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, Ivan Pardo

Communication from Public

Name: Benjamin Kersten

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:48 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This ordinance is irresponsible, cruel, and a mockery of safety and care. People who are experiencing homelessness need points of connection and options, not to be criminalized and have their chosen places of shelter ripped away from them. By leaving people experiencing homelessness at the mercy of law enforcement, who serve to protect private property, you would only further exclude people from society and services. If the goal is to help people get housed, this is not the way. If this passes, I hope you never ever have a restless night sleep knowing that you've hung vulnerable members of our society out to dry. Think creatively and have courage or listen to people who know what's going on in our city.

Communication from Public

Name: Dana Sayles

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:49 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This ordinance is NOT what the homeless in our city need. They need resources and a dry place to sleep on rainy nights, not to be criminalized for existing.

Communication from Public

Name: Elyse Schwartz

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:52 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: As a homeless outreach worker, I am writing to express STRONG OPPOSITION to this motion. I believe this motion will only make it harder for people experiencing homelessness to obtain housing -- More interactions with police and more tickets only perpetuate homelessness and poverty. We should be focusing our resources on creating more housing and more suitable shelter. Also -- Rain is presumably coming - Will people experiencing homelessness be ticketed for seeking refuge from the rain under freeway overpasses?

Communication from Public

Name: Steven rouff

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:55 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am an Encino resident I oppose this resolution. Which will both criminalize the homeless and disperse homeless people into neighborhoods and cause local issues and make it difficult for outreach I would also like to be on record as supporting Project Room Key Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Thomas

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:57 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Sarah and I am Mitch O'Farrell's constituent. I am absolutely horrified by this draft ordinance and the continual focus this council places on criminalizing people experiencing homelessness. In the middle of the biggest public health crisis of multiple generations, the council is excited to quickly and easily approve blocking public right of way for people to eat at restaurants while saying it should be illegal for anyone to experience homelessness by using the hypocritical excuse that they block those same public right of ways. You are also fully aware that you will get sued for this action and rather than using our public dollars on solutions that actually work and save lives, you use them on criminalization and promised lawsuits. You say that you cannot cancel rent and mortgages because you might get sued, while trying to go against Boise and knowing you will get sued. The hypocrisy literally makes me nauseous. Stop making it impossible for outreach workers and service providers to do their jobs of saving lives while you waste time and money to harm those that need your assistance the most.

Communication from Public

Name: Kelsey Smith

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 07:59 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This is inhumane. Our unhoused neighbors are also Angelenos, just as much as everyone else is. If the morality of this does not already make you against it, then consider the fiscal impacts. This is economically irresponsible. This would be against the California constitution and would result in LA being sued and then having to pay tax dollars. Do not let this pass.

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Goetzman

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 08:00 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please invest in services, not sweeps. Please stop criminalizing the unhoused. Please invest in housing, aid, and resources that address the needs of this community. This is an outrageous effort to undermine the rights of these community members.

Communication from Public

Name: Jan E Goldsmith

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 08:00 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This proposal is heartless and counterproductive. The Homeless are not criminals! We should be helping them, not hurting them! We should be concentrating on services and building housing.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 08:01 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. This motion does not provide any new housing resources, wrap-around services for those experiencing homelessness, nor does it offer 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: Andrew Haworth

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 08:03 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: It is cruel to criminalize homelessness. We should be reallocating resources to help the homeless, not make it harder for them to stay alive.

Communication from Public

Name: S

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 08:05 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The changes to 41.18 proposed are unconscionably cruel. At a time of overwhelming hardship, as people face eviction and homelessness that the city could chose to stop before it starts, to consider an unconstitutional proposal like this is abhorrent. Criminalizing people's unhoused existence is NOT the solution we need, it's no solution at all. If "services" are offered at the end of a stick held by weaponized cops, no wonder my neighbors might not take them. If "services" are being offered by the same city that sweeps unhoused people and destroys their belongings, wouldn't you be distrustful of your intentions? I get that you don't want to see your personal failures camped out on the highway underpass and you commute back to your homes, that is not reason enough to pass a law like this. You ought to be ashamed of yourselves. Find solutions to the crisis, dont criminalize people's existence in it

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren Akins

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 08:06 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. My name is Lauren and I'm a resident of CD13, addressing Item 42. This cruel motion and draft ordinance are the wrong approach to solving homelessness. I live near Virgil and Melrose and count as neighbors the people living on sidewalks, under the 101 Freeway, and in their vehicles in my area. I am proud to also count PATH as a neighbor and know that despite all their efforts to build new supportive housing, there are far more people in need of shelter than available beds - so I know there are also people living near their building (which is also near the freeway) to stay connected to the services and kindness they offer. My houseless neighbors need assistance and respect, not to be criminalized and forcibly removed. I have lived in this neighborhood for almost 10 years and have a young child, and have never had an issue or concern for my safety. Removing people and forcing them to move to some other public space doesn't address homelessness, public health or hygiene issues, or solve any actual problems. All people have an equal right to access public spaces and no one should be arbitrarily banned from large sections of the city. It's needlessly cruel as well as entirely ineffectual to criminalize a huge swath of human beings for our collective failures as a society. 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, and for allowing those who can't find housing to live in peace where they can.

Communication from Public

Name: Liubov

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 08:06 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Could you please clean up the streets. I'm scared of walking anywhere. Some homeless people act very aggressively. Sidewalks are blocked. Streets stink with urine. There's needles everywhere and people defecating and masturbating in daylight in the middle of the road. The situation is rapidly getting worse and the city's becoming unlivable. Please take urgent actions.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 08:07 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to be able to walk around my neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods without being in fear of being attacked or simply having to walk on the street because of homeless encampments blocking the sidewalk.

Communication from Public

Name: Erin

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I'm appalled that City Council is using its power and responsibility to criminalize poverty. This ordinance is extremely misguided, inhumane, and is a visibly pathetic attempt to create a momentary appearance that city council is making progress on homelessness. However, we know from past mistakes that prove that imprisonment and punishment of homeless people MAKES THINGS WORSE. This proposal betrays just how little council members know about their homeless residents and the extreme lack of services available. I've been doing homeless outreach in my free time every weekend for the past six months. I don't LIKE having to do homeless outreach during my time off work (especially when I see how misused my taxpayer dollars are) but I see the extreme need and lack of real assistance offered by the city to my neighbors. Of my neighborhood, only two women got into Project Roomkey. Six other eligible neighbors have been on the waitlist for five months, and for four months I've been calling their case workers repeatedly, and nothing has happened. These people, one of whom is 8 months pregnant, are still on the streets. Mt unhoused neighbors see a LAHSA or contracted case worker maybe once every few months, and they often change hands. We can all see that LAHSA is embarrassingly underfunded. When you've never given a chance to see the positive effect well-funded services would provide, how can you justify jumping to such a violent, short-sighted solution instead? It's a known fact that homelessness at its core is a housing problem. During a pandemic, with your residents dealing with the effects not only of record unemployment, but also the results of gentrification from corrupt developer deals by councilmembers like Jose Huizar, you are proposing to criminalize them for not being able to afford housing. Shame on you. We hope to elect the best of us as our elected officials, and despite all the social progress of this year, you continually bring this city down, this time with the most punitive homeless laws in decades. This ordinance does NOT reflect the wishes of the majority of residents in LA, as proven by the overwhelming support for homeless SERVICES in Measure HHH (which you've butchered), and please understand that if you endorse this, there will be blood on your hands and this will characterize your legacy.

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle Bergren

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please, please cleanup our streets. We cannot walk safely on our streets and our children are witnessing illegal activity including open drug use. Crime has gone up and tax paying citizens have had enough and are moving out or making plans to move out. We need to help the people rather than allow them to rot in our streets and ruin our city under the guise of “allowing them freedom.” We have had enough!

Communication from Public

Name: Shawnee Smith

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 08:11 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to voice my support for 1.) Amending 41.18 to provide for enforcement around freeways, around interim shelter facilities, to ensure disabled access under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and for anyone who has been offered shelter and declines. 2.) Bringing back the comprehensive cleanup of sidewalk encampments. 3) Restoring the running/walking path around the Penmar Golf Course Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: James Osborne

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 06:33 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote NO on 41.18. This ordinance would criminalize poverty throughout the city. With some many being devastated by covid's effect on the economy this ordinance is irresponsible and will cause much harm to the citizens of Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Cody Mackenzie

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 06:39 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dearest Shiteaters, Eat shit! xo Cody

Communication from Public

Name: Micah Gordon

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 06:03 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Homeless people need our help. They need services. Assistance. Not violence. Not criminalization. In a time when COVID is STILL on the rise, when brick-and-mortar buildings aren't even safe to use, when rent hasn't been cancelled and income hasn't been guaranteed, when homelessness is on the rise and simply being around people could kill you, I'm deeply ashamed that my City Council is considering further criminalizing homelessness. Use this time and energy to find the unhoused some houses. I demand that you oppose the motion to instruct the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11.

Communication from Public

Name: Leann

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The encampments have gotten out of hand. I live directly across the street from the lake, the encampments have grown and with that crime has increased. I witnessed a woman shooting up into her stomach at the lake. It's not safe.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Klenha

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of the greater LA area, I am asking the city council to end the criminalization of our unhoused neighbors. This motion does nothing to address the very serious and immediate needs of the unhoused community and instead will make their situation even more difficult. The city's attempt to hide unhoused Los Angeles residents from public view by criminalizing their very existence is inhumane, ineffective, a threat to public safety during a global pandemic and waste of taxpayer money. Instead, the city should invest their time and resources into housing and services to ensure the safety and well-being of unhoused communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Alyssa Santos

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 06:11 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. This is Alyssa Santos. I'm writing to oppose team 42. 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 these actual, proven solutions, City Council members are attempting to expand harmful criminalization policies which have only proven to fail and exacerbate homelessness. I stand in solidarity with the Services not Sweeps coalition to reject this motion and demand that all processes involved in propelling this motion forward be halted immediately, as this motion poses a direct threat to the health and safety of our unhoused neighbors and their surrounding communities. We demand that City Council and the Mayor's office instead invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing a healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, and take concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer. We demand that the city take the following actions immediately: Focus efforts on providing hotel rooms, motel rooms, and permanent housing to ALL unhoused Angelenos (not just those in specific areas that are visible to the general public) End Special Enforcement and Cleaning Zones (SECZ) permanently Respect CDC guidelines and work with health department officials to ensure that basic sanitation needs are met without the threat of displacement Halt all CARE+ "comprehensive cleanup" operations Remove law enforcement from outreach Repeal LAMC 41.18, LAMC 56.11, and all ordinances used to criminalize unhoused residents.

Communication from Public

Name: Maia Armaleo

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 06:17 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Repeal all laws that criminalize homelessness, including 41.18, and end “Care+” sweeps. Instead, focus your efforts on providing hotel rooms and permanent housing to all Angelenos experiencing homelessness. You can work with the Health Department to meet residents’ needs without resorting to displacement and criminalization.

Communication from Public

Name: sarah reimers

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 06:17 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I support this motion and ask you to pass it for the sake of safe and accessible sidewalks for all of our citizens and neighborhoods. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Elyse Wegner

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 06:17 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. This is Elyse Wegner and I am a constituent of council district Council City District No. 10 addressing Item 42. This CRUEL motion and draft ordinance are the wrong approach to solving homelessness. Do we agree that all people have the right an equal right to access public spaces? Is this not written into law? 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: Ava Tramer

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not approve this motion. 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 these actual, proven solutions, City Council members are attempting to expand harmful criminalization policies which have only proven to fail and exacerbate homelessness. It is especially cruel to present this motion during an ongoing pandemic, when mass evictions are expected as the cold Winter season approaches. Where will people shelter from the rain and cold when there aren't enough housing resources available and the city bans people from resting beneath underpasses? With the death toll for unhoused Angelenos already over 1,000 in 2020, this motion would contribute to another record increase in deaths and an increase in harmful police encounters with the unhoused community. In both cases, unhoused Black Angelenos are disproportionately impacted. Please, do not approve this motion. Our unhoused neighbors deserve respect and compassion.

Communication from Public

Name: Frank D

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote yes on this! Vast majority of hardworking, tax paying residents are tired of watching our public space be destroyed by mostly drug addicted vagrants. We need to stop the take over of our streets. Enough is enough. Why do they have more rights than taxpayers... to litter, do drugs openly? Please vote yes!

Communication from Public

Name: Paul Rubenstein
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 06:21 PM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. This is Paul Rubenstein, a resident of Mar Vista, 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

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Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please pass the bill to stop the transients living under freeways.
Disgusting.

Communication from Public

Name: Alix

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 06:22 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The proposed draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 are unconscionable and, simply put, evil. We are in the middle of an unprecedented pandemic with record deaths and City Council wants to either force our unhoused neighbors into shelters, of which there are not nearly enough for the entirety of the unhoused community in Los Angeles, potentially creating a hotspot for infection among an already vulnerable population, or if shelter is refused, to then be jailed, again another potentially life-threatening environment. Additionally, the items in this amendment regarding restrictions near certain facilities and freeways/overpasses severely limits the physical spaces in which unhoused people can reside. So not only are there not even a tiny fraction of the number of beds available to house the massive unhoused community here but now their only other shelter would no longer be available, giving so many people and our community members nowhere to go. Not to mention the record amounts of people that are going to be potentially forced into houselessness due to the City's incredible lack of response to unemployment during the pandemic. Therefore, not only will these amendments cause incredible and irreversible harm and even death, but they also do absolutely nothing to aid in the homelessness crisis. They provide no services and no other pathways to housing. They serve only to criminalize, terrorize, and ultimately, disappear the unhoused community. For these reasons, I strongly object to this motion and hope City Council will do the same.

Communication from Public

Name: Chris Gibson

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 06:22 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The drafted amendments to Codes 41.18 and 56.11 do nothing to decrease the unhoused population in Los Angeles and will only serve to criminalize vulnerable people and create additional obstacles to their survival. We know that what works are things like new housing resources and wrap-around solutions, and these proposed amendments provide neither. Criminalizing vulnerable people trying to survive is as ineffective as it is reprehensible and a focus on sweeping people off the streets rather than offering support to help them lift themselves up is a significant part of how we got to the current situation. The city's inability to put HHH funds to their intended use has not gone unnoticed, and the proposed amendments are a transparent effort to hide their failure to help our unhoused neighbors.

Communication from Public

Name: Laura Dominguez

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I *strongly* oppose City Council's efforts to criminalize public space during a devastating pandemic and in the wake of widespread calls from your constituents to reimagine public safety. The City's tepid response to the ever-worsening homelessness crisis has been shameful, period. It is unacceptable for you now to lead with more policing when more and more of our neighbors are ending up on the streets. Angelenos made our demand for structural change quite clear over the summer, yet you've proposed a heinous expansion of laws and policies that criminalize people for trying to survive on the streets (without any other options). Please go back to the drawing board. I urge you to repeal all laws that criminalize homelessness and poverty, including 41.18. Refocus efforts on providing hotel rooms and permanent housing to all unhoused Angelenos. And work with health department officials to meet residents' needs without threatening displacement. It's time for you to stand up for the most vulnerable among us.

Communication from Public

Name: Alisa Randell

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 06:28 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This is Alisa Randell with Public Counsel's Homelessness Prevention Law Project, 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: Thom W.

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 06:30 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This ridiculous law is going to slap all of you in the face. You can't criminalize poverty without some unintended consequences. Like losing your council seat. Or whatever happens when you continue to pass laws that just make people MORE desperate. And more dangerous. What you are doing with this law is creating new crime. That's it. It's that simple. You're creating crime, crime you won't be able to solve. But you don't care. You think your plush little seat in the lap of luxury will last forever. You think you've made the right allies. Right? What about when you're not a councilmember anymore? What about when you've pushed people too far and your title doesn't mean so much anymore? What about when things get REALLY bad? I know you greedy pigs can only see what's in front of you, so I'll make it very clear: either Reject 4118 or force people into even further desperation and expedite your own destruction. The choice is clear. You cowards.

Communication from Public

Name: Barbara Hooyman Baker

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 06:30 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: something has to be done about the homeless. The streets are unsafe to walk - fires are being started-children are not safe. Property values are plummeting. Vandalism is rampant. Vote for this proposal. Get our streets back - otherwise there won't be any city left!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 06:30 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote to amend 41.18 to provide for enforcement around freeways, around interim shelter facilities, to ensure disabled access under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and for anyone who has been offered shelter and declines. We know there is a homeless crisis in Los Angeles. We all want to see the unhoused safely moved into shelters and offered treatment options and on the path to a healthy and safe life. Allowing people to live on the street and disobey all laws and common neighborhood decency is not ok. Please vote to provide for enforcement around freeways, around interim shelter facilities, to ensure disabled access under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and for anyone who has been offered shelter and declines. As a neighbor in Venice near the Rose / Penmar encampment - we have had our neighborhood hijacked for months. The neighborhood path that many families used for exercise and enjoyment was taken over. Loud noise, fighting, stolen items, tents, tarps and debris covering the path for months. Our children were not comfortable being outside alone. Thank you to Councilmember Buscaino and the City Council - we hope you support this important action. We appreciate your leadership on this challenging issue.

Communication from Public

Name: Kerry T

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:47 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: To Whom It May Concern: I am writing to OPPOSE the passage of Council file: 20-1376. The ordinance's supposed aim is to reduce homelessness, but it is my firm belief that mass criminalization will NOT achieve that. There are not enough transitional shelter beds for the number of unhoused Angelenos. Where, then, is an unhoused Angeleno supposed to go if they arrive at a shelter only to find that it is full AND that they will be criminalized for encamping nearby? All this ordinance achieves is punishing Angelenos for being unhoused in the first place rather than offering them what they really need: hotel rooms and permanent homes. What happened to all the promises to house Angelenos in vacant hotel rooms, which is even more necessary than ever during this pandemic? I am asking LA City Council, with all due respect, NOT to pass this ordinance, and to instead divert that money into providing my unhoused neighbors with shelter. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: David Motz

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 08:24 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Respectfully, the proposed amendment is wrong-headed. It will criminalize activities that the homeless are forced into by circumstances. Police enforcement will just be harassment. So we will have negative interactions between the homeless and the police. Is that what we want? It offers no solutions. Is the intent to drive the homeless out from the underpasses and into the community? Once again, only more conflict will result. I request that you do not pass this motion. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Craven

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose this motion strenuously. It 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: Faizah Malik

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Attached please find Public Counsel's letter of opposition to the Proposed Ordinance amending sections 41.18 and 56.11 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (CF# 20-1376).



October 28, 2020

The Honorable Nury Martinez
President, Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: CF # 20-1376: LA Alliance v City and County of Los Angeles / Martin v City of Boise / Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals / Los Angeles Municipal Code / Amendment

Dear Council President Martinez and Members of the Los Angeles City Council:

Public Counsel submits this comment in opposition to the proposed amendments to Los Angeles Municipal Code Sections 41.18 and 56.11 (the "Proposed Ordinance"). Public Counsel is the nation's largest *pro bono* public interest law firm. Our Community Development Project builds strong foundations for healthy, vibrant, economically stable communities by providing free legal services to community-based organizations, affordable housing developers and low-income entrepreneurs. We urge the City Council to vote against adopting the Proposed Ordinance.

We write to specifically object to Section 41.18(b) in the Proposed Ordinance relating to prohibitions around shelters and homeless facilities. Section 41.18(b) states:

"Upon resolution adopted by the City Council and posting of signage, at no time shall any person sit, lie, sleep or store, use, maintain, or place personal property in or upon any street, sidewalk, public right-of-way, or public property within the radius specified in the resolution (up to a maximum of 500 feet) of a designated facility, opened after January 1, 2018, that provides housing shelter, supportive services, safe parking, or storage to homeless persons where the City Council determines that the public health, safety, or welfare is served by the prohibition, including without limitation by finding that public lodging and storage of personal property adjacent to the designated facility is incompatible with the best interests of the facility, its occupants or users, or neighboring uses."

1. The Proposed Ordinance will only make it harder to solve our homelessness crisis.

Our unhoused neighbors are sleeping on city streets and sidewalks because the city does not have adequate affordable housing or shelter beds. The City cannot end its homelessness crisis by criminalizing or removing unhoused people from public spaces. Our homelessness crisis can only be solved by prioritizing the solutions that we know work, which include expeditiously siting and building affordable housing, permanent supportive housing (PSH), and shelters in every Council District.

The criminalization of the status of homelessness, especially when there are not enough resources to support individuals in obtaining shelter, will only make it more difficult for the City to tackle the long term crisis of homelessness. It has clearly been established that "[c]riminalization

strategies not only cost cities millions in wasted resources, they also fail to address the root causes of homelessness.”¹ Criminalization has a series of collateral consequences, beyond wasting valuable public dollars on incarceration and the public defender system. Criminal convictions can result in lost employment, suspended driver’s licenses, the loss of benefits, and can ultimately make it harder for people to find housing due to inability to access housing programs or find employment that will allow them to pay for housing.² Ultimately, “[w]hile such laws allow law enforcement to temporarily address complaints about homelessness, they fail to address systemic homelessness because they do nothing to address its underlying causes.”³ Thus criminalizing homelessness is not only fundamentally unjust, it is terribly ineffective public policy.

2. The Proposed Ordinance will promote the spread of a deadly disease in the midst of a pandemic for no apparent reason.

The City Council could not have picked a worse time in modern history to propose a policy requiring thousands of people to leave their shelter. LA County has had over 300,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the past half year, and more than 7,000 deaths.⁴ Public health officials across the country have warned that we are about to enter the deadliest period of the pandemic as winter approaches and the virus runs rampant through our communities.⁵ And in the midst of this daunting health crisis, the City is threatening to make the problem significantly worse by re-criminalizing unhoused populations and violating all health protocols for sheltering in place. Further, the City’s Proposed Ordinance will essentially ban unhoused individuals from significant parts of the city, requiring the more than 40,000 individuals⁶ who do not have permanent shelter to crowd into increasingly smaller areas of the city or into county jails. In either scenario, this unnecessary movement and overcrowding will significantly increase the potential spread of COVID-19 and put thousands of Angelenos’ lives in danger.

3. The Proposed Ordinance is not necessary for the City to successfully site and approve shelter and supportive housing.

Section 41.18 allows City Council to prohibit unhoused people from sitting, lying, sleeping or storing personal property within 500 feet of a shelter or homeless facility where it determines, in its own discretion, that such activity is “incompatible with the best interests of the facility, its occupants or users, or neighboring uses.” Proponents of the Proposed Ordinance state that this is necessary to convince more neighborhoods to accept shelters. But in order to build shelters, the City must not, and is under no legal

¹ https://nlchp.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/No_Safe_Place.pdf at 32.

² <https://nlchp.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/HOUSING-NOT-HANDCUFFS-2019-FINAL.pdf> at 64.

³ Id. at 63.

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<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/phcommon/public/media/mediapubdetail.cfm?unit=media&ou=ph&prog=media&cur=cur&prid=2776&row=25&start=1>.

⁵ <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2020/10/16/924240204/how-bad-will-coronavirus-be-this-winter-model-projects-170-000-more-u-s-deaths>

⁶ Based on the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) 2020 Point in Time Count. See <https://www.lahsa.org/news?article=726-2020-greater-los-angeles-homeless-count-results>. Based on the economic fallout caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the city’s failure to house more than a nominal percentage of the unhoused population in the past several months, this number has likely increased.

requirement to, yield to the demands of housed neighbors or commercial businesses. Indeed, the language in the ordinance contains no objective criteria on when a shelter or homeless facility would be deemed “incompatible.” Rather, this section is ripe for abuse and discriminatory application, including fear, prejudice and bias against unhoused residents who are disproportionately BIPOC.

Proponents of the Proposed Ordinance are presenting a false choice. There is no legal requirement that the City provide assurances to neighbors in order to site shelters and homeless facilities across the city. Nor would it make legal or policy sense to bargain with discriminatory opposition or to trade criminalization for housing. What is essential for the siting of shelters is political courage.

4. The Proposed Ordinance is inconsistent with anti-discrimination provisions of state law regarding the siting of emergency shelters.

We remind the City Council that there are many state laws that protect the siting of affordable housing, PSH and shelters from discrimination. Senate Bill (SB) 2, effective January 2008, amended State Housing Element law and the Housing Accountability Act (HAA) to require local governments to take specific zoning actions to encourage the development of emergency shelters.⁷ SB 2 requires that, except for a short list of enumerated objective standards, emergency shelters may only be subject to those development and management standards that apply to residential or commercial development within the same zone.⁸ It also clarifies that under the HAA, a jurisdiction cannot deny applications for emergency shelter without making specific evidence-based findings.⁹

Standards applied to shelters that regulate the user, rather than the use, are not permitted under SB 2. Shelter standards must not render emergency shelters infeasible, and may only “address the use as an emergency shelter, not the perceived characteristics of potential occupants.”¹⁰ Conjecture that people experiencing homelessness must be isolated from schools, parks, homes, or medical facilities is the type of subjective perception that SB 2 was designed to help jurisdictions avoid. The clear intent of these laws is to enable shelters to be sited quickly and to prohibit discrimination against the neediest Angelenos in the siting and approval of shelter facilities. Any decisions made about a proposed shelter that are not supported by objective findings – such as a decision based on the shelter’s proximity to schools and parks or the subjective concerns raised by nearby housed residents and businesses – would be inconsistent with state law. Likewise, any delays in siting shelters based on subjective concerns would be inconsistent with state law.

State fair housing laws also protect against discrimination in the siting of shelters. California Government Code section 65008 specifically prohibits discrimination by local governments against affordable housing and shelters.¹¹ Section 65008 explicitly prohibits a local government from “impos[ing] different requirements on a residential development or emergency shelter that is subsidized, financed, insured, or otherwise assisted by the federal or state government or by a local public entity...

⁷ Sen. Bill No. 2, approved by Governor, Oct. 13, 2007 (2007-2008 Reg. Sess.).

⁸ Cal. Gov. Code § 65583(a)(4).

⁹ Cal. Gov. Code § 65589.5, subd. (d).

¹⁰ Cal. Dept. of Housing & Community Development, mem. to Planning Directors and Interested Parties re Sen. Bill No. 2 (2007-2008 Reg. Sess.), May 7, 2008, updated Apr. 10, 2013, at 10.


¹¹ See Cal. Gov. Code §§ 65008(b)(1)(C), §(d).

than those imposed on nonassisted developments.”¹² The law also prohibits a local government from imposing different requirements on residential developments and shelters based on age, sex, race, or disability of the intended occupants.¹³

Finally, under section 12.80 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, “during any period... declared [as] a shelter crisis,” homeless shelters may be established and operated on City-owned land “in *any zone as a matter of right* without regard to the number of beds or number of persons served.”¹⁴ LAMC Section 12.80 states that facilities must simply comply with minimum building regulations set forth in Section 91.8605. As we are still in a shelter crisis, there is no requirement for the City to obtain the approval of neighbors to site shelters and homeless facilities – the City may do this as of right on City-owned land.

Our city’s homelessness crisis will be solved by delivering services and by investing in shelters and affordable and supportive housing, not increasing criminalization. The Council is proposing to adopt an incredibly blunt and harmful policy in the midst of a deadly pandemic and framing it as something that is required in order to site shelters. To be clear, there is no such requirement. Any choice that the Council makes in this regard would be a political decision, not one required by law. We urge the Council to reject this misguided and harmful Proposed Ordinance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Faizah Malik". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Faizah Malik
Senior Staff Attorney
Community Development Project

¹² Cal. Gov. Code § 65008(d)(1).

¹³ Cal. Gov. Code § 65008(d)(2).

¹⁴ Los Angeles Municipal Code § 12.80.

Communication from Public

Name: Zack Manhan

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:12 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to request the clean up of homeless encampments. They are not safe and us tax payers should not have to put up with it.

Communication from Public

Name: Samantha Monarch

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:13 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: As a lifelong Angeleno, I am disgusted with the proposed motion 41.18 to further criminalize the most vulnerable Angelenos. Our houseless population has to scrape by to survive, while the city continuously fails to provide adequate services. This motion is utterly inhumane, and forces those living on the streets into an impossible conundrum— there are clearly not enough beds in shelters, yet living on the streets will bring about criminal ramifications. Instead of investing in services that have been proven to be effective in getting people off the streets, and keeping them off the streets, such as mental health resources and actual long-term stable housing, the city council has continuously opted to instead criminalize poverty, throwing away people's belongings and forcing people experiencing homelessness into sometimes deadly contact with law enforcement. Public space is for everyone in Los Angeles, and in the absence of housing, our houseless neighbors will have nowhere to go if this cruel motion goes into effect. If City Council passes this, they are making a clear and concrete statement— that houseless people trapped in a cycle of poverty only deserve to be housed, if that housing comes in the form of a prison.

Communication from Public

Name: Kari

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:17 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. I support this motion because it addresses The Americans with Disabilities Act, which has been for too long dismissed by the city of Los Angeles. Disallowing sidewalk access to the disabled due to tents and encampments blocking entire sidewalks and not allowing for the 3' sidewalk clearance is wrong and a civil rights violation against the disabled and wheelchair bound. The disabled are forced onto the streets and their lives are being endangered with cars whizzing by them at 40+ mph. There must be a three-foot (3') clearance of all sidewalks in the city of Los Angeles to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act. The disabled through the ADA are guaranteed equal access to and equal opportunity in public Accommodations and prohibits discrimination in all areas of public life. It gives the disabled civil rights protections similar to those provided to individuals on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, and religion. 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 surrounding the shelter. 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. From late February when the Bridge Shelter Venice opened to August of this year, there were 144 police calls. The residents living around bridge shelter are suffering without the police protections they were promised. Promises made, promises broken. To rebuild the faith, the Police, Mayor, Council and the Councilman for CD11 must keep the promises made to Venice residents surrounding this bridge shelter. If the promises are not kept, then no community will want a Bridge Shelter in their neighborhood because they cannot trust the City will keep their promises made of safety zones, and clear of encampments. 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,
Kari _____ Venice Resident/LAUSD Elementary School Teacher

Communication from Public

Name: Jeanne

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed amendments to LAMC 41.18 and 56.11. The proposed amendments only further criminalize unhoused people while failing to provide any meaningful solution to homelessness. In normal times, this is a cruel act targeting the city's most vulnerable residents. To move forward with this amendment in the middle of a global pandemic that is likely to push more people into poverty and homelessness is abhorrent. To push for an amendment that will disproportionately affect BIPOC while claiming solidarity with Black Lives Matter is laughably hypocritical. And to rush this amendment through with minimal time for public comment or review while the City's residents are focused on one of the most divisive national elections in a generation reeks of the worst type of political maneuvering. The proposed amendments should be rejected across the board. Banning sitting, sleeping, or lying outside when a person has been offered shelter is especially troubling. There are not enough shelter beds. There are also many people who do not feel safe in shared or congregate living facilities, such as shelters, due to their mental health conditions, including PTSD. These people have learned that it is better to stay in a tent where they may self-isolate and manage their mental health while receiving services and working to obtain permanent housing than to stay in a shelter. This amendment will force them to have to choose between constant threats from law enforcement (a potential PTSD trigger) and agreeing to stay in shelters that significantly damage their mental health. More fundamentally, no person should be criminalized for existing. Instead of punishing people in an attempt to drive them out of their neighborhoods, I demand that the city take the following actions immediately: (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; and (6) Repeal LAMC 41.18, LAMC 56.11, and all ordinances used to

criminalize unhoused residents.

Communication from Public

Name: Frances McAdam

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:28 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Do not further criminalize homelessness. Do not perform encampment sweeps. Sweeps are cruel, ineffective, and expensive. LA needs neighborhood- level outreach and services. Oppose the revision to Municipal Code 41.18.

Communication from Public

Name: Flynn Namala

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The waiting list to receive public housing through Los Angeles government is 10 YEARS!!! Where do you want our unhoused community to go??? The #1 cause of houselessness is medical bills!!! These people are people just like me, who had one accident and are now unable to afford rent. We need to be doing more for them. We have so many open buildings, houses and hotels. AT THE VERY LEAST, let them sleep outside jesus christ.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:33 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the Council to approve this motion. When it has done so, I urge it, in conjunction with the City Attorney, to advocate for the following: 1) the rescission of Lanterman-Petris-Short 2) the overturning of Riese vs St Mary's Hospital 3) the repeal of Prop 47 Only then, will a compassionate and effective solution to the homeless disaster (and it IS a disaster in every sense) be possible.
Mar Vista Resident

Communication from Public

Name: Derek Hines

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Our homeless neighbors in LA need our help and support. The last thing any of us who are not *rich* residents who live in the hills want is to further drive our homeless brother and sisters out of town with classist policy like this. My district rep is Kerkorian, who has legitimately refused to *answer phone calls, *respond to emails, or comments voicing opposition on the matter since the day it was announced. He is not representing his constituents in these matters and the residents of Studio City refuses to prosecute being homeless any further. It is not, and *will not, ever be legal for police or the city to illegally seize and/ or destroy private property and homes of our homeless folks, which includes tents, carts, and other personal possessions they use as means to SURVIVE. I have watched neighbors without homes living peacefully under the la River Bridge in my backyard get abused by the noho lapd, with property already being seized and destroyed on a regular basis. These actions ought to be illegal and, frankly, the lapd should be further prosecuted against in direct response to these matters. Shelters in our area are more than renowned for abhorrent neglect and overt abuse of their residents which the city has *still* years later refused to properly acknowledge - not to mention the fact that most shelters in our area require residents to store or give up many of their personal possessions which is the exact same sort of fuck you or fuck off mentality LA and the lapd have traditionally given to our homeless neighbors. The time for that is fucking done. All of that isn't even to mention the absolute lack of trust the LA public currently has for the lapd and lasd right now, the regular over involvement of police in mental health crisis which happen most often and are most improperly addressed at many of our shelters, and the overt bias inherent in our police force against humans of a certain race, ethnic background, gender identification, sexual identification, and mental health concern. Were going to continue to email, call, and comment at Kerkorian until he LISTENS to his constituents who aren't rich white ladies or the noho lapd, were all going to be in that call to add further public comment tomorrow morning (and you're not about to shut us up like you did in response to Alex Villanueva this morning (still waiting on three promised responses to specific questions I called your office earlier to ask about that)), and were going to be at city hall

tomorrow for that vote, and to face Kerkorian for the first time since he's come out in support of this bill. And if any of you still support this vote, or on this mornings note, meet with Alex Villanueva privately before the delayed vote like he suggests you will be, then fuck you!

Communication from Public

Name: Va Lecia Adams Kellum, PhD

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:38 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am Dr. Va Lecia Adams Kellum, the President & CEO of St. Joseph Center, addressing Item 42. The misguided motion and draft ordinance before you do nothing to solve homelessness, but rather punish people who find themselves living on the street. I urge the council to reject this motion in any form and instead focus the clarity of purpose you have exhibited in considering it so expeditiously on increasing access to immediate housing in every area of the City, so that our unhoused neighbors can come safely indoors. Pushing people from one place to another does nothing to end homelessness or solve the real challenges our City faces around access to housing and the systemic marginalization of at-risk communities. Further, outreach workers from St. Joseph Center and our fellow homeless service providers work tirelessly to move those most vulnerable to COVID-19 into permanent housing. The proposal under consideration today undermines those efforts and jeopardizes the health and safety of those most in need by legally mandating prioritization of limited housing and financial resources without regard for medical vulnerability. This motion would constitute the largest increase in the criminalization of homelessness in decades by effectively making homelessness illegal in Los Angeles. You must reject this disheartening effort to substitute unrestrained enforcement in place of real and lasting solutions. Please do let not allow anger and despair to extinguish hope.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael M

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:45 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I LOVE LA... but our streets have been taken over by tents and tents and tents and trash and trash and more tents and trash. If the City Council and the Mayor don't start taking some major steps to manage the homeless issue YOU will be responsible for ruining our beautiful city our beautiful home. THIS IS ONE STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, BUT MORE MUST BE DONE. There must be order, people don't get to just live wherever they want, and the homeless population of LA has been given too much right to assume for their private use-- all our public spaces, and we are not going to accept that for our neighborhoods, and neither should you. Many think it's OK in LA because of the mild weather and that it's ok, reasonable & feasible. So as a result our city officials don't have to make any hard decisions because no one will likely die from the weather. But where is the LA PRIDE in our streets? You blame housing crisis & homelessness on the cost of living here in LA or Landlords? Well, not everyone get's to live where they want to live, and just because it's where you grew up, it doesn't mean you get to live there either. What has the City Council done to house the homeless? There are plenty of homes & apartment buildings that can be purchased on the open market all around LA that could house the homeless, managed by the city, and for a fraction of what new construction would cost, and you could start housing people TODAY. Create supportive transitional housing co-ops for the more high-functioning, and recognize that for many homeless, where only supported housing is an option, that it be made available or they must find somewhere else to live. As City Councilmembers you're supposed to want what's best for LA, well then INVEST IN LA. You, just like many "mom n' pop" investors and larger corporations, have the opportunity to invest in LA and our future. Take Pride In Your City. Cleanup the streets. And don't let the homeless issue spread even further into our neighborhoods and onto our streets. Thank you to Councilmember Buscaino for introducing the motion and we urge the City Council to vote in FAVOR of it. We support this important action and appreciate your leadership on this challenging issue. LOS ANGELENOS want what's best for Los Angeles, you want what's best for Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Lorraine Deniz

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council, I am a long time resident of Chatsworth who works and manages a commercial building that has retail/office space located on the Devonshire business corridor. Over the last year and a half, I have seen an increase of homeless sleeping in front of our retail spaces, littering, defecating on the storefront sidewalks, and sometimes being hostile to store employees opening their employers stores. We have advised our tennants to call the police if they feel threatened. Their have been a handful of calls over the last year with 2 calls from 2 different tennants the same morning. What concerns me most is the used syringes with uncapped needles we find in the corners of our business parking lot. We have added bright lighting to deter individuals using on our property. However, it takes one customer frequenting our tennants shops to be wearing sandals and accidentally kick a used syringe/needle. Furthermore, we have a meth clinic on the south east corner of Devonshire/Independence Ave. Their are days that individuals are sprawled out on the sidewalks, or yelling to no one in general while waiting for the doors to open. In addition, Lawrence Middle School is 0.02 miles of this clinic with students passing by to reach the bus stop. I'm a parent and it pains me to see these kids being subjected to some of these behaviors while trying to get their education. I'm urging you to consider a yes vote on agenda item 20-1376, amending section 41.18 Sitting, Lying and Sleeping in public areas. Thank you, Lorraine Deniz

Communication from Public

Name: Laura

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. This is Laura addressing Item 42. This inhumane motion and draft ordinance are not how we will solve homelessness. People need 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. Outreach workers and homeless service providers have been dedicated to moving those most vulnerable to COVID-19 into permanent housing, and 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 unjustly criminalizes homelessness in Los Angeles. You have the opportunity to either protect people experiencing homelessness during a pandemic, or to make their lives immensely more difficult and dangerous. 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: LENA OLSON

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am appalled that the City Council would go to such great lengths to criminalize our unhoused neighbors in this cruel way. We are living in a pandemic that will only get worse this winter. We are facing a mass eviction crisis which will result in even more homeless people. And unemployment assistance is back to the way it was before COVID -- even though there is still mass unemployment and people are still struggling to pay rent and get a job. How is this motion helpful? This will only harm our already vulnerable homeless population. I reject this motion vehemently. You should be ashamed of yourselves for putting a poor excuse of a motion like this in front of public eyes. Instead, I will ask that you do the following things: -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. If you do not do this, I will do everything in my power to make sure you Councilmembers do not get re-elected.

Communication from Public

Name: Brendan O'Brien

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:00 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I urge Councilmembers to oppose Council File 20-1376 and any future attempts to further criminalize homelessness in Los Angeles. Councilmembers Blumenfield, Buscaino, Rodriguez, Krekorian, Price, Cedillo, and Lee's punitive motion is a spot-on example of the disdain these public servants have for their unhoused constituents and Angelenos as a whole. They should be embarrassed to reveal a lack of empathy and imagination at a time when daily death counts (4 unhoused people in LA everyday) can be attributed to their inaction and lack of political will. We cannot let the continued ineptitude of our elected officials be a burden on our unhoused neighbors. I demand City Council and the Mayor spend their time and resources on providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer. Furthermore, I demand they oppose the motion to instruct the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:02 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I fully support measures to restore sidewalk access. They go hand in hand with efforts to reduce homelessness and insure that the quality of life for all members of the community is restored. The toll encampments have taken on our community is substantial. We need help.

Communication from Public

Name: Harlan Pace

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 11:05 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose this measure. Unhoused people need services and opportunities to find permanent housing. This measure does neither of those.

Communication from Public

Name: Miranda Mead-Newton

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 08:15 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I want so badly to live in a compassionate city. I want to live in a city that has my back, where I can reach out for help if I need it. I want to know that my neighbors are taken care of so I don't have to worry about them. I want to live in a city where it's okay to make mistakes, it's okay to lose your job. The City of LA continues to make me believe it is a mean, heartless place and this would further that opinion in my mind. At some point, you're going to lose everyone. A city with only rich people is not sustainable. Please, do not do this.

Communication from Public

Name: Amy Z

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 06:45 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. 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:

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

Council File No: 20-1376

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Communication from Public

Name: Dorothy M. Gibbons-White

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 10:43 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am a family law lawyer and lifelong resident of Los Angeles. I live in Venice. There are many very visible unhoused residents here in Venice. I feel a lot of compassion for them. Our city lacks affordable housing and rents have skyrocketed. Many of my housed neighbors put up a lot of opposition to the types of services and housing that would help our unhoused neighbors. This is wrong. I am not able to make my comments tomorrow during the council meeting because at that time I will be in trial in Los Angeles Superior Court family division prosecuting a domestic violence restraining order to protect a mother and child. I am acutely aware of the humanity of the unhoused and how they got there. Over 40% of homeless women report that they became homeless as a result of fleeing domestic violence and they had nowhere to go. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Drew

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 10:43 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. This is drew cookson, 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: Kokayi Kwa Jitahidi

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 10:44 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am certain that every councilmember around the dais understands that this motion comes off as insensitive, inhumane, and is a contradiction to this moment where so many are fighting against racism and poverty. It is also counter productive as it will only exacerbate the cycle of pushing our homeless sisters and brothers from the street, to jail, and back to the street. Expending resources the City does not have in this COVID-19 economy. This is not what voters had in mind when they voted to approved initiatives such as HHH and H. By voting yes on those measures, LA City and County residents affirmed that they want our homeless neighbors to be provided safe housing. Not criminalized. Like so many others, it is my hope that the council decides to reject this problematic ordinance and develop a humane position on this issue. Prove for once that this council, with its many intelligent and skilled lawmakers, can actually use its power to help the neediest from among us and defend those who cannot afford lobbyists or to write campaign donations. Once I ask that council decides to reject this problematic ordinance. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Mark Shinbane

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 10:45 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: It is absolutely a travesty that sidewalks are blocked and completely impaired for use by all citizens. Individuals including disabled people are forced to walk in the streets as the sidewalks are impassable. This presents a dangerous situation for pedestrians as well as those driving on the streets. With regard to the ADA and the many violations that exist due to the blocking of sidewalks, just because someone is homeless does not give them the right to violate the ADA.

Communication from Public

Name: Salvador Aldana

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 10:47 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. I support this motion because it addresses The Americans with Disabilities Act, which has been for too long dismissed by the city of Los Angeles. Disallowing sidewalk access to the disabled due to tents and encampments blocking entire sidewalks and not allowing for the 3' sidewalk clearance is wrong and a civil rights violation against the disabled and wheelchair bound. The disabled are forced onto the streets and their lives are being endangered with cars whizzing by them at 40+ mph. There must be a three-foot (3') clearance of all sidewalks in the city of Los Angeles to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act. The disabled through the ADA are guaranteed equal access to and equal opportunity in public Accommodations and prohibits discrimination in all areas of public life. It gives the disabled civil rights protections similar to those provided to individuals on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, and religion. 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 surrounding the shelter. 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. From late February when the Bridge Shelter Venice opened to August of this year, there were 144 police calls. The residents living around bridge shelter are suffering without the police protections they were promised. Promises made, promises broken. To rebuild the faith, the Police, Mayor, Council and the Councilman for CD11 must keep the promises made to Venice residents surrounding this bridge shelter. If the promises are not kept, then no community will want a Bridge Shelter in their neighborhood because they cannot trust the City will keep their promises made of safety zones, and clear of encampments. 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,
Salvador Aldana _____ Venice Resident
/Stakeholder/LA City Employee

Communication from Public

Name: Silvia Aldana

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

Council File No: 20-1376

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Silvia Aldana Venice Resident /Stakeholder

Communication from Public

Name: Matthew W Won

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 10:51 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Having spent hours today witnessing firsthand the initial sweeps today 10/27 on both the Fallbrook and Corbin underpasses, and having spoken personally with the targets of these sweeps, I was compelled to submit additional public comment against these amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. Today's sweeps were yet another example of the cruelty and waste of the criminalization approach to the unhoused. This waste will set us back even further from a true solution to the housing crisis. These sweeps are coercive and violence is either thinly veiled or simply out in the open. Without a long-term solution the unhoused will simply be back in the street when whatever temporary housing they are offered runs out. I demand that LA use its resources to provide true, permanent housing solutions in the long term and promote health and safety for unhoused people in the short term. As a District 2 homeowner, I vehemently oppose deepening our public health crisis by forcefully relocating the unhoused: Instead we need wraparound services including trash pickup for the unhoused, which will improve their lives and reflect the status they hold as fellow community members. These amendments would be a disaster for all of Los Angeles, and only serve to highlight the failure of the City Council's work to date on the housing crisis. Voting down these amendments would be an important next step to a real solution to housing in LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Jasmin Aldana

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 10:51 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

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Jasmin Aldana _____ Venice Resident / student

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: At a time when rent is out of control and people are suffering HUGE job losses due to COVID, it's absolutely heartless to continue to victimize the ever growing homeless population this way. This is in no way helpful to anyone aside from those who find it "unpleasant" to drive past people who have no choice but to live on the streets. Many shelters are suffering from COVID outbreaks and overcrowding. Forcing people to move to shelters could be a death sentence for many. This is not the solution. This is 100% an attack on people who are already very unfortunate and need help, not more displacement.

Communication from Public

Name: teresa austin

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am in favor of amending Section 41.18 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code as proposed by City Attorney Michael Feuer. I do hope that we as a caring city will continue to find housing for persons without residency. However I have watched my neighborhood of Studio City in Council District 2 degrade to the point of being dangerous for both the people living on the street and the housed residents as well due to the garbage piling up on our streets and encampments growing daily. Restoring some sense of order and cleaning up the streets and underpasses is desperately needed. I urge my Councilmember, Krekorian and all of City Council to vote yes on this amendment.

Communication from Public

Name: Elyse Morales

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The recently proposed motion to amend 41.18 and 56.11 is a vile attack on our unhoused neighbors. The motion (council file 20-1376) will drastically expand the criminalization of unhoused Angelenos. This motion does not present any solutions to ending homelessness or improve the crisis we are in. It simply punishes our unhoused neighbors and will exacerbate homelessness, as policies like this have done before. This is not a solution, it is abuse. These people are your constituents too. City Council should instead invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities. Please. Oppose the motion to instruct the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11.

Communication from Public

Name: Josh Schwartz

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, My name is Josh Schwartz and I am writing to urge the members of the City Council to oppose the motion to amend 41.18. This motion does nothing to help our neighbors who are homeless. In fact, it further displaces them. In a time when decency, kindness, and bold initiative are most needed, this motion embodies indecency, cruelty, cowardice, and apathy. Take the money that will go to enforcement and cleaning, and put it towards real, long lasting solutions like housing and treatment. It's time for this city to lead the way in how we lift up our neighbors who are homeless. This is a step in the wrong direction. It's a motion to sweep our brothers and sisters under the rug and it's shameful. Thank you for your time and please do what you know is right in your hearts. Be brave enough to lift our city and neighbors up.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This is completely ridiculous - where exactly would you like these unhoused folks to go? just away? great planning. this does not solve any problems and is completely inhumane especially in a pandemic where shelter space is essentially cut in half for social distancing. PLEASE DO BETTER.

Communication from Public

Name: Katherine Tattersfield

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I adamantly oppose the motion to amend 41.18 to criminalize poverty. This motion goes against the CDC guidelines for people experiencing homelessness in the pandemic and thus presents a public health threat. The motion represents Councilmembers catering to NIMBYS instead of their unhoused constituents. The measure doesn't help anyone get housed and enforce will waste millions in city resources.

Communication from Public

Name: Kyrie Larcher

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 10:19 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Los Angeles and a licensed clinical social worker. I demand the following: 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: Tom Klemperer
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 10:19 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: 10/27/20 Dear Sirs; Please note my strongest support for the proposed amended version of ordinance 41.18. Our neighborhood and in fact our entire city is under siege from homeless encampments being allowed on our public sidewalks and spaces. This new amended version of 41.18 will allow for some recourse to public areas and areas of business to remain unblocked and effected. It will also positively effect sanitation and cleanliness, which especially during the present time is so important. Thank you for your time and consideration. I most strongly urge you to support this proposal. My best, Tom Klemperer 12403 Valleyheart Dr. Studio City, CA 91604

Communication from Public

Name: Cynthia

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I'm very concerned about the drafted proposals to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11, which would greatly increase hardship for our unhoused neighbors in LA. During a time of unprecedented hardship brought about by COVID-19, it should be the city's first priority to improve the lives of our most vulnerable citizens, not to penalize them for situations out of their control. LAPD's annual budget is \$1.8 billion - surely some of that money can be redirected towards services instead of increased policing.

Communication from Public

Name: Amanda Hamm

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 10:24 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Highland Park and am appalled at the motion presented to drastically expand the criminalization of homelessness. We are in the middle of a pandemic, Angelenos have lost their jobs, many are on the verge of losing their housing, and yet this inhumane motion to amend LA Municipal codes 41.18 and 56.11 that criminalizes being poor was presented recently by members Blumenfield, Busciano, Rodriguez, Price, Lee, Cedillo, and Krekorian. Seeing the people experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles growing day by day is hard to see. It's hard to witness the needless suffering of so many. If you are really wanting to be of service to ALL Angelenos, please address how criminalizing homelessness will solve the problem? We want compassionate solutions. We want to see services for our brothers and sisters who are in the unfortunate circumstance of being houseless. Rather than focusing on actual solutions that can end this crisis, this motion is a push for punishment that does NOTHING to deal with the issue at hand. This crisis won't go away until our communities are provided services, resources, and support which includes adequate housing, mental health services, and a guaranteed living wage. This motion is inhumane, lacks compassion, and is an ineffective way of ending the homeless crisis. You can't punish the poor out of someone. We need healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused community while they are on the streets, we need transitional/permanent housing, we need jobs that pay a living wage. Thank you. Amanda Hamm

Communication from Public

Name: Kris Miranda

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 10:24 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing as a resident of Los Feliz to object to the proposal co-authored by Councilpersons Buscaino, Blumenfeld, Rodriguez, and Krekorian to allow the removal of unhoused people's camps from public spaces. While I support Councilperson Buscaino's stated long-term goal of building support for more temporary housing, it seems naive to think that removing unhoused people from public spaces will encourage citizens to think more about the homelessness problem. It seems just as likely that this would encourage citizens not to think about it at all. Out of sight, out of mind, as they say. This proposal also seems likely to make the homelessness problem worse rather than better, by making it simply more difficult for the unhoused to get by. Reducing the places they have to go doesn't address their need for somewhere to go. In short, the proposal seems needlessly cruel. I hope you will oppose it.

Communication from Public

Name: Deanna Day

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 10:24 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: It is outrageous that the LA City Council is considering expanding the criminalization of homelessness and the banishment of unhoused people from vast parts of our city. Not only are the measures proposed by the council cruel and inhumane, decades of history prove that they will have no demonstrable effect on ending homelessness in our city. And even if the city council doesn't care about properly serving its unhoused constituents (which is sad and horrific on its face), the measures proposed will undoubtedly prove more expensive than simply providing their constituents with safe and humane housing, at a moment when severe budgetary shortfalls for the city loom. These measures will not end homelessness. They will not help unhoused people. And they will cost the city money it does not have. There is literally no reason to enact these measures other than cruelty.

Communication from Public

Name: Jamie Stevens

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: 10/27/20 Hello, I would greatly appreciate you noting my support for the proposed amended version of ordinance 41.18. Los Angeles would greatly benefit from this revision. An amended version of 41.18 will allow authorities some recourse to clean and monitor our neighborhoods and public areas. This is desperately needed! I urge you to support this proposal. My best, Jamie Stevens 12403 Valleyheart Dr. Studio City, CA 91604

Communication from Public

Name: Josh Cretella

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 10:28 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: 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:

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This proposal would be cruel under the best circumstances, but during a pandemic, when shelters are not necessarily a safe option, it is especially twisted. Maybe you should spend more of your time trying to house Angelenos instead of punishing them for having nowhere to go during a long pandemic amid historic job losses. Shame on anyone who thinks this proposal is even worth their consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrea Avila

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 10:31 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. My name is Andrea 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. Thank you,

Communication from Public

Name: Thomas Booth

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: As a new bridge housing and a Project Home Key come on line in the West SFV and other housing plans abound, I'm deeply saddened by the return to an all out criminalization of our most vulnerable community members. There's no evidence or data that harassing, bullying unhoused people in abject poverty this way will accomplish any worthwhile outcome. No, this reckless abuse of power will only traumatize and further injure those who need our help the most. And, since we recognize that homelessness is largely a result of systemic racism, this action against this fragile population is tantamount to an Apartheid type response to an inequitable system that created homelessness through racist policies. Many of our City leaders mouth these concerns but do your actions match your words? If you care about common decency, racial equity and believe we are our brothers' keeper, please vote to OPPOSE this mean spirited motion.

Communication from Public

Name: Dora Gallo, A Community of Friends

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: A Community of Friends is unable to participate in the City Council meeting today and wish to submit our opposition to Item 42. While we share the concern that there are too many people living on the streets of Los Angeles, the motion and draft ordinance before you is the wrong approach to addressing homelessness. If there is anything we have learned from working to end homelessness, it is that making it illegal to live on the streets will not solve the problem you are trying to address. All people have an equal right to access public spaces and no one should be arbitrarily banned from large sections of the city because they do not have a place to live. Pushing people from one public space to another does not end homelessness. It just moves people from one area to another. With the COVID-19 pandemic still ever present, this proposal jeopardizes the health and safety of everyone. 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 people who are homeless. This motion effectively makes homelessness illegal in Los Angeles constitutes the largest increase in the criminalization of homelessness in decades. A Community of Friends urge the City 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:

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The city's amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 further criminalizes poverty during the pandemic. These amendments are being rushed into law bypassing the Homelessness & Poverty Committee. We are a city where most live pay check to pay check, and experts studying homelessness have expressed how easy it is to fall into homelessness. This is a heartless act, during one of the most challenging times in our country's history. Shame on every last one of you who vote in favor of these amendments.

Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Yes please enforcement on public sidewalks, it's a disaster what's going on in downtown

Communication from Public

Name: Leah Young

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing about agenda item 42. I urge you not to criminalize poverty and homelessness in LA. You should be providing access to housing, services, and help. I strongly oppose the proposal to harass and endanger our unhoused neighbors. Please invest in our community instead of bullying and tormenting some of our most needy residents. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Phillip Tate

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:55 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council President Martinez and Members of the Los Angeles City Council, I am writing on behalf of Kilroy Realty Corporation, a major real estate owner and investor in Los Angeles, to respectfully request that you approve CF 20-1376, amending LAMC 41.18 and 56.11. In recent years, we have made significant investments in Hollywood, helping to reinvigorate the area by creating new class A office space designed to appeal to tech and entertainment tenants through the restoration of the historic Columbia Square studios and the repurposing of underutilized surface parking and retail into a campus for one of the city's fastest growing employers. We have also built two residential towers containing almost 400 units of housing in Hollywood. We are major investors in Hollywood because we are major believers in Hollywood. However, the recent growth and proliferation of encampments in the area is threatening to undo the progress that the community in Hollywood has worked so hard to achieve. We hear daily from our residents that they no longer feel comfortable or safe walking their dogs, running to the store or going somewhere with their kids when they have to navigate a sidewalk overflowing with tents, personal belongings and trash. We also hear regular reports of crime occurring openly, everything from drug use to physical assaults to public defecation. The City needs to take action now to help bring people off the streets, provide support to those who need it, and restore a safe and comfortable environment for its residents. Our company supported H and HHH, agreeing to tax ourselves to help make life better for all Angelenos. We now need the city's leadership to live up to their responsibilities and help get the homeless into shelters and off the sidewalks. I am writing to ask you to please vote to approve CF 20-1376, amending LAMC 41.18 and 56.11. These amendments do not criminalize homelessness. They do not allow any enforcement unless and until the city is able to offer housing. This does not put the cart before the horse, but instead gives residents an assurance that public safety and health will be restored in their area if they allow new housing to be built. It is not in anyone's interest to allow the present conditions to continue unabated. Please take this sensible step towards helping bringing people off the streets.

Communication from Public

Name: Cliff

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:57 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The draft ordinance says people experiencing homelessness can't sit, stand, or sleep (i.e. exist) near any shelter or homeless service-related property, within 500 feet of freeways, or anywhere in the city if they have been "offered shelter." It does not do anything to create shelter or housing, or require that the right types of solutions are available for the right people, so we know this isn't a proposal to actually help people come indoors. This draft ordinance isn't just inhumane, it's also ineffective and inconsistent with all health guidelines designed to prevent the spread of the virus among people experiencing homelessness. Right now the homeless services system is correctly focused on housing seniors and people with health conditions that make them vulnerable to COVID-19. This move by the L.A. City Council to push people from one block to the next will derail that effort without housing anyone. With the coldest and rainiest days approaching, making it illegal for someone without a home to shelter themselves from rain underneath a freeway is especially cruel. L.A. voters have consistently backed real solutions to homelessness and our elected leaders should keep that in mind. Now isn't the time to resort to the tried and failed tactics that helped create L.A.'s homelessness problem in the first place.

Communication from Public

Name: Peter Sachs Collopy

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:58 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am shocked that City Council is considering a proposal to further criminalize our unhoused neighbors. As housed people, we should count our blessings, and recognize that we might not always be so fortunate. As a city, we should work to provide a proper apartment or house for every Angeleno. Homeless shelters are not proper housing, and jails certainly are not. When these are the options available, I strongly support the right to camp instead. I live a block from Skid Row. I interact with unhoused people regularly. I recognize that homelessness makes housed people uncomfortable. It should. But this human catastrophe, this crisis, our failure to provide for our neighbors, is not about us. Rather than pushing those who make us uncomfortable away, into shelters or jails, we must help them into comfortable, stable housing so that they can live comfortable, stable lives, the lives which we all desire for ourselves and for each other. If we cannot do that immediately, we must help those for whom we do not have housing to live lives that are as comfortable and stable as possible on the streets. Any law that limits where and how unhoused people can camp infringes on their ability to improve their own lives. It is the very opposite of what we should be doing to support our neighbors. It is disgusting, it is immoral, and we should be ashamed to be considering it. Thank you for your attention.

Communication from Public

Name: Ken

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The encampment clean ups must start up as soon as possible. This city cannot continue to be overrun by these drug addicts filth. The tax paying citizens rights to a clean environment overrule those of the lazy and criminal.

Communication from Public

Name: Ben Varian

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Unhoused people are criminalized for existing. There is nowhere they can be that is legal. How can it be a crime to simply not have a house? And how is taking all their belongings and throwing them in jail is supposed to help? It's illogical and sadistic. Seize the hotels, seize empty investment properties. End the human rights debacle that is this city's housing crisis.

Communication from Public

Name: Craig M

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to encourage you to vote YES on this well-thought-out and balanced motion. It is vital and necessary to bring our dying communities back to life, while still offering shelter and services to those who need them. Thank you for your courage to move forward with this proposal.

Communication from Public

Name: Caitlin Brady

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Housing is a human right. Instead of developing additional services to help the unhoused, during a pandemic, you are proposing making their circumstances illegal. This is unconscionable and can't be passed. We can do better than this, we can work towards justice and dignity for all Angelenos. This is not the way.

Communication from Public

Name: Rebecca Rice

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:40 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Do not make it more difficult to be unhoused in LA. Do not make it harder for people already in crisis. Spend time and effort in fixing the issues that pit people on the street. Do not punish them for your failure to address homelessness. I urge you all to oppose the revision to Municipal code 41.18. I live in district 5.

Communication from Public

Name: Caitlin Wilhelm
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:42 PM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose this measure because it serves only to criminalize homelessness and the actions that unhoused people take for normal human reasons such as sitting and sleeping. This bill does nothing to support unhoused people or to solve homelessness problems in the city; it serves only to hide away people who are struggling. Homeless people are part of our community and their actions should not be criminalized.

Communication from Public

Name: Graham Fortier

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:42 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

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Communication from Public

Name: Matt Wait

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:44 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please stop fucking criminalizing homelessness and actually BUILD HOUSING. Where's the fucking emergency motion for that? You know this doesn't solve anything and kills people yet you do it again and again. Your only housing plan is jail. Fuck all of you.

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Name: Andrew Seymour

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Communication from Public

Name: Aynura Ahmadova

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Tired of seeing how homeless people destroy Neighborhood. Crime is rising, they are stealing our mails, packages and then sale them under bridge. Drugs another reason, they always fight. Our kids can't pass through them. Very unsafe environment. Plus pandemic.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Los Angeles, I demand that the city: 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: Frank solman

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:49 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Tired of the homelessness problems. Our kids ourselves for campus under the bridge to go to buy groceries. Crime rate took all over, the Steal our mail, packages. They use drugs , fighting, Jaywalking creating unsafe environment. These pandemic pandemic times none of this should be allowed. We got more houses for sale in our neighborhood than ever was before. People feel completely unsafe and secure. There should be signs on the walls under the bridges as warning that nobody can block sidewalks or use them as a shelter. It's completely unsafe for the pedestrians as for accidents and for social distancing purposes. Officers every time when they pass by, they must give them warnings and remove them from there.