

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: While I appreciate the council's efforts to get creative during the current crisis, I (and many fellow neighbors and business owners on Westside) are sick and tired of the council's well meaning yet ineffective policies. This motion appears to be yet another misguided attempt. While I am the first to support services/resources for the unhoused, I am beyond frustrated with the council's theoretical views that are not grounded in the reality we currently face. There is a faction of unhoused folks who have no desire to be housed and follow rules. These folks use the "humanitarian" council policies to take advantage and in cases such as in my neighborhood, hide criminal activity without consequence. We have a band of gang members who have set up a tent city in an underpass in our area (under the 10 at Military and Sardis) and have created a drug ring in our once quiet, safe, residential neighborhood. Paul Koretz's office repeatedly cites that "nothing can be done" given COVID and the suspension of Municipal Code 56.11. While I recognize that this policy attempts to help mitigate this, it does not account for folks like these individuals that do not want to be helped and are overtly hostile toward everyone from helpful neighbors to LAHSA outreach workers to LAPD. Giving them the option around whether or not they participate in the clean ups is ineffective and dangerous as I am pretty confident based on their disregard for all types of outreach to date that they will not avail themselves and that we will continue to be stuck with a trash filled, dangerous encampment smack in the middle of our once family friendly neighborhood. With all due respect, Councilmember Bonin has turned his district into a hell hole during his tenure on the council. PLEASE do not let Bonin unleash his misguided policies on the rest of the city and PLEASE REVISIT ENFORCEMENT OF MUNICIPAL CODE 56.11. COVID cannot be an excuse forever and while I fully agree that the unhoused have rights, those of us who pay property taxes and run businesses in this city also have rights too that the council seems perfectly content to continue to encroach on.