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Summary: The Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council supports this Motion to reform the way CARE clean-ups of homeless encampments are being conducted throughout LA City.

**CARE+ CLEANUPS / COVID-19 CRISIS / HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS / CENTERS fFOR
DISEASE CONTROL (CDC) GUIDELINES (CF 21-0031)**

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council supports this [Motion](#) to reform the way CARE+ clean-ups of homeless encampments are being conducted throughout LA City. This Motion seeks to conform to COVID-19 CDC guidelines which state “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 connection with service providers. This increases the potential for infectious disease spread.”

The Los Angeles County Public Health Dept reported an increase of 4,578 cases of COVID-19 since January 4, 2021 in people experiencing homelessness. Therefore, steps must be taken to change the way CARE+ cleanups are occurring.

This Motion proposes an alternative way, a Pilot Program, to maintain public health based on CDC guidelines and advocated by the Services not Sweeps Coalition by offering a voluntary program to remove trash and hazardous waste, and provide cleaning without the threat of confiscation.

The Pilot Program suggests that

- LASAN keep a regular, predictable and well-publicized schedule of cleaning;
- Community partners / ambassadors would conduct outreach and seek cooperation from camp residents in advance of a scheduled cleaning allowing people to leave their trash and waste in designated areas for easy pick-up;
- If camp residents want a more thorough cleaning they may move their tents and invite a more thorough cleaning;
- Outreach teams may facilitate and provide services like food distribution, toilet services, showers, COVID testing, and tent distribution or exchange,
- Hire unhoused residents to keep areas tidy between LASAN cleanings;
- Provide reasonable accommodation for people with disabilities;
- All accomplished without involving the Los Angeles Police Department.

Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council vote: 13 YES, and 0 NO