

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stacey Widger

**Date Submitted:** 04/19/2021 07:01 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0031

**Comments for Public Posting:** The streets around our school, located at Selma Ave., have seen an increase in the number of homeless encampments. While we are sensitive to the difficulties of people facing homelessness, our children deserve to go to school without being harassed or feeling threatened. Please help us to make this a safer environment.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Benjamin Howell

**Date Submitted:** 04/19/2021 06:23 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0031

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a resident of the City of LA and am urging the City Council to help ensure safe passage to and from school for the students of the Selma Street school campus by reinstating the comprehensive clean-ups along Selma Ave have been suspended due to COVID. Our school community has strived to be a good community member and through public service projects and donations of food and other items, our school has worked to help tackle the monumental challenge of homelessness in the City. Now the City needs to hold up its end of the bargain that was struck in 2019 when Bridge Housing was installed around the Selma Street campus by reinstating weekly comprehensive clean-up by the Bureau of Sanitation along with 24-hour security via LAPD patrols. These actions were suspended during the school closures due to COVID, but with students returning to campus it is imperative that the City keeps its promise by restoring comprehensive clean-ups and patrols to ensure safety as students return to school. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elizabeth Nakane

**Date Submitted:** 04/19/2021 06:28 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0031

**Comments for Public Posting:** Weekly comprehensive clean-up by the Bureau of Sanitation along with 24-hour security via LAPD patrols were promised as part of the Bridge Housing that was installed around both the Larchmont Charter School Selma and Lafayette Park campuses in 2019. Due to COVID and budget cuts, neither is currently happening. The City needs to be held accountable for keeping this promise and appropriately balancing the needs of people experiencing homelessness with the needs of our students to safely travel to and from school. Larchmont Charter strives to improve the world we inhabit and we are compassionate to those experiencing homelessness throughout our city. Our students have done multiple service projects to help tackle this monumental problem. We've donated food and care baskets to people in need and we work to be good community members. We need the City's help balancing the needs of people experiencing homelessness with the needs of students needing to get to and from school safely. During the closure, the encampments, particularly around the Selma campus, have grown. We've met with LAPD and the Council Office and learned that due to COVID, comprehensive clean-ups along Selma Ave have been suspended. I live in the City of LA and want the City to keep its promise and restore comprehensive clean-ups and patrols to ensure safety as students return to school.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tara Roth

**Date Submitted:** 04/19/2021 07:47 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0031

**Comments for Public Posting:** We must ensure safe passage to and from school for our students. Larchmont strives to improve the world we inhabit and we are compassionate to those experiencing homelessness throughout our city. Weekly comprehensive clean-up by the Bureau of Sanitation along with 24-hour security via LAPD patrols were promised as part of the Bridge Housing that was installed around both the Selma and LFP campuses in 2019. Due to COVID and budget cuts, neither is currently happening. We need to hold the City accountable for keeping this promise and appropriately balancing the needs of people experiencing homelessness with the needs of our students to safely travel to and from school.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mark Wheeler

**Date Submitted:** 04/19/2021 07:53 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0031

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a Larchmont Charter parent who also happens to have an office near the Larchmont Charter Selma campus. The Homeless encampment near that elementary school is absolutely demoralizing. Especially after having built a shelter right around the corner, which seems to have only exacerbated the problem and made the whole area a hot spot for drugs, defecation, nudity and degenerate behavior. Larchmont teachers, administrators, and parents are compassionate to those experiencing homelessness throughout the city. Our students have done multiple service projects to help tackle this monumental problem and we find ourselves constantly talking to our children about homeless encampments as we see them every time we get near our elementary school. While we work to be good community members we need the City's help cleaning up these encampments, particularly around the Selma campus, which have grown, and will continue to grow, unless something is done. If we think in this environment, socially and economically that the problem will somehow get easier, I believe we'll see just how seriously mistaken we are by many times over.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jordan P.

**Date Submitted:** 04/19/2021 08:03 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0031

**Comments for Public Posting:** Our family does not feel safe going to and from the Selma school campus due to the wildly out-of-control homeless problem that is spilling into the sidewalks and streets. Please clean up the area and help find stable homes for the homeless who have overtaken the neighborhood. We would like our child to continue at Selma; however, our family has been having serious discussions about relocating our kid to another city so that we can have our child educated in a safe, healthy environment. Please act now to clean up our school's neighborhood.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elizabeth Clemmons

**Date Submitted:** 04/19/2021 08:03 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0031

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council, We are residents of the City of Los Angeles and our children attend Larchmont Charter School. As the students are finally going back to school in person, it has become apparent that the City is not upholding its agreement to ensure a safe environment for our children. Weekly comprehensive clean-up by the Bureau of Sanitation along with 24-hour security via LAPD patrols were promised as part of the Bridge Housing put in place around the Selma and LFP campuses in 2019. Restore comprehensive clean-ups and patrols to ensure the safety of our children as they return to school. The encampments are out of control and are a health and safety hazard. Elizabeth Clemmons

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Julie

**Date Submitted:** 04/19/2021 06:08 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0031

**Comments for Public Posting:** We need to keep our children safe. Please help us clean up the homeless problem around Larchmont Charter Selma campus and Lafayette campus. I live in LA and understand the homeless problem has gotta way out of control. We need to also create an environment of a safe and clean community around our neighborhoods and our school. We want the City to keep its promise and restore comprehensive clean-ups and patrols to ensure safety as students return to school.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mary Revell

**Date Submitted:** 04/19/2021 06:10 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0031

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to request increased LAPD patrols and increased Bureau of Sanitation cleanups in the area surrounding Selma Avenue Elementary. Our children came back to campus last week for orientation and the "welcome back" was abhorrent - a child and her grandmother subject to a terrifying attack and children unable to even exit their cars due to tents covering the sidewalk, used needles and trash everywhere. It's absolutely unacceptable for this to be allowed outside a school. PLEASE do the right thing and get this situation cleaned up so our children can have some semblance of a normal childhood despite living in this troubled city.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Peter Giambalvo

**Date Submitted:** 04/19/2021 05:58 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0031

**Comments for Public Posting:** Weekly comprehensive clean-up by the Bureau of Sanitation along with 24-hour security via LAPD patrols were promised as part of the Bridge Housing that was installed around both the Larchmont Charter School's Selma and LFP campuses in 2019. Due to COVID and budget cuts, neither is currently happening. We need to hold the City accountable for keeping this promise and appropriately balancing the needs of people experiencing homelessness with the needs of our students to safely travel to and from school. I live in the city of LA, and my children attend the LFP campus.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** De Paz Family

**Date Submitted:** 04/19/2021 06:03 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0031

**Comments for Public Posting:** Good afternoon, I want to address the encampment located near Selma Avenue/ Cherokee affecting Larchmont Charter School. I live in the City of LA-Hollywood and want the City to keep its promise and restore comprehensive clean-ups and patrols to ensure safety as students return to school it especially affects me because my child goes to Larchmont Charter School and on a daily basis we have to commute near the encampment which makes it unsafe for my child/children.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Paul Soady

**Date Submitted:** 04/19/2021 06:05 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0031

**Comments for Public Posting:** Covid is a health issue, isn't cleaning the streets also a health issue, nice to have a visually tidy street, but this is more than that?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ray Klein

**Date Submitted:** 04/19/2021 09:33 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0031

**Comments for Public Posting:** UNLAWFUL to take action on this on April 20 because the amendment by the Energy, Climate Change, Environmental Justice, and River Committee on April 15 is not in the Council File. UNREALISTIC to expect voluntary cleanups. UNSAFE to have cleanups and prohibit police presence.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jason de Villiers

**Date Submitted:** 04/19/2021 09:41 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Larchmont Charter School Selma Campus please needs the City to ensure safe passage to and from school for our students. Larchmont strives to improve the world we inhabit and we are compassionate to those experiencing homelessness throughout our city. Our students have done multiple service projects to help tackle this monumental problem. We've donated food and care baskets to people in need and we work to be good community members. We need the City's help balancing the needs of people experiencing homelessness with the needs of students needing to get to and from school safely. During the closure, the encampments, particularly around the Selma campus, have grown. We've met with LAPD and the Council Office and learned that due to COVID, comprehensive clean-ups along Selma Ave have been suspended. I dropped my 11-year-old daughter off last week for orientation and was horrified to see a needle on the street in front of the school. The kids have to walk around and through filth to get in and out of school. Please help! Thank you.













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**Name:** Larchmont charter school parent

**Date Submitted:** 04/19/2021 09:47 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Covid stay in place restrictions is an empathetic legislation passed in a very critical period of time. While we address the needs of the displaced in our community we must also address the needs of the community at large, in particular our youth. It is imperative that legislation be reinstated that keep our streets clean and safe for our kids and families to safely transit to and from school and other education and enrichment activities immediately!! Safety first for our entire community.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ali Baird

**Date Submitted:** 04/19/2021 10:27 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0031

**Comments for Public Posting:** Writing as a parent and board member at Larchmont Charter School- We're proud to support and partner with the city to improve living conditions for our unhoused fellow Angelenos. While several LCS parents were worried about the bridge housing on Schrader, as a school, we stood behind the addition of bridge housing to the neighborhood. We did receive assurances at the time that the city would take measures to ensure the area around the Selma campus would remain safe for our students. We understand that Covid has made some of the sanitation and safety efforts difficult. Now that schools have reopened, I ask that the city start to balance safety and sanitation efforts with care for those living on the streets near all school campuses. Our families have already encountered some scary and dangerous situations, and I worry that something devastating could happen. We need to take care of everyone...as complicated as it is during Covid times. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Bryan Cavalier

**Date Submitted:** 04/19/2021 05:14 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0031

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a resident of Los Angeles and am writing regarding Council file number 21-0031 (CARE, Covid and Homeless Encampments). I am writing specifically about the problems with homeless encampments on the sidewalk near Selma Elementary School (Larchmont Charter School) in Hollywood. Recently a parent and student were also attacked by a man on their way into the school entrance. Tents block the sidewalk and force students to walk in the street to get to school. I request that the City Council vote to resume weekly comprehensive clean-up by the Bureau of Sanitation along with 24-hour security via LAPD patrols were promised as part of the Bridge Housing that was installed around the Selma campus in 2019. Due to COVID and budget cuts, neither is currently happening. Please keep your promise and understand need to appropriately balance the needs of people experiencing homelessness with the needs of school students to safely travel to and from school. Thank you.