

Communication from Public

Name: Nicole Kristal

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 10:47 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilman Bonin, I am a member and advocate for the LGBTQ+ community in Los Angeles County. I serve as the Co-Chair of LGBTQIA2-S Underserved Cultural Committee at the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, I also lead the San Fernando Valley #Out4Mental Health Task Force in addition to my own non-profit, Still Bisexual. I am writing to express your culturally insensitive proposal to build a homeless encampment at the parking lot of Will Rogers State Beach. You might not be aware of this, but Will Rogers State Beach has been considered "the gay beach" for decades. It's a safe place for members of the LGBTQ+ to congregate outside with their partners and families without suffering any discrimination. During COVID, it has been one of the only safe spaces for our community congregate outside. Additionally, because it is located off PCH, the parking lot is the only way to safely access the beach. For this reason, I and many LGBTQ+ community members strongly oppose using this safe space for our community as yet another failed attempt to address the homeless crisis in Los Angeles. If you continue to pursue placing this encampment at Will Rogers State Beach, I will have no alternative but to contact my friends Sepi Shyne and John Erickson on the West Hollywood City Council and other powerful members of the LGBTQ+ community to loudly stand in opposition to this ill-informed and culturally insensitive action. Sincerely, Nicole Kristal

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Name: Robert Zeithammer

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 10:51 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am strongly against Bonin's motion to turn beach parking lots into homeless encampments. This would make our top recreational venues not safe for my children, and the associated trash would pollute our already stressed beaches even more. Tourists would turn away, reducing revenue of businesses along the beach. The beach showers are already under heavy use by the homeless population, but they were never meant for sustained washing with soap and shampoo.

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Name: Gary Pokoik

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 11:08 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The citizens of Pacific Palisades vehemently oppose allowing encampments, tents or any kind of shelter to be established at any parking lot adjacent to the public beaches in Los Angeles. This idea is plain stupid. All residents of LA need parking facilities so they can access the public beaches and enjoy our beautiful coast. Do not ruin our beaches and coast line and turn it into a trash heap. The City of LA has been negligent in allowing Venice to become overrun with homeless people, drug addicts, alcoholics, mentally disturbed and criminals. Any council person that votes to allow parking facilities to be used as a campground will be voted out of office at the next election or will be impeached. The citizens of LA will remember your failure and negligence. We are tired of your lack of a solution and your failure of your duty to the citizens of LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Stacy Berk

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 10:28 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is NOT okay. If you can move homeless to a location, move them outside of LA residential neighborhoods! Why should our beaches get trashed. It's the most expensive part of the country yet that's where we should house them? WHAT? MOVE THEM SOMEWHERE CHEAPER AND FAR AWAY. THIS IS NOT SAFE. How much longer do we have to live like this? Crime is through the ROOF now we won't be able to go to beaches without needles and human feces in the sand???

Communication from Public

Name: Michele

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 11:26 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Welcoming homeless to live at any beach ... Will Rogers is an absurd idea. This does not benefit the greater community. In addition it continues to avoid dealing with the depth of the problem. The city council is bringing our community down to a devastating level of lifestyle. In addition you are not representing the needs of this community. Let's build spirits to a higher level! I walk on the beach and the bluffs. It does not feel safe already. There is filth and poop around. Public facilities are over run with homeless folks. Find a sanctuary to serve the homeless community and their needs. Addiction and mental health needs to be addressed but not at the beach! You have brought down Venice beach already! Your plan did not work at that location! So move on to another plan! You are using tax payers money and fueling the problem with your bad decisions... paid by a community that disagrees with everything Bonin is doing! Thank you for reading my thoughts! Mgd

Communication from Public

Name: Ashley B

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 12:06 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I would like to complain about the proposal to move the homeless to the public beaches. This is NOT the answer and is NOT addressing the root cause of homelessness. They should be addressing the mental health issues at hand as well as the PTSD or unemployment. This is just a typical government response to just move them and not actually do anything about it. Moving them to a public place where they are more accessible to the general public is not okay. Given what we just saw happen on Easter Sunday here in Brentwood, this would be the first of many instances but now with the general public. Why are trying to endanger our population?? Why are we not helping the homeless with their issues?? This is completely unacceptable and should not be tolerated. We are paying insane tax dollars right now and to now have to contend with this in public places where we are now endangered is not okay. Bonin should be arrested for even proposing this idea!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Lynzie Flynn

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 12:48 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The citizens of Los Angeles have been in lockdown for a year. Many of your constituents and others all over the southland want to be able to enjoy going to the beach again which is a prime reason many people live in Southern California. And now you want to take away the safety of the beaches and Marina del Rey from the taxpayers who have ultimately funded these recreational resources. Marina del Rey and the beaches in Southern California are destination spots for the world. How can you possibly consider putting homeless encampments in these areas. You would also be taking away lucrative parking fees from the lots you want to put the homeless on. Everything about this motion is incredibly misguided. The airport location makes far more sense and there are other areas all over the Los Angeles area where the city can lease or purchase property for homeless encampments. Make no mistake about it, what you are proposing will never be a temporary measure. Once these encampments are set up, tiny homes built, we have lost these areas forever.

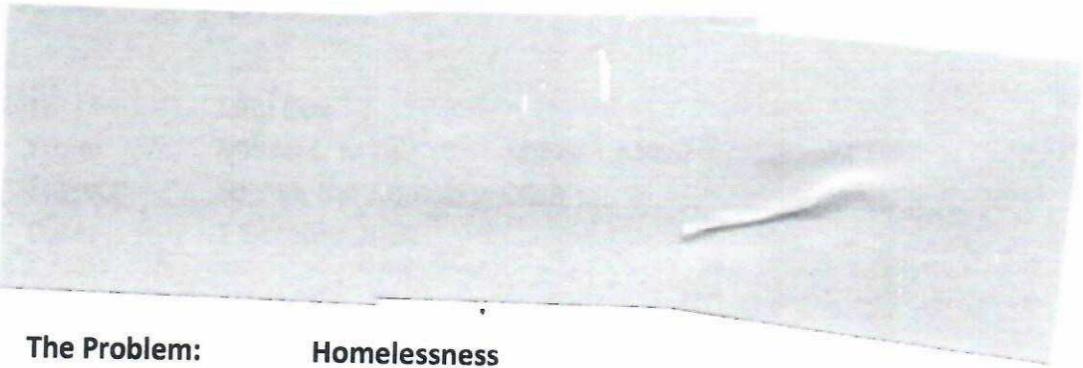
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Comments for Public Posting: The issue is NOT a housing issue, but individual drug or other personal problems. We need political leadership and tuff Love. See a realistic approach called "tuff love"



The Problem: Homelessness

In California, our poor, and those most in need, are being systematically victimized by the ~~politicians~~ ^{POLITICIANS}. In a civil and humane society everyone should be provided with minimal requirements of food, shelter, and health care. Billions of dollars are being spent wastefully to no effect. Those services should be provided where and when reasonable and, not wherever the homeless desire to set up encampments.

The Solution: Utilizing Currently Available Resources to Efficiently Deliver Services

The solution is to establish a Joint Powers Agreement with the US Dept of Defense to utilize the unused barracks at Camp Roberts in Central California. The unused barracks are plentiful, centrally located, and largely vacant.

Local police and sheriffs can enforce their existing vagrancy and public loitering ordinances and homeless people can be picked up, processed, and transported to Camp Roberts with no criminal action taken against them. They can leave whenever they desire.

All the billions of dollars now being spent on short term, ineffective, politically correct, stop gap measures can be better spent on staffing Camp Roberts to provide food service, hygiene, health, drug and alcohol treatment, mental health services, and job training. The money will be spent on a more efficient and humane concentrated effort, focused on the root causes of each of the group types of homeless.

Barracks can be organized by all female, all male, families, drug and mental illness problems. In time the program can get more sophisticated as to vocational training and mental health issues.

Communities do not want encampments in their neighborhoods.

This may be "tough love", but that is what is required to create a positive solution and not just move the problem around to different diffuse locations.

Communication from Public

Name: Emile L.

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 09:09 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: This proposal by Councilman Bonin to use public beaches and their parking lots as "Tiny Home", or tent encampments is simply irresponsible and bad. In a city already overrun with homelessness, it would seem the issue at hand should be to find a more permanent solution than simply moving them all to the beach. This is only the most valuable and important property on all of the West Coast, and he wants to make the main attraction in Santa Monica our homeless encampments??? It's beyond belief the absolute stupidity of this proposal. Yes we need to find a humane solution. Yes it is a pervasive and dangerous problem that must be solved. But shifting the problem to the greatest single asset of this city is appalling, in incredibly poor judgement, disrespects all the tax paying residents of the area, not to mention the thousands that come to visit the beaches from all over Los Angeles AND the world on a daily basis. NO. NO NO. VOTE NO.

Communication from Public

Name: Henry koffman

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 09:13 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: There is barren land between the ocean and the LAX that is owned by the city or county. The property would house many homeless tents and people.

Communication from Public

Name: Kendal Lovejoy
Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 09:17 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I am appalled that law abiding, tax paying citizens are paying top dollar to live in one of the most expensive cities in the county while homeless shelters are being ENCOURAGED by Bonin. Not to mention, I don't feel safe walking down the sidewalk in my very own neighborhood with my family and 9 week old daughter. I shouldn't feel summoned to stay in my own home because someone was shot a block away from my house- We need to keep our community safe! I ask that Supervisor Kuehl immediately implement a Project RoomKey housing program for the San Vicente encampment. We also need to implement a Federal FEMA Response for High Volume Drug Rehab and Mental Health Homeless Transition Facilities. These people need help and don't need to be enabled on the streets of our neighborhoods!

Communication from Public

Name: Jacqueline Calavan

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 09:40 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: We urge you not to vote for Mr Bonin's motion to house the homeless at Will Rogers Beach. This is a wholly ill-conceived motion that does not address the county's need for more public, safe recreation places for constituents. Crime will increase, more vehicular deaths will occur on PCH, the encampment will not be confined to the parking lot and the years' long work to remove the homeless from the surrounding bluffs will be lost making us all more vulnerable to fires. There are a myriad of other concerns as well.

Communication from Public

Name: Natalie Fritz

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 08:13 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to you today because of the very concerning Will Rogers parking lot proposal from Councilman Bonin's office. This not only will bring more crime to the area -- but also FIRE DANGER. This is a huge issue that we are dealing with in Los Angeles and to allow an encampment to set up by dry trees and brush at Will Rogers is a recipe for disaster. Our area already has a large dangerous encampment on San Vicente Blvd 90049 that has brought vandalism to our local struggling restaurants, excessive trash/garbage on the streets and crime to our area and last week it was brought to a new and very concerning level with the death and injury to two people -- I hope that the our voices as residents of 90049 will finally be heard. The proposal of allowing tents and opening up to a new homeless encampment at Will Rogers parking lot sounds like a bandaid on a large problem that needs to be addressed. Project room key housing sounds like a much better solution as well as a FEMA response to helping with drug rehab and mental illness and finding transitional homeless facilities for all individuals who need it.

Communication from Public

Name: Debra Schellenberg

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 04:25 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Mr. Bonin and Mr. Ridley Thomas, you MUST be kidding. If you want to solve the homeless problem (as I am sure the vast majority of us do) please find an abandoned military base that can be converted to affordable housing, or build inexpensive housing where real estate is less expensive, e.g. housing projects which were built after the Depression on a massive scale, or purchase and convert warehouses, where there is adequate space to house a large number of people and where appropriate bathroom and cooking facilities can be easily placed. To take the most expensive real estate in Los Angeles County, which can only house a small number of people at most, in a crowded urban area is nuts and frankly dangerous. The location to the bluffs which are a fire hazard on a good day makes this even more thoughtless. The proximity to PCH, where accidents with pedestrians and cars occur so frequently, will make this an even larger disaster. Has the fire department or police department been consulted on this proposal? Have you thought about the public health implications? Surely you must know that the vast number of homeless people are either addicts or have serious mental issues. As an example, I have a cousin who is psychotic and has decided to be homeless-even though her family would gladly support and house her. She likes being homeless, and she likes hurting herself and frankly children! Sadly, as we know from the Venice example, there is a criminal element as well that can have a deleterious effect on all neighboring areas. Setting up a camp site or small houses without addressing the underlying drug and mental health issues, is a recipe for disaster and given this location, will do NOTHING to solve the problem. This has cemented in my mind, that although you may be well meaning, you don't know what you are doing and are clearly ill equipped to be members of the LA City Council. I have heard of some hair brained ideas in my day, but this takes the cake! Is there a recall process for members of the LA City Council? I certainly hope so.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 02:44 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Has Councilmember Bonin ever heard of the California Coastal Commission.....does he really think they would even consider approving something like this off-the-wall idea and its impact on a State Beach parking lot, much less the State Beach itself.

Communication from Public

Name: Tyler K

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 02:46 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose Councilmember Mike Bonin measure to use the Will Roger's State Beach Parking lot as a shelter for the homeless. There is a homeless encampment on San Vicente next to Veteran's Association property (within Councilmember Mike Bonin's district) that was meant to be temporary, but has since become a serious public health and safety issue for the community. Recently, two homeless people living at the encampment entered into an altercation, resulting in a death. On top of that, the homeless issue on San Vicente completely obstructs any community member from using the public property. There are personal items (including trash and other nefarious materials) everywhere on the street and sidewalk. I personally would not be able to walk on the public property without tripping over an obstruction, let alone fearing for my life. What about our disabled community? Their wheel chairs would certainly not be able to navigate the sidewalk either. What is to say these issues (among several others) will not persist at other locations, like the one Councilmember Bonin is proposing. Councilmember Mike Bonin's proposal is a threat to public safety on multiple fronts. I strongly oppose this measure.

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 02:50 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE do not place homeless housing at Will Rogers State Beach. There has to be a better solution in a more unpopulated area of California. Having a large group of homeless people with mental health issues at Will Rogers State beach will create an unsafe environment for hard working families who use the beach. Please come up with a better solution for our city.

Communication from Public

Name: Alan Vorwald

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 02:57 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is a crazy idea. It needs to be stopped.

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Diener

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 03:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We all want a solution to the problem, but giving up precious recreational areas which are attempting to serve a huge population and converting them into homeless camps seems terribly unfair to the hard-working taxpayers of LA County. I do not think homeless people -- some of whom are perfectly fine people down on their luck, while many others are mentally/emotionally ill, dangerous and unkempt -- deserve to be housed in the best places: parks, beaches, or other public spaces. Many of them should be institutionalized and off the streets altogether; others put in motels/hotels temporarily while being given job assistance; and all should be taken off the streets. California and Los Angeles in particular will lose their appeal to residents and visitors alike and soon will not be attractive to corporations, schools or other desirable entities looking to locate to a beautiful climate. It is truly disgusting to see so many encampments, filth and dangerous behavior spreading like a cancer in our city. I am not a heartless person, but I do not understand why we cannot find an answer to this without sacrificing the quality of life for everyone else.

Communication from Public

Name: Stephen T

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 03:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My family and I are completely opposed to creating any Homeless Encampment at Will Rodgers State Beach. This will be so very dangerous for any children going to the beach and a source of pollution, needles in the sand, and drugs as are often encountered at Venice Beach! This is a crazy idea. We understand that there is a need for space for the homeless and there is plenty of wide open space out by Palmdale, Lancaster, or the Hanson Dam area. To destroy the safety and security of our treasured beaches is lunacy. Families bring their children to the beach and should be able to do so without the dangers or pollution inherent with Homeless Encampments. STOP this CRAZY IDEA!

Communication from Public

Name: Barry

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

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Comments for Public Posting: The Bonin proposal to put homeless camps and the associated drug use and crime and pollution on our pristine beach is an abomination. The beaches are our recreational facilities and where we escape from the crime and pollution you gift us with as well as the heat of our valleys. The beach is also one of our LGBT community treasures. And now you want to destroy it and grant residence in the most prime property in LA to vagrant populations when any hardworking taxpayers would never in a million years be permitted to live there. And the surrounding residents have worked hard and paid taxes all their lives for properties near these pristine beaches and you are threatening their communities with imminent destruction. NEVER

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Name:

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

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Comments for Public Posting: This is my first letter ever to complain about living in Los Angeles! I'm not ordinarily a politically active person, but as I have lived here for all my life, and lived in Pacific Palisades for the last 35 years and am shocked at how, just in the last few years, our quality of life has deteriorated! I finally have reached the breaking point and must comment on how our once amazing City has been ruined. The latest is Bonin's boneheaded idea to house the homeless on our beaches is INSANE and will end up only punishing our taxpaying lawful citizens and businesses, bringing down Los Angeles even further! There is so much more that could be done to help the homeless, but taking away one of our City's great assets and making it a no go zone for the rest of us cannot be the solution. The City owns lots of more appropriate places to house people, without taking away places from other people. How is that fair to any of us? I implore you to find those other places, utilize them with appropriate services. The beaches are not that place!

Communication from Public

Name: Linda Seltzer

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 07:05 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The suggestion of placing homeless people in the Pacific Palisades beach parking lots is a TERRIBLE idea for so many reasons. This is a town with many small children, who bike ride in the parking lots; learn to bike ride, scooter and skate; and this could be a potential nightmare. In fact, I already know of families who have had run-ins with the same exact issue recently, in Venice, where the homeless encampments have gotten out of control. I beg of you to consider other areas; such as the LA Convention Center, which is out of the way; but, central. Please, the Pacific Palisades parking lots are already so busy with tourists, families, children, and it is no place for another homeless encampment. Please reconsider. Thank you for your consideration

Communication from Public

Name: Cathy Tryon

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 07:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Housing of homeless at Will Rodgers State Beach is an unacceptable idea. This is a location used by the entire community including LA City and County communities as well as many tourists. Safety of the entire community is at stake. I fully support taking care of and providing housing for the homeless but surely there are many locations owned by Los Angeles City, County and associated cities with open land that is not in areas that provide services for children, families and visitors that would be much better suited for this purpose. Please think again about using public beaches for this purpose.

Communication from Public

Name: Tiffany

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 07:23 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Council District 11 and I strongly support the motion for additional funds to support projects to decrease homelessness. There is a need for the tiny homes and safe camping sites to provide additional support for the unhoused especially on the Westside while longer term housing solutions are developed.

Communication from Public

Name: Dr. Oren Zaidel

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 07:35 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This motion to put homeless camping at a beach and park area where children and families should be able to go without fear of drugs, alcohol, harassment, public indecency, defecation and urination, not to mention violence is an abomination to our rights as taxpayers. Mr. Bonin does not represent his constituents, never responds to emails or calls from his constituents, and is inaccessible despite it BEING HIS JOB to listen to our concerns.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 07:43 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Starting a homeless encampment at Will Rogers beach is a terrible idea. This is a crowded beach with various day camps that regularly run out of the area. There are many other areas that would be much less likely to interrupt daily life. Putting a homeless encampment in this area will not only be problematic for the day camps but will lead to more stigmatization given the controversy it will cause. I highly recommend they find another area.

Communication from Public

Name: Jane Trotman

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 07:44 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Housing the homeless at the beach will only increase the sewage, garbage and plastic in an already threatened ocean. The wind blows garbage all over the place and into the ocean. This is not the place for the homeless.

Communication from Public

Name: Tram Tran

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 07:46 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I feel I have no choice but to submit this public comment, which I have never done before. I submit this because the alleged representative of my district (MIKE BONIN) does not respond to any emails, phone calls, or communication from his constituents. He knows we are opposed to his actions and refuses to answer to us. I AM STRONGLY OPPOSED to putting a homeless encampment in our public park (Will Rogers) which is used not just by our local neighbors but by citizens of the entire city. Will Rogers is used by families, children and the elderly to walk, hike and enjoy open space during these covid times. Children and families will NOT feel safe using this park and area with a homeless put here. DO NOT ALLOW THE TAXPAYING CITIZENS RIGHTS AND VOICES TO BE SUBVERTED BY MIKE BONIN.

Communication from Public

Name: Bill M

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 03:08 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of West LA and a frequent user of Will Rogers Beach in Pacific Palisades, I am strongly opposed to Mike Bonin's proposal to utilize part of Will Rogers Beach parking lot for micro housing or tented housing for homeless. This would cause homeless spillover, paraphernalia from alcohol and drug use, trash and an overall undesirable atmosphere to an area enjoyed by county residents and tourists alike. Mr Bonin should be seeking county land to accommodate homeless that is more inland and much less expensive to maximize HHH dollars than land with ocean views in any part of West Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: barbara tenzer

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 03:09 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Bonin is so out of touch with the homeless situation and the community, it is hard to believe. His plan is unacceptable to all the communities. He has not thought things through. He needs to be removed from the city council. And, any other council members that follows through with his ridiculous ideas needs to be removed as well. You all can leave with Newsom, who will be recalled.

Communication from Public

Name: Bob

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 03:18 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The City needs to build multistory single room economically constructed apartments with shared bathroom facilities on public lands and move all homeless and tented encampment residents into these facilities. The streets, sidewalks, underpasses, onramps, public parks and other common use areas should not house homeless population both for their dignity and just as importantly for public health and safety issues. LA should not become home to tent/shack barrios.

Communication from Public

Name:

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

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Comments for Public Posting: This is a dangerous proposal that will damage our local natural resources and endanger our children who frequent this beach, not to mention reducing an already crowded parking area. Los Angeles residents will not feel safe in this area and this will only prolong the homeless problem/situation that is occurring now. What people really need are services to get them off the streets, not more street places to live.

Communication from Public

Name: Mary Emmons

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 03:25 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Councilman Bonin's proposal to put homeless encampments on public beaches and in public parks is misguided, disingenuous, and very poor public policy. The City Council knows that allowing homeless encampments on public beaches and parks is dangerous and unhealthy, especially for our children. The beaches and parks belong to "the public" and by law should be kept clean, safe, healthy and open to daily use by the vast majority of Los Angeles residents and visitors, not turned over to uncontrolled and unhealthy camps. Camping of any type, whether for homeless people or recreational, should not be allowed on public beaches and parks. Councilman Bonin and City officials need to start prioritizing the rights of millions of Angelenos to safely use the public streets, parks and beaches and find realistic and reasonable alternative locations for housing the homeless.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 03:55 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a tax paying citizen, I would like to say that it is unfair that our Brentwood sidewalks have been rendered both unsafe and unusable by the homeless encampments that have taken over parts of San Vicente. In addition, there are cars parked 24/7 in no-parking zones, as well as people haphazardly socializing and wandering in the street, making it difficult to drive in the right lane (westbound from Wilshire) at all. It is imperative that we find a place for all these human beings to live in a way that is safe for both them and the rest of the community before the entire Westside deteriorates into a second Skid Row, like what has happened in Venice Beach. The VA seems like a fitting solution. And maybe some of the unused buildings on their grounds.

Communication from Public

Name: Toby

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 04:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: What an embarrassment for our community. Implement Project RoomKey and let these people reside indoors and not on taxpayers' doorsteps.

Communication from Public

Name: TRACEY PRICE

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

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose allowing any public beach, public park, or any public SHARED SPACE to become a homeless encampment. Sidewalks included! Safety first, community FIRST.

Communication from Public

Name: Richard Beckendorf

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

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Comments for Public Posting: I have read the afore mentioned file number and proposed council action. I am vehemently opposed to this for many reasons but for the most part because it makes our cities unsafe, negates enjoyment by local and out of town visitors along with no real permanent plan for homeless people. I am an ordained pastor who feels much compassion for the poor and needy and have dedicated my life towards this service. However, this proposal is not the right one. Furthermore, I will not support any council member who favors this going forward.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 04:29 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is a terrible idea!!!

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Name: GS

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 04:50 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is a travesty. Instead of finding permanent solutions, we continue to put the tax paying public in harms way.

Communication from Public

Name: D Donahue

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 05:02 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose Councilman Mike Bonin's proposal to use the Will Rogers State Beach parking lot, parking lots at Dockweiler Beach and at Fisherman's Village in Marina Del Ray as potential sites for "tiny homes" or "safe camping" for people experiencing homelessness. Homelessness is a complex and challenging problem in Los Angeles but using beach parking lots for housing is not the best solution. This will effectively shut down the beaches for thousands of residents who live near the beaches, many thousands more who bring their families there during the heat of summer, and countless tourists who visit Los Angeles and support local businesses and generate tax revenue.

Communication from Public

Name: Callene Momtazee

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

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not use the county run beach parking lots as camping areas for the homeless. This is a proposition that merely takes a person camping under an underpass and puts them in a different place. I have worked in the county hospital system for over 20 years and at the VA for 4 years with homeless populations. Our homeless need and deserve a roof over their heads, potable water, bathrooms, showers, access to hygiene products, physical & mental health checks, and sober living and job training instruction. Not only will this proposition prolong their suffering and indignity unnecessarily but it will create many potential issues for the general public who are trying to get in and out of these beach areas safely and use these same facilities for their families.

Communication from Public

Name: Linda

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 05:14 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am deeply disturbed by the Mike Bonin's proposal to build Homeless encampments in areas that I hold very close to my heart. I grew up in Culver City. I went to Culver High. I saved hard and finally bought a house in my home town of Culver City. I pay very high property taxes, as do all my neighbors. I am sure the homeowners near the proposed encampment sites are paying top dollar on their property taxes too. We choose to live here because we wanted to be near the beach, nice parks and other public areas. The last thing we thought would happen, is to have homeless people living in government sanctioned camps on those very places we moved here to live next to. Venice Beach was right next to Disneyland on the list of places that tourists want to visit when coming to SoCal. So many businesses depend on that tourist traffic. No one wants to visit a place where people are openly using drugs (I have seen it many many times with my own eyes), dedicating in the sand (even when there are facilities steps away) and are in a drunken stupor in the middle of the day. A young girl was molested in broad daylight just a few wks ago by homeless man under the influence (during the day!) So much trash is left behind. Such a travesty. How are we ever going to be ready for the Olympics, give me a break! No one is taking responsibility, as it is, to keep these areas safe and healthy to hang out in. Nothing is ever temporary either. I want to live right on the water, but I cannot afford it. Why would it seem reasonable to anyone (MIKE AND MARK) to have homeless people taking up those areas. There must be warehouse areas that can be set up for this very important purpose. I understand that this is a major issue in LA and the rest of the US. We can set an example. We can use areas that would not impact the hard working people that made sacrifices to live around the West Side. I want to have a response to my letter. This is the first time I have ever been angered enough to write to the City Council for anything. But, it seems the time has come, I have to say something. I Know I am not alone in my opinion. For sure, I speak for hundreds of your constituents.

Communication from Public

Name: Larry Blivas

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 05:23 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: 1. Please implement Project RoomKey housing program immediately and do your job to help the homeless in our community! 2. Ask the VA to continue the CTRS ("Safe Camping") Program indefinitely and allow the use of small cabins and tents for this program inside the VA 3.Demand a Federal FEMA Response for High Volume Drug Rehab and Mental Health Homeless Transition Facilities located in Low Density Areas for treatment, housing and recuperation before re-entry into the Community - Email FEMA, Congressman Lieu, Supervisor Kuehl, Councilmember Bonin, Dept of Mental Health. 4. . Demand a County Motion to Expand County Mental Health and Drug Diversion Programs by 3,000 beds so impacted homeless persons can remain in treatment & housing, out of jail and off the street either do your elected job to help this big unsanitary, unhealthy situation or we will elect someone who will!

Communication from Public

Name: Tom Alper

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 05:58 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, The proposal to allow homeless housing and/or camping at Will Rogers State Beach is a bad idea. As you know, mental illness is a major contributor to homelessness and your own studies confirm that crime has increased dramatically among LA County homeless populations. Millions of Californians, Americans and people from around the world visit our beautiful beaches every year. Our beaches are places that families, including low income families, can enjoy for free or for only the cost of parking or public transportation. Allowing homeless camps in parking lots at Will Rogers Beach is a threat to public safety. Let's face it, the beach is a giant public park where Angelenos of all stripes can beat the heat and enjoy cool water. Why not allow homeless camps in all our public parks? I'm sure families would love homeless camps next to their little league games. Tourism is a major economic driver for LA's economy. We need to help our small businesses get back on their feet and help get people back to work—our beaches have always been a major attraction that brings tourism to LA. Viral videos of homelessness, the mentally ill, crime, etc. along Will Rogers beach is sure to make many people think twice about visiting LA. Allowing homeless camps at Will Rogers beach threatens public safety and would negatively impact LA's tourism and economy. We must come up with better solutions to solve the homeless and mental illness problem in LA.

Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I favor the use of Will Rogers Beach for homeless until better accomodations are available..

Communication from Public

Name: C Webb

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 09:17 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mr. Bonin- I am writing to you, as I'm sure many are, to plead with you not to put our community in jeopardy. Your proposal to build a homeless encampment at one of the most beloved beaches in Los Angeles was clearly not very well thought out. Will Rogers is a destination for families and children throughout Los Angeles. The Palisades community, more than any other I am familiar with, has gone to great lengths to help homeless people by establishing the Pacific Palisades Task Force on Homelessness using private funds. Because many refuse their services the homeless population has already grown substantially and we suffer from increased crime and threats of fire. Offering up the beach would be a catastrophe, not to mention unfair to those of us who work so hard to be in a safe and clean area. I was raised in Venice and am baffled by what is being allowed to happen there. It is filthy and lawless and out of control. We need to stop the bleeding, not spread the problem further. I understand there is a need to get people off the streets but setting up beachfront housing in an area that lacks necessary services and is heavily used by the public is incredibly irresponsible. Please reconsider your proposal.

Communication from Public

Name: Sheryl

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 09:25 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am absolutely not in favor of this proposal.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 10:16 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: The proposed area for homeless housing is just down the hill from a 3,000 student high school, not to mention all the other schools in the area. These kids surf before school, hang out after school and often hold their track trainings there. Now add all the local families who go down to exercise or hang out at the beach. That's the 1st level. The 2nd is the drastic uptick in crime in the Pacific Palisades residential area by homeless persons and the lack regular security in our area. The last level is that the area draws revenue from tourists as well as media companies. Please find a new area for your housing project that is not located in the hub of our community and that would put our youth at risk.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 10:21 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Unfortunately this proposal would certainly create an unsafe environment in an area that is currently a family friendly weekend destination spot for many in the neighborhood as well as people from all over LA. If you call and talk to any deputy district attorney in Los Angeles County they will let you know that a large amount of cases they deal with are crimes committed by homeless people - who are either suffering from mental health issues or who were under the influence of drugs- usually meth. Last weeks Brentwood homicide, which was that neighborhoods first in years, is only one of thousands of crimes That are committed near these encampments. There are cases of homeless people spitting on people walking with their families, stabbings of women walking their dogs, serious assaults against innocent people. Last month there was an older photographer that was beat so badly by a homeless man that he passed later from his injuries. If you want to understand the full extent of the crimes that are being committed in and around these encampments call any public defender who works at the LAX courthouse and they will tell you a majority of their clients are homeless people - more so than what public defenders deal with in other parts of the county. Please do your research before CREATING a dangerous environment at the beach. This proposal defies all logic. There are summer camps for kids very close to the Will Rogers parking lot. Parents bike through that area every weekend with their kids - after working very hard all week to pay the very high property taxes on their houses. The passing of this proposal would ruin the enjoyment of this public beach for children and for parents who want to get out of the house, for older people who like to walk down that path, for young teenagers who have a safe place to meet with their friends for a weekend of fun in the sun. I don't watch Fox News but I've seen their doomsday coverage of what they think LA is turning into and always scoffed at it - thinking the politicians are doing their best and ignoring the assertions on the news that LA is becoming a junkyard with homeless people living in tents all over the city. Well this proposal is trying to make that a reality. To create unsafe environments in areas that are currently not suffering from what's happening in Venice. What do people think of LA in other parts of the country? Sunny beaches. Sunny days with families at the beach. Please do not let

Bonin take that away from us. His proposal would forever alter the areas he is targeting.

Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 10:24 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: We live locally and adjacent to Will Rogers state beach. We have contributed to the \$1b in local taxes supposedly used to assist the homeless. We feel strongly relocating them to the beach will create further environmental issues to our healing local habitat. It will create an unsafe area for children and others using it for recreation and it is not a long term viable solution. This is a tourist destination that has been severely hampered by Covid and local/state Covid guidelines. Adding this to the area will only further damage the viability of local business, similarly to what has transpired at the Venice boardwalk as a direct result of the explosion In homeless residents relocating there. Even snap chat closed their headquarters. Please do not encourage this relocation here. The beach & ocean should be a safe, clean and hazard free area for all citizens, not the exclusive use of vagrants and drug users who have no regard for other human life or the adjacent local habitat.

Communication from Public

Name: Cathy Russell

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 02:19 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to the Bonin Motion to use public beaches for homeless shelters. The beaches are for everyone's use and not for residential use. This is transferring a Venice problem to other areas rather than solving the problem.

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth

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

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Homelessness is clearly an issue that the city needs to get control over but placing the homeless in open space areas in neighborhoods is not the solution. It will only do what it has done in Santa Monica which has led to an increase of crime and has lowered the housing value of the area and made it unsafe to live or visit. Please do not do the same in Pacific Palisades. Do what is right and get the homeless into safe and secure housing both for them and for us.

Communication from Public

Name: Sue

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 08:17 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: It is outrageous and disgraceful that taxpayers who spends millions of dollars on nice homes in safe neighborhoods in the Palisades now have to fight to maintain the safety of their community beaches and the value of their homes. Is this proposal driven by jealousy and envy that masquerades as helping the homeless? If property values in these areas go down, who's going to pay the hefty taxes necessary to maintain the roads, schools, etc. Or does that not matter? Is the goal to turn the wealthier areas of Los Angeles into an unsafe 3rd world city where mentally ill people and drug addicts who may not want help roam the neighborhoods robbing people, raping and killing people live? If they sincerely want help this will cost ALOT of money. Who's going to pay? Turning beaches into homeless encampments threatens ALL the people in Los Angeles--the poor, middle class, and rich who go to the beach to forget about the troubles and connect with nature. Does this matter to you? Look in the mirror and be honest with yourself. Is there a failure in imagination?

Communication from Public

Name: Margaret D. Maier

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 08:23 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: The idea of using Will Rogers and other state beaches to provide housing for the homeless is preposterous. Why not serve margaritas at sunset as well!

Communication from Public

Name: DH

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 08:45 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Housing the homeless in Will Rogers parking lot is a bad idea. We have worked hard to enjoy the beach all year long. Our children go to the beach there and do camps at this beach. I have friends who live on the beach in Venice and the homeless situation there is intolerable with drugs and violence every single day. That is what will happen at Will Rogers. We passed a billion dollar bond to house the homeless. Where is that housing? Vernon is full of empty warehouses and there is land and not a lot of people live there so it could be a great place to be building inexpensive housing for the homeless. There are inexpensive options to be building housing for homeless. I certainly Ku hope the CA government is not wasting our hard earned tax dollars and not building good housing for these unfortunate souls. We want to help the homeless and there is plenty of spaces in CA for the homeles that does not have to infringe on people's neighborhoods where they are afraid it will decrease their home values. I do not think we who have worked hard all our lives who want the beach to feel safe should have to share it with the encampments of homeless. We saw how a homicide occurred on San Vicente in the homeless encampment there.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 08:48 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: One of the few places families can relax. Their safety will be threatened as the homeless engage in their drug abuse leaving paraphernalia and trash on our beaches. Their verbal rants and inappropriate behavior due to their problems will be disruptive for families. I have personally observed public urination. Is this ok? ABSOLUTELY NOT! What can be done to supervise that theft won't be a problem? What kind of example does this set for young children? Families are entitled to have some life without the threats of disruption by a population that has no respect for property or others' peaceful welfare. I don't want to think about what kind of additional pollution may affect our ocean.

Communication from Public

Name: Julie Levin

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 08:54 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: We are writing to express our vehement opposition to numerous parts of this motion. Several of these concepts, most notably allowing legalized homeless encampments on the beach at Will Rogers State Park and potentially other parks and public areas of the Westside, are nothing short of horrendous and dangerous ideas that would do irreparable harm to our community and environment. We already know a large number of people who have moved away from Los Angeles in the last six months, with rampant, uncontrolled homelessness and high taxes - despite the lack of solutions - being the two interwoven problems each of them has cited. We never thought we would consider moving, but we are now weighing exactly that. Until the past few years, we felt California reflected our values. But this is no longer a safe or comfortable place to raise children, and we pay increasingly exorbitant taxes for this rapidly declining quality of life. We live in the Pacific Palisades, and have noticed a dramatic uptick in the number of not just encounters with homeless people, but negative or dangerous incidents regarding them. One afternoon recently, my eight-year-old son and I ran several errands and dealt with something related to homelessness at every single stop we made. We had a hard time finding parking at several stores because parking spaces were being occupied by homeless people. When we tried to buy dog food, we stood in line behind an irate homeless man who was repeatedly asking a cashier for price checks on items. At the post office, my son kept looking over his shoulder while we were buying stamps because he was afraid one of the homeless people who were yelling as they gathered outside would enter the vestibule where we stood. Then the following morning, another one of my young sons was verbally accosted outside Caffè Luxxe in the Palisades by a homeless man covered in feces who yelled repeatedly that I would one day stop loving my son and would abandon him like the man's own mother did. My son started sobbing. This is unacceptable. The solutions Councilman Bonin has experimented with over the past few years have not worked. Venice is an absolute mess. And yet he continues to double down on them, and is now very clearly proposing to spread the damage further north in part to mitigate Venice's pain. This is NOT A LONG TERM SOLUTION, OR EVEN A VIABLE SHORT-TERM ONE. There is no legitimate

rationale for housing homeless people in some of our most pristine and cherished public spaces, on our beaches and in our parks. LA's beaches and parks are one of its biggest value propositions, for rich and poor alike. No one in their right mind who pays to live in neighborhoods along the coast will continue to do so over the long term if homeless encampments spread up and down the beaches. And no one who lives further inland and enjoys bringing their children and families to the shore on weekends will feel comfortable doing so if the shoreline becomes riddled with tents and porta-potties, garbage and needles, stray dogs and soaked sleeping bags. Areas of LA County further inland have massive swaths of unused land where homeless people could be safely housed while their mental illnesses and addictions are properly addressed. We cannot pretend this is simply a housing issue. It is very clearly a mental health and addiction issue, and forcing taxpaying residents to endure potentially dangerous living conditions while the underlying problems are completely avoided and ignored will result in increased crime and unpredictable and senseless violence in surrounding communities. Julie Levin

Communication from Public

Name: Parag Ashwin

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 08:54 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: For too many years we have watched the increasing number of people living on the streets of our city, county and state. This state of affairs diminishes the quality of life not only for the individuals living on the street but for every citizen. It is very frustrating year after year to see the inability of local governments to successfully address the multiple problems of our community. Mr. Bonin's proposal to house people in the parking lot of Will Rogers State Beach is truly one of the most inept and counter productive ideas yet. The site lacks services, transportation, and sanitation. The homeless are a high need population that should be located close to community services and supervision. The parking lot is in the coastal zone and under the California Coastal Commission, which requires that projects not limit public access to the coast. Will Rogers is a popular point of access for people from all across the city. By reducing accessible parking the project would reduce public access. There is very limited parking nearby. It would further reduce public use, because there will predictably be an increase in drug abuse and crime. In addition, many of the homeless have inadequately treated serious mental illness. People will be discouraged from coming to the area and using this valuable beach area for recreation and family time. Mr. Bonin's proposal should be dismissed immediately. The goal should be to get people off the street. Setting up beachfront housing in an area that lacks necessary services and is heavily used by the public makes no sense at all. Thank you for your response.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 10:32 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I wanted to express my opposition to putting tiny homes or campsites in the parking lot at will Rogers. The beaches serve all Californians and parking access is part of what is required for access. Furthermore other homeless sites have become a blight on those areas such as Venice, resulting in trash and pollution to our beaches and reducing the ability of all but the few homeless who are housed there to enjoy our beaches and oceans. There are other locations for homeless camping and tiny houses that would take away much less from all Californians.

Communication from Public

Name: Chris Adelman
Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 11:02 PM
Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council Members, I hope this finds you both and your families well. I have lived on the west side of Los Angeles for over 35 years and am horrified by the proposed inept plan noted above. Mr. Bonin and the city council of LA have shown terrible foresight and management focus to deal with an ever escalating homeless crises. The current proposal, noted above I believe brings your expertise and oversight into the decision making so I write you to express my negative vote on this. Now semi-retired for approx 2 years, I have seen more than ever the power, beauty and importance of our beaches. They are not just for west siders but are outlets for so many people who live in the city, even east of LA in poorer areas. What better thing for a family of many without much in terms of financial means then to enjoy the beaches of Los Angeles, away from areas where parents might have to especially safeguard their children. Fundamentally, the ocean and the coastline of California are our treasure to be shared by hard working people and children looking for an outdoor experience. Placing homeless encampments on the beach and parking lot will drive people away from the beaches, end summer camps on the beach, including junior lifeguards, and where will people go to cool off, get away from high density living, learn how to swim? What about their/our rights as taxpayers? The statistics of homeless makeup are unfortunately overwhelmingly made up of people with mental problems and drug and alcohol addiction. I have studied this a bit during my many years contributing to CASA, an organization looking to house abused women and their children. Pls prevent this takeover of the beaches by a poorly thought out proposal Thank you and god bless. Regards, Chris Adelman

Communication from Public

Name: Don Jemison

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 11:02 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Marina del Rey, I believe this is a horrible plan. The encampment situation at Venice Beach and the bridge housing in Venice has been a nightmare for us residents. We need help with safety and sanitation, not more shelters in our area. I believe we're already disproportionately concentrated with the unhoused. Please do not add more to Marina del Rey! The focus should be on clearing the trash from encampments and managing/servicing the mental illness and drug addiction in our streets.