

Communication from Public

Name: Ken Davis

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 05:36 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: WE DO NOT WANT THE HOMELESS IN VENICE, MAR VISTA OR ANY BEACH AREAS! We are sick OF the trash, the drugs and crime. These people must be moved away from our parks, beaches and neighborhoods. Why must we tax payers have to put up with this Group. Wr want to use our beaches, walk to the park, feel safe in our neighborhoods. No to the homeless shelters!!! No to MIKE BONIN! SAVE OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

Communication from Public

Name: Carol Reynes

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 05:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Let's see....no plan for the safety and security of the neighborhood, LAHSA and other services providers being spread out all over the place to try to provide services, no transition plan, no exit strategy, no plan to stem the flow of people coming from all over the country to set up camp here, no plan to make sure that current encampments and RV's aren't just replaced with more, AND giving away public park and beach front land? What could possibly go wrong?? This idea is so wrong-headed that it's amazing anyone, let alone a Harvard grad, came up with it. Secure the land north of LAX and get Sheila Kuehl and the rest of the county supervisors to come up with county land.

Communication from Public

Name: sam Phipps

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Comments for Public Posting: How are you going to coerce them to move?Most refuse. to leave. If you can,why move them to the beach? Public parks?These are family spots.Temporary?you're kidding,they'd never leave! Find a closed /industrial parcel/parking lotNot beach front property.Clean up the garbage and enforce the law, By ignoring infractions.i.e.littering .loitering,public defecation,,drug use,blocking public access,illegal vehicles(some with NO License)Garbage dumping,you are perpetrating further degradation to our city.

Communication from Public

Name: John
Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 05:57 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please stop enabling the homeless. Send them back to their parents house or jail. Stop lying about who they are. These are antisocial criminals.

Communication from Public

Name: Gene Siegrist

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 06:13 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This man is acting like a dictator. He cares not for the general public or their quality of life. He believes we all should live with the homeless everywhere we turn. The more he destroys the Westside the more homeless show up. His "plan" will only grow larger. It is a lose lose. Don't approve it.

Communication from Public

Name: Marilyn Mere LaTour

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 06:16 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Our beaches and other public recreation areas are not options for housing the homeless population. Increasing homeless encampments is obviously not a solution to the growing homeless population, which continues to worsen at an alarming rate. The actions taken so far to resolve this problem appear ineffective and are a big disappointment to me as a resident and voter in this city.

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Name: Lynn

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 03:09 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This idea is truly the worst I've heard yet for attempting to help the homeless. Venice, an area where we used to enjoy taking out-of-town guests, and where we would gladly spend money at the shops and restaurants, has already been ruined. We won't be visiting again unless that area is cleaned up. And now you want to create more of these dangerous encampments at our beaches that are destinations for visitors from all over Southern Calif. and far beyond? Local tax-paying (and fortunate, I realize) residents already feel they can't safely walk in their neighborhoods, or use their neighborhood parks, and now won't feel safe using the beaches that are supposed to be for all to enjoy. And we all know these camps are very dangerous for the unfortunate people who live in them. How would these beach camps be any different from the others spread all throughout our city? Once one tent goes up, the site will immediately begin to sprawl and the trash and debris will pile up, the drugs will come in and violent "incidents" will increase. You are dreaming if you think there will be any way to control this, and calling them "temporary" is absurd. How will you move people out once they are established? To where?? I realize I am privileged, and I do have compassion for people living in such difficult circumstances. But just shuffling people around is not helpful for anyone. I do understand how complex the problem is, with deep roots in the economic issues of this country, but this city has reached a breaking point and we need some creative thinking and long-term plans (that are truly helpful for the homeless and especially the mentally ill) to address a problem that has reached critical mass. We see people shooting up drugs openly a block from our house in Mar Vista in the relatively recent camp that has sprung up there (and that is always piled with trash spilling into the street as well as a long row of stolen bicycles.) This has to be affecting the small businesses located on that corner. I know I now avoid patronizing them. Burglaries, theft and other "petty" crime is way up in our neighborhood and has been ever since the encampment on Venice Bl. under the 405 grew into the giant mess it is now. People frequently are threatened by disturbed and aggressive homeless people. I know of 4 deaths that have occurred on the Westside in the past 6 mos. as a result of attacks by mentally ill people, on folks just going about their daily lives. I imagine even more

denizens of the encampments have died as a result of their dangerous living conditions. Please do some outside-the-box thinking about new ways to approach this situation before this entire city becomes unlivable for both the housed and the unhoused, and before the financial devastation that will occur when tourists stop coming here and businesses start leaving.

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Weinberger

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 03:22 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to Councilman Bonin's new proposal to address homelessness. Firstly, it does not acknowledge the fact that the homeless are a diverse group. Broadly speaking, there are the homeless who came upon hard times, and can live peacefully among citizens. Then there are the homeless, or unhoused, who struggle with severe mental health or substance abuse issues. Many of these homeless can live among us if provided with services. Finally, there are the grifters and criminals, who aren't interested in getting help or living in housing provided to them. They are causing many problems in our neighborhood— theft, vandalism, and even acts of violence, including murder. This proposal does not address this issue, and wants to place any homeless person in our midst, with no requirements for how they live and act. Look at the crime stats for Venice Blvd. where many of the latter group of homeless camp out, or in Venice. It is already horrifying. I also oppose using our parks and beaches for homeless camps. Look at our streets now. Littered with trash, chop shops, and potential health hazards. Do we need this where we go to get away from the city? It's not fair or right or a good solution to this problem. It is awful that homeless people are dying on our streets, but this is not a good solution. Please provide shelter and services to all who want it, but in areas away from residential and recreational areas. Then let those who show that they can and want to live among us, or are mentally and psychologically suited to do so to transition into our neighborhoods. Offer affordable housing— perhaps small houses, so many can be housed. This is a half-baked and potentially dangerous and short- sighted plan. As a final thought, imagine what this will do for our tourist economy. Mr. Bonin, we are fed up with the lack of effective solutions given all the money you had to work with.

Communication from Public

Name: Daniel Olson

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 03:38 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I believe that using these facilities is a really bad idea. You are making public property unusable to the public there must be a better solution. Thank you Dan Olson

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Name: Goulds

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 03:43 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: URGENT: It already wildly unsafe in Venice. I have been personally and physically harassed multiple times while simply attempting to walk my dogs to the store. I am now afraid to walk alone and my children are no longer allowed to walk alone. There is NO safe route to the beach any longer as EVERY major road has housing encampments that cover the sidewalks so we must walk in the middle of Venice blvd or not go at all. We have had unleashed dogs lunge at us, people scream at us at all times of day. We depend on these areas to maintain general public health and safety for recreation, etc. Our children require safe parks and areas to play in our daily lives. All the "temporary" areas became permanent. Why is Echo Park cleaned up and we are left to literally hide in our homes? Its insane given the property taxes we bear here. This is why people are leaving. Use the \$2 BILLION from the proposition and build a large centralized tent city away from our children. A centralized facility/area will be easier to service and analyze to solve the problems of people who need help and would allow for services to be provided more easily for more people.

Communication from Public

Name: Linda Smith

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 03:44 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is a horrible and poorly thought out proposal. It further puts local residents at risk and does nothing to deal with the underlying causes of homelessness. The focus should be on the support/help for those with mental illness and drug addition. Local residents and families with children visit/use the beaches and parks in this proposal on a daily basis. Why should they give up these up? This will also turn away visitors and tourists. Please, please do not move forward with this proposal!

Communication from Public

Name: Liz

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

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Comments for Public Posting: No sir. The solution begins with mental health and drug addiction/abuse interventions and services. Taking any part of the parks away from children and tax paying residents and allowing random people to “camp” there without rules is short sighted and unsustainable. It will create more out of town transients looking for a free place to “camp”. I wish you and your colleagues would put the effort in to actually see the reality on our streets. The facts are these “campers” are not homeless due to financial circumstances or due to losing their homes. Many, if not most, are here "camping" by choice due to the lack of enforced laws and rules allowing them to live and party on our beaches, parks, streets for free. The homeless situation on our streets has grown exponentially due to you and other city leaders' inadequacies, thus creating safety issues(multiple fires, ongoing harassment), crime issues(burglaries, robberies, and now murders), health issues(human waste, discarded used needles, trash, rats and other vermin) and the inability to simply walk along one's own sidewalk, or at the beach, or the park issues for the actual residents(tax payers) who live here. Perhaps you can show us exactly how your bridge program is working to alleviate any of these issues. Oh wait -I don't think you can, because it is not working... just costing taxpayers more money, more stress. Your ideas are like the bullet train all over again. I propose that you toss all of your proposals into the nearest garbage can and begin again. Please show us real data and statistics on exactly how and why your proposals will work (or are working- which has not yet been the case in our city) and most importantly how they will be enforced. Los Angeles is a big urban city not a campground.

Communication from Public

Name: D. Choi

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 04:17 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members: I'm writing to oppose the motion to allow homeless encampments along our beaches, the jewels of our coastal communities. Think of the irreparable damage that will be done to the coastal habitat and neighborhoods. Not to mention the detriment to home values and consequently property tax revenues from areas of highest property values. Coming from poor immigrant families, my wife and I were finally able to stretch and afford a condo in Playa del Rey after decades of hard work and building up our finances together for 16 years. Now Councilman Bonin proposes to tear down the equity we've worked so hard for by rewarding the homeless with beachfront properties at our cost. Whatever happened to the 1.2 billion dollars of Prop HHH money? Have all of those Homeless Housing units been built? Are all of them at full capacity?
(<https://www.lamag.com/citythinkblog/proposition-hhh-audit/>) I applaud portions of the motion that propose to purchase unused buildings to provide safe housing for the homeless. There are vast tracts of unused land on the outskirts of cities that lend well to providing safe housing for the homeless. This motion is NOT a viable solution

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Name: S H

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 04:31 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose allowing homeless people to occupy the local public park in Mar Vista. I understand the homeless problem, and I am sympathetic to those on the street. I know we need resources in mental health, substance abuse and low income housing. I believe in taxes and targeted compassionate action. But there are already tent communities and trash heaps in the immediate area on Venice/GrandView right where our main local Mar Vista walking-distance community-center shops and business. People are afraid of using our local business strip. (Plus the 405 underpass "village".) Now the proposal is to also bring unease and discomfort to our only local park, too? As you know, LA neighborhoods suffer a lack of public park space as it is. We will become deprived of safe use of our local business/retail area, and now also our local park. The park is also right up against peoples' homes. How is this safe or respectful to people in their homes? I know folks object to the beach site for various reasons, but at least (1) the beach is not right up against peoples homes, and (2) as sacred as the beach is, there's a lot of it ! One's own immediate neighborhood is a unique place, and it's tough to have it tainted by fear and garbage right around the corner from home.

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Name: Alexa

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 04:50 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: When I heard about a plan for the homeless on the west side I thought to myself “Finally! We’ve got some solutions here.” Then I saw what this new plan was and I was shook to the core and my heart dropped. Why would you eliminate parking by the beaches from hard working citizens who pay a lot of money to live here and give it to the homeless? This would be the best homeless spot in America. Everyone would want to come live at the beach. Why would anyone be motivated to leave or better their lives if they’re given beach front property? This will only attract more tents. The news will spread all over Los Angeles and I can assure you more homeless will find a way to the beach to relocate themselves and pitch their tent with all their surrounding junk. I can only imagine the runoff during the rainy season. The environmental issues the ocean will face from these encampments makes me sick. Environmental lawsuits will follow. We’re in a state of emergency and at this point FEMA needs to get involved. There are abandoned parking lots, warehouses, and malls all over Los Angeles and outside Los Angeles. This would make more sense instead of pushing out tax payers and tourists who want to use the beaches. Over at Fisherman’s Village there are restaurants and businesses operated near the parking lot. Plus an apartment complex. Why should they have to be subjected to these encampments? This will destroy businesses and the quality of life for those living in the apartment complex. Enough is enough. Stop pretending there are not any consequences to encampments. Crime has gone up and our streets are trashed, and people have been murdered from mentally ill people being able to run amuck on our streets. I really do not understand Bonin’s thinking or lack there of. I have never been motivated to vote Republican in my life, but Bonin is really leading me to reconsider. The good news is a lot of local citizens are fed up at the lack of leadership on the west side when it comes to homeless and he will most definitely be voted out.

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Comments for Public Posting: NO encampments at the beach, in the parking lots or anywhere!

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Name: Rez

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

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Comments for Public Posting: Why do we need to have homeless people camping at the beach instead of in Pacoima or Palmdale ? I just might want to take my tent and enjoy the summer at the beach too. Why not all of us? Beach parking lots are for all to use and enjoy to access the beach. They are already overcrowded without deduction for tents. Just say NO !!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Sonja

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

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not use our parks and beaches to house the homeless. Mar Vista Park and Venice beach are already overrun by homeless encampments, that no one seems to be addressing or asking to leave. If you think putting small houses or tents and “services” in these areas is going to help, you obviously don’t understand the bigger problem and are just inviting more and more to come to the area. It’s sad enough that when we walk around our neighborhood, we have to cross streets, or skip streets altogether, just to avoid the tents, trash and stolen bikes! PLEASE find another solution!

Communication from Public

Name: Teri Shoustal

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 05:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Bonin's plan for setting up tent cities for the homeless in parks where our children play and beachfront property which provide us with tourist money is ill conceived. We need a large plot of land where many tents can be set up, and services can be provided. Public campgrounds or lands would be an actual solve. Secondly, what is the solution to keep more population from pouring into these tent cities. People all over the world would be very attracted to our million dollar beachfront camping and we cannot house every homeless person in the country in West LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Barbara E. Barnes

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 05:23 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose using our beaches and beach parking lots as solutions for the growing homeless population. As a lifetime citizen of Venice and Mar Vista (68 years/ 3rd of 5 generations), and a lover of our beaches, I hope that more commonsense/fair/longterm solutions could be found. The beaches and parks should remain "safe zones" for the whole community - especially those of us whose taxes and parking fees have always supported them - so that we (and visitors to our City) can enjoy them safely!! At will Rogers we have already witnessed several mentally ill (presumably homeless) using the showers and the facilities, and it does not feel safe. Our children felt scared ! We tried to be friendly, but sadly, they were not in their right minds... It was SO very sad... and SO very obvious...We did not feel safe! Please pressure our City Council members to be "accountable" to the citizens they claim to serve. Please use the funds designated for the homeless CRISIS specifically for procurement of spaces AWAY from families and areas of common "safe recreation"!!! Please do not group ALL homeless into the same category.. Please attempt to determine who needs mental & physical health support, and who needs to be accountable for their illegal drug use and drug dealings and other crimes that are creeping ever closer into our neighborhoods! You won't solve ANY problems by sending them to our beaches. Let's address their circumstances honestly, but do not put ANY of their needs (valid or invalid) ahead of your law-abiding, freedom loving, hard-working, fair-minded citizens. Be fair. Thank you for listening. I pray that you will!

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Name:

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

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Comments for Public Posting: You can do better than to allow homeless encampments in our tourist areas. These areas provide much needed businesses to our communities and rewarding homelessness by giving them beach front property endangers our local communities, our businesses and affects the safety of all of us high tax paying citizens. Find a place for them in the industrial areas of the city where no foot traffic is required to maintain commercial attractiveness.

Communication from Public

Name: Robin Cunningham

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 12:21 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council, First, I am a lifelong Democrat and have always felt that helping individuals in need lifts our entire community. I have voted to raise my taxes for schools in which I have no children in attendance. I have voted to raise my taxes to provide care and housing for the homeless while I know no such person. I have voted to raise my taxes in countless ways in which I have no skin in the game. I believed our society as a whole would benefit and I did what I believe is 'the right thing.' Now, it is being proposed that our neighborhood park, Westchester Park, have a dedicated portion carved out for the homeless in which to live permanently. In our park. Where our neighborhood children play. Where our neighborhood TAX PAYERS play basketball, swim, skateboard, and picnic. IN OUR PARK. There are no polite words to describe how wrong this proposal is. There are spaces throughout the city where the homeless can be cared for. NOT OUR PARK. You cannot humanely fence the homeless in so they will be free to roam OUR PARK, WHERE OUR CHILDREN SHOULD BE PLAYING. I do not support this proposal and will fight it until saner minds prevail and a comprehensive solution is attained that is both humane and right.

Communication from Public

Name: Jason Baker

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 12:38 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose this bill. Not in contempt for people experiencing homelessness, but for a better solution. A more fitting solution. A solution that brings more unity in a time where most of the country is divided. To try to implement something that many members of the community oppose is moving in the opposite directions we should be headed. We have been dealing with people in office enforcing measures pulling us apart for a few too many years now. Although it will be very difficult to find a solution a majority can agree on, moving forward with these proposed shelters is not a correct fix. Addressing the homelessness problem will be uncomfortable and people will need to compromise and make sacrifices, none of which are easy. However, it would be done with more ease if a measure is presented that does not draw such a divide. It is very admirable to be on the side of people experiencing homelessness and we do need more of this. Thank you for taking steps in the right direction. Please and thank you for working on this. Change does not happen overnight. But please do not pass this motion. It will not be a step in the right direction for the community when so many people in that community oppose what will be in place, possibly further damaging the view in people experience homelessness. People's compassion for them will be thin and compassion is what is most needed. Although many people who are posting are not experts and are frustrated, I do believe it's important to listen to them as we are members of this community. I do believe the majority of the people do want to help and be of service. Hopefully we can find a middle ground. I do not believe this bill is that middle ground. I respectfully oppose. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Alison

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 12:42 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is an absolutely horrible idea to house homeless at the beach and in our parks. Crime in these areas are way up. Nightly people are assaulted and not to mention the drug use. I can no longer safely walk my dog at night or frequent the beach. This will limit access to many to the beach which I am sure the coastal commission would not support. There are many other options but first - drug addiction and support must be mandatory. Bonin has no clue how he is going to impact these areas. Not a good plan.

Communication from Public

Name: John Sharpe

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 12:50 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I fully support Council member Bonin's and Council member Ridley-Thomas's motion and hope the city council adopts the measures in their entirety. If we are ever going to solve the homeless crisis in our city we need to treat it like one and expedite multi-pronged approaches like those proposed.

Communication from Public

Name: Sharon Hall

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 01:00 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the motion to add housing for homeless persons at the beaches and Fisherman's Village in the form of tent encampments. Bond monies should be used to create permanent housing or temporary housing in hotels or shelters rather than the creation of additional encampments. Westchester Park, and the related parking lot, now has tents where people are housed and is no longer a safe or restful place to visit for housed individuals. Additional sites such as that are not desired and are not an acceptable use of taxpayer monies.

Communication from Public

Name: Maureen P Weatherall

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

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my deep concern about this proposal. When I first read it, I truly thought it was meant as a joke to inspire real discussion and solutions. The environmental impact, the economic, quality of life, and safety impact to homeowners, businesses and the general public is immeasurable. And it provides a less than desirable outcome for homeless families. I encourage the council to vote against this proposal. Our beaches and parks are not meant to be housing solutions.

Communication from Public

Name: Chrissy

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 01:06 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council Members – I am vehemently opposed to Mike Bonin’s motion/proposal for temporary housing at county owned beaches and “safe” camping at privately and publicly owned property near neighborhoods. This is no longer a homelessness issue but now a SAFETY issue. The idea that a park should be used for temporary camp sites is ludicrous. Echo Park Lake is a prime example. It wasn’t set up for temporary housing but when you do so, you create the same situation. And do you want this situation at other parks? Let’s not forget that aside from trash and drug paraphernalia, weapons were found and there was an increase in violence in and around the park. We are now seeing this in Westchester Park. This Park is near elementary/middle schools, high schools, and even a college. Not only that, but it’s near a hotel that houses tourists. As of late, I am seeing transients in neighborhoods using commercial and private property for their water intake and bathing, blatant drug use with needles while kids are nearby in their front yards playing, illegal bonfires, heaps of trash, and so on. And if you somehow don’t think that is an issue, can we also address the random acts of violence on law abiding, tax paying citizens who walk in their neighborhoods and get physically assaulted, stabbed, and even murdered in broad daylight? If this is a “temporary solution,” which I disagree with, then why is land being chosen in and near neighborhoods? There is plenty of land to choose from away from communities whose safety won’t be at risk and where real homelessness assessments and services can take place. There is a solution to this but this proposal/motion is not it.

Communication from Public

Name: Marta Priestley

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 01:06 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am not in favor of Mr Bonin's plan for the homeless on the west side. It will attract more homeless and run taxpayers out of our public parks and beaches. Without parks and beaches to enjoy, why even bother living in Los Angeles?

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 01:25 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The proposal to study the feasibility of allowing camping at Westchester Park, and the proposal to permit camping at the beach, is wholly unacceptable. Currently, Westchester Park is hosting dozens of illegal campsites. Needles and trash are all over the park, and its gone from a place where kids played and flew kites, to one where its not safe to even walk through because of the risk of physical injury or verbal assault. Crime has increased within Westchester, as homeless people break into cars at night, or beg for money in front of the markets. Westchester is a family oriented neighborhood with kids playing in the street, and is now evolving into a situation where it isn't even safe to park your car on the street. While the homeless population is deserving of permanent solutions to re-home them, it shouldn't come at the expense of children, who are currently effectively denied use of the park, and will be prevented from using the beaches if the homeless are relocated there.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 01:39 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We should not be turning our parks and beach parking lots into "homeless communities". Why do we need to increase the number of these communities instead of enhancing the current efforts at the current facilities? I would like to know if the City Council thinks that the Westchester Safe Parking initiative is successful? The current park is unable to be used as it is full of trash, tents, and liquor but we feel like we need to increase a larger portion of the park to housing? Additionally, if we utilize the parking lots at Dockweiler, how are we going to make up for the lost revenue of daily parking?

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 01:42 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My family and I strongly oppose turning Westchester park (or the parking lots) and the beaches into a tiny house/tent encampment to house the homeless. Over the past year + we have been unable to use many resources that we as tax payers are afforded. This will only make it worse. It will bring more crime, vagrancy, and drugs to the area. As a parent of a young child it's awful that we are not able to use OUR community park or swimming pool. If this passes our beaches will be next. I urge you to vote NO on this terrible proposal. There is plenty of abandoned/open land to use in other parts of California. Please save our community from Bonin.

Communication from Public

Name: Vee Blades

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 01:54 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: • I can't tell If this is the plan for the emergency tiny home communities -- including showers, toilets and food delivery (and I assume social, mental, and addiction services). If so, that would be an improvement for those who choose to participate. I'm curious to see how this program will affect the population of our all local FWY overpass homeless villages. • I hope our governing decision-makers are ready for any unforeseeable repercussions that come from putting a plan like this in motion (PLEASE read Malcolm Gladwell's book "The Tipping Point."). The obvious: loitering and petty theft will migrate westward... used needles and increased piles of trash on the shore. Will it be "out of sight, out of mind" for those of us who have watched the signs of misfortune expand exponentially over the past few years? More discomfort for beach goers? • I believe there will need to be vetting, rules & regs and resident buy-in plus some kind of supervisory manager for each location. Please don't just plop clusters of tiny homes on beach parking lots. Fingers crossed this will be a step toward truly helping the homeless. These clusters can be an opportunity to create community, build connections w/ services, foster optimism and offer a path forward for those suffering from economic disruption.

Communication from Public

Name: Don Shumaker

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 01:59 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: There's nothing of long-term benefit here whatsoever. It doesn't address the crisis which created this homelessness or addresses a plan to prevent future homelessness. Where does it end? It might be prudent to stop a leak before paying to remodel the kitchen. Parkland is already a scarcity, and taking the limited open space designated and funded by taxpayers for recreation to be repurposed seems illegal. Most of the locations aren't even adequate for minimal habitation. Not only do they exceed any reasonable walking distance to grocery stores or other necessities, there's no sewer, water, or utility hookups for such an endeavor. Is this really how we want to greet tourists and international travelers attending the Los Angeles Olympics? How humiliating for Americans and Angelenos. I refuse to believe there aren't unused government and commercial buildings which would be more appropriate, and located closer to existing food, clinics and especially job training facilities. The priority should always be focused on making people into productive members of society, even if relocating is the best chance of achieving it. Enough with the fake Band-Aid solutions, do your job or get out of the way of those willing.

Communication from Public

Name: Laura

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 02:02 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Proposing homeless encampments at Will Rogers is so DANGEROUS on so many LEVELS! Many of us, don't have big yards to play with our children. The public has the need and the right to use our public beaches for SAFE and CLEAN recreation. I have personally seen horrible violence in Venice. I have seen defecation here in the Palisades as well. I have also witnessed 3 fires started on the hillside by homeless encampments around Protrero and Temescal Canyon. There are many summer camps and jr lifeguards, that meet at Will Rogers State Beach.



**AGENDA – PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL
BOARD MEETING – APRIL 8, 2021**

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Via Zoom Videoconference

Prior to Meeting

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1. Call to Order and Reading of Community Council’s Mission. The purpose of the Pacific Palisades Community Council shall be to (1) be a forum for the consideration of Community issues, (2) be an advocate for Pacific Palisades to government and private agencies upon issues where there is broad Community agreement, as reflected by two-thirds of the Board Members voting on any one of those issues at a PPCC Meeting, and (3) assist other organizations in the Palisades which want help in accomplishing their objectives or projects, which the PPCC determines to support. *See PPCC Bylaws:* <http://pacpalicc.org/index.php/council-bylaws/>.

2. Zoom Engineer introduction; other introductions deferred.

3. Roll-call of voting Board members and Certification of Quorum.

4. Approval of Minutes & Upcoming Meetings.

1) Approval of Minutes – March 25, 2021. 2) Upcoming meetings: April 22, 2021: (1) Update on status of the Gladstones redevelopment project (Thomas Tellefsen, concessionaire’s representative); (2) City Redistricting presentation (by Michele Prichard, Commissioner/CD 11 Representative to the 2021 Redistricting Commission) – postponed from 4/8/21. May 13, 2021: Nominating Committee announcement of officer candidates; nominations from Board open. May 27, 2021: Close of Board nominations. Additional topics to be announced. Note: Topics noticed in advance may change.

5. Consideration of Agenda.

6. Treasurer’s Report.

7. General Public Comment. *This time is reserved for non-Board members to speak on any item of interest to the public that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the PPCC (Bylaws, Art. IX.7). Speakers will be limited to one minute. Chair retains discretion to extend.*

8. Reports, Announcements and Concerns.

8.1. From the Chair/Presiding Officer.

8.1.1. Letter re proposed appeal fee increase:

<http://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/PPCC-Letter-re-Appeal-Fee-Increase.pdf>.

8.1.2. Appointment of Nominating Committee to nominate PPCC officer candidates for the 2021-2022 term (*Bylaws Art. VII.1*).

8.1.3. Robotic Personal Delivery Devices – clarification regarding applicable law.

8.2. From Officers.

8.3. From At-Large and Area Representatives.

8.4. From Organizational Representatives.

8.5. From Government Offices / Representatives. Contact information available at:

<http://pacpalicc.org/index.php/government-contacts/>.

8.5.1. LAPD Officer Omir Perez, Acting SLO for the Palisades.

8.6. From PPCC Advisors.

9. Reports from Committees.

9.1. Executive Committee. Motion regarding pedestrian overcrossing (bridge) over PCH, sponsored by the Executive Committee. *See attachment below for Timeline/Key Points and Motion Text.*

9.2. Land Use Committee (LUC; Howard Robinson, Chair). (Tentative) Update on research: Marquez/Ida residential project & related non-hillside Coastal area zoning issues.

10. Old Business – *None*.

11. New Business.

11.1. Councilmember Bonin Motion re Homeless Housing (possible “tiny homes”/safe camping at Will Rogers State Beach parking lot & other sites in CD 11). *Discussion only. See Bonin Motion at: <https://11thdistrict.com/news/no-stone-left-unturned/> (click on arrows at bottom left of motion to move forward or back between motion pages).*

12. Adjournment.

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ATTACHMENT – Item 9.1

Timeline/Key Points: <http://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Pedestrian-Overcrossing-PCH-R.pdf>

Motion Text:

Pacific Palisades Community Council reiterates its support for construction of a pedestrian overcrossing (bridge) over PCH from the new “George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon” to the Will Rogers State Beach parking lot, as recommended by the Potrero Canyon Community Advisory Committee in 2008, and further supports all efforts by the City of Los Angeles, the State of California and other government agencies to secure funding for construction of the bridge, including but not limited to an application to the federal government for funding as a community infrastructure project.

Communication from Public

Name: Gabrielle Weinman

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 02:02 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Will Rogers State Beach is a public beach, park, and recreation area open to all Los Angeles residents to enjoy. People from around the country and the world travel to Los Angeles to enjoy these very beaches. Visitors bring much-needed income to the community. This plan would cut access to Los Angeles beach visitors who have the right to go to that beach and be safe. Look at what has happened in Venice, CA, which welcomes the homeless along their streets and beaches. Crime, drugs, gangs, and disease have skyrocketed there. The officials have failed to keep both the public and the homeless safe. Will Rogers State Beach is not the place to set up a homeless encampment. The beach lacks facilities, bathrooms, showers, kitchens, mental health doctors, and police professionals to deal with the often sick and mentally ill you are considering housing. Pacific Coast Highway is a jam-packed, multi-lane highway right next to the area you are considering, and you are creating more inevitable traffic accidents. I request that you do not go forward with this illogical plan.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 02:07 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Housing homeless at Mar Vista Park is a health and safety issue for our children. The promise of services and security, which is not preventing issues under the 405 freeway, does nothing to prevent health and safety issues from happening. The parks are a resources to be used by the entire community safely, and that is not happening now, and by inviting more homeless, who will not have to follow any rules, to that location, you have removed a resource from the entire community to benefit a few. There are better locations for safe camping, including large industrial parking lots that do not have children nearby. I would suggest using the parking lots of all of the room key hotels that are under contract already, with services already promised and present there. Save Mar Vista park for the children who need to have a safe place to gather and play and not allow any camping there at all.

Communication from Public

Name: nancy mcdonald

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 02:22 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: IT is utterly absurd to house the homeless in Councilman Bonin proposed locations. Our City needs treatment centers for these people, of which the majority are drug addicts. Many have psychotic episodes due to the extensive drug abuse. Treatment Centers not Tiny Homes etc. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 02:24 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: The beaches in Los Angeles are an invaluable resource for all citizens and visitors. Setting aside parking lots or other areas of the beaches for the use of homeless persons restricts the use for all other citizens and visitors. Homeless persons deserve places to stay. That does not mean beachfront property! Clearly, since Los Angeles has many tens of thousands of homeless persons it must take many actions and lead public policy to address this problem. At the same time, regional policies and programs must be put in place, otherwise, additional homeless persons from other parts of the state and country may seek out Los Angeles for more generous benefits than would be available to them in their original locations.

Communication from Public

Name: Susan Buus

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 02:28 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Regarding placing homeless camps at beach parking lots and public parks.... There are so many other places you can put these camps. The areas being held for development around LAX make sense - especially since this is a TEMPORARY solution. Parking at the beaches during summer (especially after a year of lock down) is scarce - don't take that away from us. And our public parks (Westchester Park in particular) is OVERRUN already with tents, trash, feces, and drugs. Let the people of Westchester - family's - use the park for what it is supposed to be used for!!! There is no reason you need to take away our parks and parking lots... Oh and PS - please enforce parking along Jefferson around Ballona... it's disgusting and unhealthy.

Communication from Public

Name: Alyssa Gallagher

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 02:39 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Mr. Bonin's proposal to house people in the parking lot of Will Rogers State Beach is an unacceptable solution to a growing homeless problem. Will Rogers State Beach parking lacks services, transportation, and sanitation. 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. Those of us who reside in the Palisades would still be able to have access to the beach, but once parking is eliminated it would make it nearly impossible for other LA residents to visit and would drastically reduce public access to the beaches. There is very limited parking nearby. It would further reduce public use of the beaches because there will predictably be an increase in drug abuse and crime. In addition, many of the homeless have inadequately treated serious mental illness and behavioral problems. People will be discouraged from coming to the area, just as they have been discouraged from going to Venice Beach due to the homelessness, 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. As retail spaces struggle to stay afloat and malls are becoming nearly vacant, wouldn't make much more sense to explore converting these into possible longer-term solutions?

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 02:49 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Will Rogers Proposal For The Homeless - You are proposing a very dangerous idea for both the homeless and drivers. I take highway 1 to get home during the day and evenings. At least once a week a homeless person is running across the street in the dark and nearly causing car accidents. Some homeless run in front of your car on purpose. If you make Will Rogers a place for the homeless this will increase the risk of accidents, injuries or worst. Why don't you consider some location in the valley. There is plenty of unused parking lot space out there and it is less congestive. Thank you for my consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Joseph berg

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 08:25 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Simply put, this Motion is unacceptable. I wholeheartedly agree with you that the homeless situation in this county is increasingly untenable, but the "wide range of solutions" you call for in this Motion is limited to finding even MORE public places to sanction homeless encampments. Homeless encampments that quickly become home to the drug addicted and mentally ill, and where crime and dangerous activity is a daily occurrence. This was evident at the Penmar encampment and is more than evident at the encampments under the 405. In what universe is it acceptable to sanction homeless encampments at our public beaches, marinas and parks? The same areas where children regularly play and families expect safe, clean spaces? This motion is not only short sighted - it will only exacerbate this dire problem. Indefinitely moving the homeless around the city - or worse, expanding the areas where they can gather, is a band aid solution. We know this because it's the approach you have used to date and it has only made things worse. Much worse. The housed residents in your district are completely fed up with how you have handled the homeless crisis. It's negligent, if not impeachable, and we're not going to stand for it any further. I respectfully move for this motion to be denied and to be replaced with a multi-faceted solution that puts these people on a long-term path to recovery.

Communication from Public

Name: John Closson

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 08:45 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: To Whom it May Concern, While I recognize the need to address homelessness throughout Southern California, I am devastated that a competent public servant would propose a plan that would provide for the construction of small homes and camping facilities at Will Rogers State Beach. The homeless situation is complicated, but a proposal that sacrifices one of the most sacred, beloved and attractive areas of Southern California, is ridiculous. I am just truly disappointed that my representative would even consider such a plan, let alone promote it.

Communication from Public

Name: Francesca Ellis

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 09:02 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am a homeowner here. I worked my butt off to live in this area. I still work 2 jobs to pay my mortgage and other bills. This will not create a safe environment at our beaches and there will be no one to watch them. No homeless at our beaches!!! Do not destroy Dockweiler!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Mona

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 09:07 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: This is an absurd idea. Why would you put sanctioned homeless encampments in the parks and beaches where our tax paying residents and kids go for recreation?? These homeless encampments need to be moved OUT of recreation areas and into areas away from children. This proposal is going to drive the hard working families out of Mar Vista- I am absolutely going to move out of here if Mar Vista Rec center (where my kids go to for their sports activities) is turned into a permanent homeless encampment solution.

Communication from Public

Name: scott zuber

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 09:10 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: URGENT!!! Please do not use our beaches and Mar Vista recreation center for homeless camps. We depend on these areas to maintain general public health and safety for recreation, etc. Our children require safe parks and areas to play in our daily lives. We all know what Bonin means by 'temporary'...the road diet was 'temporary' and is now PERMANENT...ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. Use the \$2 BILLION from the proposition and build a large centralized tent city away from our children. A centralized facility/area will be easier to service and analyze to solve the problems of these people.

Communication from Public

Name: Laird Malamed

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 09:27 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Regarding Councilman Bonin's motion to consider single occupancy homeless shelters in various beach parking lots, I am writing to express concern about this plan. Homelessness continues to be an issue of growing concern in Los Angeles. Numerous attempts have been made to help members of our community who have been forced to live on our streets due to poverty, broken homes, and job loss as well as mental illness. A member of my family suffering from mental illness ended up living in such a manner after her father, living in another state, cut off her support. Sadly, she was murdered in 2002 in Santa Monica. So, providing safe and reasonable homes and counseling plus support is something I believe in. However, I am not supportive of using the parking lots described when other properties and parking lots in Los Angeles could be utilized instead. As we come through the COVID crisis, the economic recovery of the city and county is paramount. A key element of this is tourism. All of the sites mentioned are popular locations both for our citizens and for visitors from all over the country. Reducing parking is counter to this need. In addition, regardless of the truth may be about this population of residents, the perception of homeless communities might be one that further dissuades people from using our beautiful beaches and Marina village. Further, for those who do use the beaches, there is a risk of them mistreating the very people this idea wishes to assist. Subjecting our homeless to abuse by others more fortunate happens every day, and putting that conflict in such a public place seems unfair to them and will make the homes less appealing. Many of my fellow citizens will feel their beach is being taken from them for this project. They will say that our beaches are for the entire community and serving a small portion of it does not do the most good. Certainly, there are many areas of Los Angeles that are not developed or properties that are going to be foreclosed which might make better solutions. We need to address the homeless issue with idea that work for the homeless population and the general population at large. This idea fails to balance the needs of both.

Communication from Public

Name: SHELDON COLLINS

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 06:49 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: To Whom It May Concern, I am a resident in the Tahitian Terrace Mobile Home Park (located at Temescal / PCH, Pacific Palisades), and on the Board of Advisors for the HOA Tahitian Terrace, which supports a 150 mobile home owners, directly across the street from the proposed homeless encampment at Will Rogers Beach. I speak for most of our community when I say that we are strongly opposed to "Councilman Bonin Homeless Beach Shelter Motion", at Will Rogers Beach in Pacific Palisades. Residents in this community are aware of Councilman Bonin's broken promises in Venice, including the rise in crime, lack of promised clean ups around the Venice Bridge Housing Shelter, and lack of a no camping zone near the shelter. Venice is a mess, and now the Councilman is proposing to stage more encampments along Will Rogers Beach, which is located across the street from our mobile home park, which is in a VERY HIGH FIRE ZONE, as outlined by the State Fire Marshall and LAFD. Previous homeless encampments have caused multiple fires on the Palisades hillsides, and as high as 80% increase in fires in 2019 from homeless encampments in LA city - those fires were the reason the Palisades Task Force on Homelessness was created, it wasn't created because people were overcome with a desire to solve drug addiction, it was primarily created to stop the impact of homelessness on the community like the FIRES and drug encampments. Councilman Bonin's cure is worse than the cause! Mobilehome Parks are notorious for being highly combustible, which is what actually led to the spread and eventual devastation of all mobile home structures in the Seminole Springs Mobile Home Park in November 2018 (Woolsey Fire). A Additionally, Will Rogers Beach is used by all Angelenos as a place of refuge, and to recharge the battery. Families need their own mental health retreat, and rely on our beaches for this escape. Relocating the homeless population to our city's most beautiful beaches, is destroying our city! The Venice beach front is a mess, and we do not need to repeat the same disaster all up and down our other county beaches. PLACING HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS ON OUR MOST BEAUTIFUL BEACHES, AND NEXT TO VERY HIGH FIRE ZONES IS NOT THE ANSWER TO SAFELY SHELTERING THE HOMELESS. Sheldon Collins

Communication from Public

Name: Craig Tilson

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 07:16 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: As a life-long resident of Los Angeles, I am strongly opposed to Councilman Bonin's proposal to allow "safe camping" or any form of housing at Will Rogers Beach. One only has to look at the homeless tents along the Venice Boardwalk to see that our beaches, parks and boardwalks are being destroyed. The city should be removing all tents and homeless camps from our beaches, parks and boardwalks for the safety of the public.

Communication from Public

Name: Dianne Sax

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

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Good plan. But what percentage of the homeless people will be helped?

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle Sampson

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 02:53 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: This is an abhorrent plan. Taxpayers have approved numerous measures to house the homeless and displaced residents of Los Angeles. This plan takes away what is special and beloved about our city which is already fallen to homelessness and crime. I supported councilman Bonin but have lost faith in his ability to lead.

Communication from Public

Name: Gail Krieger

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 05:27 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mr. Bonin, Mar Vista Park is not appropriate for an 'unhoused' encampment. Mar Vista has a high 'walkabililty' rating, and many have chosen this neighborhood for this reason. However, we are currently unable to walk safely to our local markets, pharmacies, or even the Post Office as a direct result of the unauthorized homeless already in Mar Vista park. You cannot possibly believe that the proposed encampment at Mar Vista Park will be free from growing exponentially. Our crime continues to escalate under his watch, and there are no consequences. There must be better solutions for helping the needy find safe places to live without putting the lives of neighborhood residents in jeopardy. MAR VISTA PARK is no place to invite danger.....it's a place for recreation.

Communication from Public

Name: Joel

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 05:35 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Talk about the inmates running the asylum! Aided and abetted by who else, but Mr. Bonin. Numerous cities in Los Angeles County do not allow parks, beaches, and sidewalks to be taken over in a lawless manner. He claims these other cities "get away with it" because they are not held to the "higher standards Los Angeles is held to". Mr. Bonin, as you well know, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling applies to all cities equally. Where do you get off claiming Los Angeles is held to a higher standard. Stop with the BS and follow the lead of these other cities that are successfully dealing with the homeless issue and are not allowing a small minority to bring down the quality of life for the majority. You have unrealistic expectations of the success of your plans solving this issue as exemplified by the utter failure of you Venice Bridge Housing. That did nothing but amplify the problems as evidenced by the increase in crime and tents blocking sidewalks and edging into the streets adjacent to your "solution". And how about your brilliant plan to turn the Westminster Senior Citizen Center into a storage facility for homeless belongings, claiming this would alleviate the overwhelming amounts of debris piled up on the sidewalks, parks, and beaches by the homeless. Most of these people don't even want your help in the first place as it would infringe upon their rights to shoot up and drink in public. Also, where would they store all their stolen bikes? And the ones that can't even manage to steal bikes because of mental issues—do you think that they will be able to suddenly become clear thinkers and be able to cope with others in these tiny house communities? A fair amount need to be institutionalized. Please accept reality.

Communication from Public

Name: Terry

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 06:27 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to Bonin's motion to house the homeless in our parks and beaches. This is not a solution. Our parks and beaches belong to the residence of our cities. Families should be able to safely use these important resources in our city. I understand that we are in a crisis; however, this will not solve problem of the homeless getting the services they need. Why is Los Angeles having to take on the homeless while El Segundo, Inglewood and Manhattan Beach still have their parks and beaches?

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Guintier
Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 06:28 PM
Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: There are many unhoused folks who are not at all willing to participate in any sort of rehousing program. Walking through Westchester Park, you're more likely to find folks who have sought out assistance. How do we address people who do not wish to accept help? And for the safe housing that is in place: I would expect to see this being done more effectively on a *small scale first* at places like Westchester Park in a more clear, effective, and enforced manner taking it to a larger scale as with Dockweiler, etc. What happens if people do not wish to relocate to those places? I used to run & bike by the encampment on Culver & Lincoln but stopped because of being harassed, and broken glass/items blocking the path—and started running through Dockweiler. Not pleased that I may have to worry about that again, at all. Please let us know what actions steps we can take towards getting safe housing on airport territory. It's a FAR better location for people to easily catch a bus to work, etc. Dockweiler and Will Rogers, not so much.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Elisha

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

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: This is not a viable solution. This situation is already an incredible public health hazard, this will make it even worse for our beaches. How do the campus that use these beaches feel about this? They pay money for the beaches to run summer camps for KIDS - homeless tents and encampments in those parking lots are where they operate from. I can't imagine they are okay with this. Our city is overrun by this problem and this is not the solution. Those of us that live and pay some of the highest property taxes in the country cannot even walk outside our doors without fear of stepping in trash, discarded needles, having our homes burglarized, going to the farmer's markets, or now going to our beaches! Stop turning our city into a trash can and find a solution to get these homeless people off the streets. They need mental health services, they need rehabilitation services, they do not need to be encouraged to camp out endlessly and destroy our city. You will be voted out Bonin - that is for sure. Go back to the drawing board, this is not the way.

Communication from Public

Name: JSH

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 06:42 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: The councils and people like Mike Bonin conveniently ignore that most of the country's welfare recipients and homeless are drawn to California for the benefits that taxpayers provide. And they love the weather that living by the ocean in Los Angeles provides and living on or near expensive land. And the Homeless Industry is now another public bureaucracy with its own stake in keeping their jobs and the problem alive in some form or another. Soon they will be bargaining for more funding with the politicians; who will want their votes, just like the rest of California politicians operate with the unions. Is there not much less expensive land to build and house these people in the east part of the county, or house and feed them at Camp Pendleton? But the virtue signaling by the council overrides law abiding, tax paying, neighborhood loving citizens as usual. And Bonin of course says crime is not his problem! He loves defunding the police I'm sure as well. He was given his orders by the city, that's all. He needs to keep his image so he can ride the present wave of Progressive insanity destroying our state and climb the political ladder. Who keeps electing this lying conniver? Does Manhattan Beach or El Segundo or various other cities in Southern California allow this takeover? These parks and beaches are ours. Not the tent peoples', most of which do not want to change their lifestyle anyway. The crime, the feces, fires, the fear in the community are your responsibility Please represent the community. That's why your here. How can you in good conscious not do that. You must oppose the "homeless" motion.

Communication from Public

Name: Concerned resident

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

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: The proposal to relocate homeless to Dockweiler and MDR and Will Rodgers beaches is unsafe and unsanitary. The public beaches are for the community to use. Unfortunately the homeless have taken over Westchester Park which previously had a thriving family community with farmers market and play dates at the park. It is too unsafe to take children there and extremely unsanitary. I feel for the homeless but also I feel for our community which is no longer able to thrive in these public places we all pay taxes towards.

Communication from Public

Name: Larry Brown

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

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Our city and my local community looks like an impoverished 3rd world nation. Bonin's proposal to house homeless people in public spaces where children and families regularly (previously) recreated is dangerous and a wonton disregard of citizens' and taxpayers' inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of property and happiness. The value of our properties as home owners, renters and landlords is diminished by having people trespass, loot, litter, urinate, defecate and commit other crimes on our properties or on public spaces that we collectively own and pay for with our taxes. Seeing people, or having our children see people, urinate, defecate, shoot heroine or engage in sex acts on sidewalks, in parks, on beaches near our homes violates our rights of property and happiness. We pay enormous taxes, yet we, the people, are not asked for our opinion. We pay taxes but are not represented. Grave consequences have been experienced when good people are taxed but not represented. Our liberty is taken away when we fear leaving our homes and encountering the horrors of the uncontrolled building of homeless encampments in our own precious neighborhoods. Building tiny homes on public spaces is not a cure or treatment for mental illness. It will merely gather and concentrate the mentally ill and otherwise voluntarily dysfunctional, but mentally well, together to increase and worsen the problem. We have city, county and state mental health facilities, staffed by doctors, counselors and other mental health professionals. Let's expand these facilities, staffing and capabilities to deal with the obvious problem of mental health. Then let's enforce the laws against vagrants, trespassing, littering, illegal camping, drinking, dealing and taking drugs in public, indecent exposure, theft and acts of violence on those people who are mentally healthy but voluntarily choose living on the street versus being productive members of society. It is also a huge mistake to place those people, temporarily homeless due to jobs lost, child support lost and other bad luck occurrences with the mentally ill and the voluntarily dysfunctional. These people had a home, want a home and deserve our help to get back on track. Temporary housing, education, job training and child care are all urgent programs available through churches and other NGOs. Giving these groups more funding to help our fellow man will be more efficient and effective than shoving masses with all different

and unique issues into tiny houses in parking lots and parks. I hope our Mayor and other city council members stop this outrageous Bonin proposal. Any elected official claiming this can't be done should be replaced in the next election, or sooner. We built out the Javits center and converted military hospital ships in days to accommodate possible hospital over crowding from Covid. We are setting up huge temporary centers to care for and process surges in immigration. China created field hospitals and care centers for hundreds of thousands of people in Wuhan to contain covid. Anything is possible with strong leadership. It's time to lead and solve, not put on a bandaid and kick the problem down the road. All of us deserve better; the sick and homeless and the rest of us.

Communication from Public

Name: Teri S.

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 08:00 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am posting to OPPOSE Councilman Bonin's motion to establish homeless housing at Will Rogers State Beach in Pacific Palisades. While the homeless crisis is important to address, sequestering a public beach for their housing is not the right choice. From a safety point of view, there is only one crosswalk crossing the very busy CA-1 Pacific Coast Highway from Temescal Canyon. That crosswalk leads directly into the parking lot proposed for the housing. It is no secret that the city's encampments have brought with them crime, drugs and violence (see VENICE beach). Just last week, there was a murder in the Brentwood VA "tent city," and another murder in mid-city. With that in mind, it is unsafe for such a tent city to be in such close proximity to area schools - there is a high school 500 yards from this proposed encampment, and 5+ schools serving pre-k through 8th grades within one mile, not to mention the thousands of homes nearby. Crime would also increase, since a chop shop of stolen bicycles and other stolen items from surrounding neighborhoods have become part of every encampment, and there is only one police patrol currently serving the Pacific Palisades area. Additionally, tens of thousands of Angelinos flock to the beach with their families weekly, and this parking lot is often filled to capacity. And the beaches are home to several kids' camp programs. Making this a homeless encampment will make the beach unsafe for the families who take advantage of visiting one of California's greatest assets - its beaches. There is very little beach access available - just drive up CA-1 towards Malibu and you'll realize that most of the beach access is blocked with private homes and businesses. This proposal would take away beach access from thousands of Angelinos. It also poses a danger to the precious ecosystem of our oceans. Garbage and human waste will find its way into the Pacific. This is truly NOT the right way to go. This housing proposal would just be shuffling a homeless encampment from one locale to another site without providing adequate resources to help those homeless people who are trying to get back on their feet. The needs and rights of thousands of Angelinos to safely access our State's beaches should be more important than recklessly shuffling a group without any resources to actually help end their homeless plight. Please - focus on re-zoning buildings - such as the hospital in Pasadena that has sat vacant for 10+ years -

where there is water and power, heating and air conditioning, plus space for non-profit or other service organizations to actually set up space to actually serve the homeless people who need help. Setting up tents and tiny homes on a beach with one bathroom is a disastrously BAD idea, and one that will have devastating consequences on this neighborhood and families who wish to safely access our beautiful beaches and our environment. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Richard

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 10:01 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am very disturbed by councilman Bonin's suggestion of using Will Rogers Beach for the homeless. What is he thinking? The beaches are one of California's last natural resources that not only bring great numbers of tourists that fund the city but are meant for the enjoyment of the citizens of California. There is hardly enough parking at the beach and already there are traffic jams waiting for parking. I am dismayed that any elected official would suggest taking the beach property and using it for the homeless or for anything other than it's serene beauty. California and the Santa Monica area cannot afford any more attacks on its way of life and the lure of the Pacific Ocean. What better way to destroy the natural beauty of an area than to have a portion of a beach given to a homeless encampment. Find someplace inland - clear a block with old buildings and put your 'camp' there. This is the craziest idea of a politician yet - one who has lost my respect.

Communication from Public

Name: Brooke DeKofsky

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 10:03 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: The homeless plan proposed by Bonin on 3/31/21 for use of public recreation spaces for interim housing / safe camping is not well thought out and a short term plan for a long term problem. Please rethink this plan, you are enabling more dangerous encampments in public recreation areas our children need - especially apartment dwelling families! This needs to be stopped and a long-term plan for housing these individuals and helping provide services is the best path forward. Please do not approve!

Communication from Public

Name: ann

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 10:18 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Really? Using the public beach as a homeless haven? Councilman Bonin just committed the worst offense against the city of Santa Monica. This would be the first step to the downgrading of the city of Santa Monica. People worldwide come to this city to enjoy the beach - which is already overwhelmed with people and cars. The beaches are one of our biggest attractions and the taxpayers of California deserve their state beaches. I am extremely upset that this notion is even being considered. The people of Santa Monica, and surrounding cities will fight against this degradation. Bonin (and Mark Ridley-Thomas), you were elected to represent your constituency and to protect our state property - you are doing anything but that. The next election will not be so favorable!

Communication from Public

Name: Jewlz Fahn

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 10:22 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: This is the absolute worst plan for the homeless. There are so many reasons this is wrong. Many of the homeless are mentally ill, violent and abuse drugs. Camps with children of all ages are on the beach during the summer, as well as winter and spring break. People will no longer use our beautiful beaches because they will be overtaken by the homeless. They will overflow into PCH and could get hurt, as well as causing traffic accidents. Have you not seen what Venice has become? This is not a solution for the homeless. This is just scattering them around all over the Los Angeles. Offer up a real, reasonable solution. This is beyond wrong.

Communication from Public

Name: Liliya K Berg

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 11:06 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: This proposal is dangerous and not well thought through. Providing tent housing for homeless on the beach will damage tourism as well as local safety. It's also not ideal place for people to live in tents, it gets really cold and windy. Most likely homeless will leave their tents in the beach parking lots while looking for shelter inland. Growing homeless encampments in our parks will further increase local safety concerns especially for our kids. Homeless people need real solutions, mental health support, and a way to get back to normal life. Not normalizing sleeping on public property spaces and extra porta potties!

Communication from Public

Name: LG Fitzpatrick

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Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: If the motion is approved by the City Council, people who are homeless because of drugs and mental illness will have the legal right to live in the parking lot at some of our public beaches. We will also undoubtedly end up with unvetted campers harassing tourists or residents, dealing drugs or doing crimes. That is the reality - not someone's hero fantasy of "helping the homeless." Homelessness is an obvious problem but this is not a solution...it is simply brushing the problem under the rug and creating a whole other set of potential problems such as crime and danger to our families and children who use these public beaches on a regular basis. Simply look at Venice Beach and it is clear this does not provide help or assistance to this community...and it negatively impacts every other resident who lives responsibly (and pays taxes) in that neighborhood. OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS MUST FIND A TRUE SOLUTION TO THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS AND MENTAL ILLNESS. WE ALL DESERVE IT AND THIS IS WHAT THESE OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO DO. THIS CHEAP, TEMPORARY SOLUTION WILL ONLY MAKE THE SITUATION WORSE.