

Communication from Public

Name: Lynda Phenix

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 07:22 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: As a homeowner in Marina del Rey, I am opposed to the construction of further housing for the homeless in my neighborhood. The ones recently built in neighboring Venice have brought more crime. Most of these people on the street are mentally ill, drug addicted or both. The dangerous conditions that the growing crew of criminals in my neighborhood is frightening. In my experience, these are not gentle, productive citizens that need a leg up to be housed. I instead see mayhem. I see open air drug dealing. As we continue to provide for these folks, I work hard to be able to pay my mortgage and property taxes. And instead of feeling good about my accomplishments, I feel fear. Fear for my safety even, fear for my biggest investment, the value of my home. I also feel disappointed in my government that I feel shows indifference to me and more caring for the people causing strife. I do not wish to reward irresponsible behavior and do not want to contribute. And... the condition of my neighborhood gives me no confidence that these homeless facilities will be properly maintained. Thank you.

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Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 07:29 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: It is ill conceived and dangerous to propose to house the homeless in parks and at the beach. People from all across the county use the beach as a respite from the heat in hot months and as an emotional getaway throughout the year for themselves and their families. As we see again and again, when there are homeless encampments problems follow. Just look at what Venice Beach has become. Look also at the Ballona Wetlands and what they are becoming. An area that was fought hard for preservation is being destroyed. Let's face the facts that most of the homeless encampments house people with drug abuse and mental health problems. Is that what we want in areas where children will be playing? A more sensible plan needs to be made that addresses the root issues of mental health and drug abuse.

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Name: Sarah C

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 07:42 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I firmly oppose the proposal to locate homeless encampments at Will Rogers State Beach and others down the coast. How would this even work? Has the Coastal Commission reviewed the details and is on board? Where is the beach-going public going to park to use the beached that THEY are also entitled to? What about the used needles, excrement, open drug use, increased crime - the list goes on... This is a totally ill-conceived plan that needs to be withdrawn immediately. You are elected to serve your constituents, and your constituents are speaking loudly against this plan. Listen!!!!

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Name: Vicki Halliday

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 07:49 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This plan would only add more disaster to a Venice that is already a disaster zone. CDC rules have been used for a year to NOT help residents at all and to give complete freedom from law, sanity and cleanliness to the homeless population here. Because of that, I cannot support anything coming from Mr. Bonin. We need a clean up not more on top of this. The SECZ area has a rocketing crime rate, zero clean up unless it comes from residents and Ocean Front Walk is a business failure. Please do not support this motion. Thank you.

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Name: Kathy Gonnella

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 07:51 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I understand the severity of the unhoused situation but using prime Westside and beach properties is not a viable solution. I know I am no longer comfortable walking at Mar Vista park and this neighborhood has been my home the majority of my life. Nor do I like feeling I can no longer safely go to the Venice/Washington pier and beach. Try being creative, look at empty or partially empty buildings and repurpose them. Bring in social, medical, educational and employment services. It is hard, difficult work. But letting people, those who need help and others who have taken advantage of the lenient laws and regulations just stay where they are and continue to impact the lives of many others does not demonstrate representative leadership.

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Name: Jim Leaner

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

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Comments for Public Posting: The homeless should NOT BE allowed at the beaches or parks. Mike Bonin's idea is just wrong. We, the hard working tax payers want to use our beaches and parks without fear of the homeless trashing the place. The filth and crime that comes with The homeless- we have seen it all ready. The beaches need to be protected from pollution and the homeless will just ADD TO IT. And Why are they allowed at Ballona Wetlands? After we all have tried to preserve it. NOW Trashed. DISGUSTING. No homeless in MAR VISTA, VENICE Or Dockweiler! Move to SLAB CITY

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Name: Sarah Stanick

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 08:15 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am deeply concerned about the problems facing the neighborhoods with the growing unhoused population. Crime and pollution have skyrocketed in our neighborhoods with no relief in sight. Venice is no longer a place where tourists can go and enjoy the boardwalk. I do not visit the boardwalk in fear of getting hurt or robbed. I have lived in Venice for over 20 years. Never have I seen such a horrible state of affairs. Fires, feces, needles, tents and trash are a huge problem because the unhoused have taken over and do not live in respect of others or the environment. It's chaos. Destroying the rest of West LA and the Marina would be a travesty. Please help us save our neighborhoods because no one is helping the citizens while their neighborhoods burn from encampment turf wars, drug addicts, stabbings and other crimes. The unhoused need mental and drug rehabilitation. It's out of control. Giving them ocean front property is outrageous for what we have all given up for this incredible mess. This effort is no longer worthy of support since the city has made Venice a complete disgrace and broke every promise made to the citizens: that the city would protect us from crime, drugs and pollution once bridge housing was introduced. They lied. I'm ashamed of our city. It's time for the city to enforce cleanups and enforce the law.

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Name: Lauren

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

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Comments for Public Posting: The unhoused is an existential concern for all in the USA. I am a dedicated public school employee who sees the real needs of the unhoused at school regularly. I am empathetic to people who find themselves down on their luck. I appreciate that our government is engaged and willing to support those in need. However, I am frustrated that no amount of support appears to make much difference. I am starting to think that many of the unhoused are living so by choice, not by necessity. It is for this reason that I oppose the proposal to make our beaches and parks authorized encampments. People who genuinely just need some help to get back on their feet would be thrilled to have support in the form of housing at empty light industrial areas, out of business hotels, or low land cost areas of the state. Provide education, job training, addiction treatment, mental health to get these people back into society. For those who choose this way of life, need to be regulated, managed and removed from recreational spaces needed for contributing members of our community.

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Name: Pamela Finck

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 08:21 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I do not support Bonin's proposal to create tiny home community at any park, beach parking lot or public space that is for the enjoyment of all Californians and visitors. This is not a scalable solution to offer 25 to 50 tiny homes when we have over 60,000 homeless! Why does the city of Los Angeles and the county feel it is our responsibility to house all the homeless? It would cost less to simply provide a one way ticket home to their town or state. And for the ones who have lived in Los Angeles for years or who have fled abuse, let's focus on helping them first with permanent housing, meaning it should be illegal for anyone to move here and set up a tent or park an RV and camp out anywhere in the city limits. If they refuse the permanent housing which should be next to supportive services, then they have to leave.

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Name: Terra Linder

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 08:32 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not use Dockweiler or the beaches along Vista Del Mar/ Playa Del Rey as homeless encampments. There are plenty other places that are not in use, perhaps closed down malls, large parking lots and such in lesser populated areas.

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Name: Susan Lynch

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 08:57 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Placing homeless people at the beach is a terrible idea that will be detrimental to those homeless living in a windy, cool environment without adequate water, electricity, toilets, showers and access to sources of food. Immediately across the street is a huge potential for fires where flames can easily rise to the homes nearby. This is an area filled with children all year round, but especially during the summer months. These are children from all over the city. As we all recognize, many of the homeless have mental issues and it is illogical to place their lodging next to a place that attracts families all year long. It is also the location of several camps for children during the summer. Does this sound rational, placing hundreds of homeless at the beach to share the space with children? The always popular bike path created by Marvin Braude, a former city council member, would be impossible to utilize with the number of people living on the beach. This is a destination for families from all across Los Angeles. By placing a homeless encampment at the beach, you are stealing from your tax payers one of the reasons live here.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 08:59 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: PCH is already dangerous. This area is not suited for homeless pedestrians.

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Name: Brad migneault

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 09:09 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Do not want the homeless on our beaches or parks

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Name: Annie Shrake

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 09:10 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose legalized camping (“safe camping”) in Westchester Park. Our community expects the park to become safe and sanitized for summer programs - camp, pool, etc - by June 1.

Communication from Public

Name: Robin

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 09:10 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I vehemently object to housing homeless persons in Westchester and the surrounding beach communities. We work seven days every week to pay huge taxes for the privilege of living in a clean, safe neighborhood. We voluntarily paid extra taxes to help provide for homeless people. To let these people who either have no respect for public safety and cleanliness and refuse to follow society's rules or are mentally ill and should be institutionalized take our neighborhood is not the answer. There are plenty of abandoned warehouses and wide open spaces inland that are less inhabited that would be more appropriate. This is not a solution but a start to an even bigger problem.

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Name: Dan
Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 09:10 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Keep the homeless encampments and housing off the beach, Mike Bonin.

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Name: Brenda Torres

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 09:11 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support Mike Bonin's efforts to create more housing solutions for homeless individuals. I do NOT agree that there should be safe camping or any other housing supports at Westchester Park. There is already a scarcity of parks in our neighborhood, and now he wants to redirect this one. Every inch of this park is used by our community for recreation, and it is short-sighted to use it for any other purpose.

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Name: Sara Buss

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 09:11 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose Mike Bonin's poorly thought out, expensive, criminally dangerous, and strategically unsustainable proposal to allow homeless encampments on parks and beaches in Los Angeles. We need better solutions for managing homelessness based on best practices, not a system that has failed miserably in Venice and Mar Vista. Both Rudy Giuliani and Mike Bloomberg did better jobs of handling the homeless situation in NYC over the past 30 years. The City provided facilities (in cross-functional locations with multiple services available) where homeless persons had clean beds with some privacy and full time counselors who tracked all persons in a group 24/7. The facilities included professional counseling, medical check-ups, drug treatment and job training. When a resident was totally clean, they would dismiss her or him out of the facility. As they were dismissed, each person was handed a bus, plane or train ticket to whichever place had been their most permanent home prior to moving to NYC. Each 'graduate' was escorted to their respective bus, plane, or train terminal to ensure they boarded the vehicle that took them home. Thereafter, whenever any 'graduates' of the Bloomberg system were found in NYC, they were handed another ticket home. Most did not return more than once. Comprehensive solutions of this sort are proven to be more effective in combating near-term homelessness and providing long-term solutions in a cost-effective manner, without risking the safety and wellbeing of other residents. People living & dying on LA streets & beaches is NOT a solution to anything. By sending these people home it's more likely they will reconnect with friends & family who help them to continue their rehabilitation. It also allows LA residents and visitors to utilize some of LA's most treasured areas. Please do not support this measure!

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Name: Matt Stayner

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 09:21 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The parks and beaches are designated safe spaces for our children, our families, our citizens to enjoy. The city council has failed to keep our beaches and parks safe. We can no longer enjoy parks and beaches safely as intended. Those areas are dangerous and a health crisis. Clean up our parks and beaches. Enforce the laws that any overnight stays are not permitted.

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Name: Petra Richey

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 09:32 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I want express my opposition to the creation of campsite and housing for the homeless in westchester park and beach parking lots. There is already a lack of safe public places for our children to play and officially allowing using just part of these places to shelter homeless will end up by homeless using all of it. The camps will just get bigger and bigger because just creation of more and more housing is not a solution. Thank you for considering this and bringing another plan.

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Name: James Conlon

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 10:05 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose, as do the three other adult members of my family, the proposal to transform Will Rogers State Beach into a homeless encampment. I believe this will deprive us of the use of this beach which we highly value and frequent regularly. There also are the hundreds of daily bike path runners and bike riders who will loose this avenue. I doubt the California Coastal Commission during the permitting process will allow this activity because the public will effectively be deprived of beach access which contradicts their mandate. As we most recently witnessed in Echo Park, family activities and a homeless encampment are incompatible. The lack of beach goers will also impact county revenue derived by parking fees and the use of the beach for film production which is expected to increase. I support the county's efforts toward the homeless. This is not the right solution.

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Name: Dara

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 10:23 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The residents of the affected areas are NOT in agreement with the proposals put forth by Bonin. It already feels like we live in a third world country. With trash everywhere. It's unsanitary and dangerous.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 11:42 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a CD11 constituent I am firmly against this motion for housing homeless at various County locations for the following reasons: 1. No indication of how to enforce drug and mental illness related incidents at these encampments 2. Loss of recreational space for tax paying citizens. 3. No requirement to confirm these are indeed former CD11 residents who have since become homeless. Nothing stops more homeless from out of region to come in and stay at poems beachfront real estate. 4. Safety violations as seen at other official homeless encampments on Venice and other parts of CD11 5. Lack of detail around police enforcement in these proposed areas 6. No guarantee this will prevent others from taking over current sidewalk encampments. will just lead to more homeless entering and camping in community 7. Unsafe and unsanitary conditions for common recreational users of sites 8. Motion needs stronger policing support. Motion was introduced despite lack of publication to CD11 constituents until after the fact

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Name: Victoria Lucas

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 02:22 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a long time resident of the westside. I strongly oppose homeless encampment in the beach areas proposed by Mike Bonin. Ie Will Rogers beach. It is a public beach widely used by all and is not meant to be dedicated even for temporary housing of the homeless. The area is with in walking distance from palisades high school, and is densely populated by families and elderly. Venice beach is now the new skid row. Do we need to turn all of the beaches in LA in to the same. Please utilize many vacant industrial buildings owned by the city to house the homeless. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Louis Pavlovich

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 02:25 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a homeowner in this district I am strongly opposed to this proposal in every way. There are countless better solutions than giving up our beaches and parks, which are already overrun by small encampments, to long term homeless encampments. The city council does not have the right to turn our

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Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 02:33 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: You cannot be serious about housing the homeless on our beaches and in our parks. Beaches and parks in Los Angeles are essential for our CHILDREN!!! You can, however, house the homeless in the tiny house villages in areas beside the freeways - not in the underpasses where they are now, but rather in the places where the freeways allow wide margins with nothing there. You can house the homeless in city parking lots not being used. Homeless villages should not be close to schools either. You can designate certain alleys in industrial districts for the tiny house villages also. Our beaches and parks are something we have paid for with our taxes for the public to USE not to live there. What do you think would happen to me if I took my tent and decided to live on Broad Beach? I'm partial to Lechuza Point.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 02:40 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is a horrible idea. So much for my taxpayer dollars going to my local park so that my kids have a fun, safe and secure space to run around and play with their friends. The homeless have absolutely trashed not only their own communities but have caused a large spike in crime in areas they populate. Creating these communities is good however it should be far and away from populated areas and areas where our tourists visit.

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Name: Jennifer Barry

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 02:54 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: 100% against plans for PDR homeless encampment. You are digging this city into a deep grave by doing this.

Communication from Public

Name: Ruthann DeMeter

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 02:59 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am strongly opposed to providing homeless shelters on the beaches. As noted above there are more effective ways to help the homeless and this proposal will create a public health hazard, despoil the beauty of our beaches and prevent the general public from enjoying nature.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 03:12 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not allow homeless to infiltrate our safe and beautiful beach town. This is some of the highest priced real estate in the county, turning it over to homeless will bring down home values, cause crime to go up, bring disease, and other unsafe conditions. This is NOT THE SOLUTION. Keep our beaches and neighborhood safe and clean.

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Name: mike bohley
Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 03:14 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I vote against this idea. It is insane.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 03:21 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to housing for the homeless at Will Roger's Beach, Los Angeles Parks and any other coastal area. I am also opposed to allowing homeless vehicles parked along Jefferson Blvd. especially after a recent fire that was close to a methane storage area which endangered all of us who live in the area. It is unsafe to locate these individuals and housing for them in areas adjacent to children outdoor recreation spaces. Please consider the safety and welfare of children first. Locate homeless people at a site away from children's schools, beaches, parks and play areas. The Convention Center would be a better opinion. Services could be better offered there.

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Name: chris jacobson

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 03:40 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Has anyone seen what happens to Parks that homeless occupy? Is this really what we want for our beautiful Los Angeles Beaches? This is a terrible idea. Why is Mike Bonin constantly trying to give home less people beach front property? Mike Bonin should not be allowed to participate in any home less committees, his ideas have proven time and time again to be expensive and terrible.

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Name: G

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 03:41 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am not ok with the tiny houses on our beaches or any other encampments.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 03:42 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Pacific Palisades, I am writing to voice my family's opposition to the measure sponsored by LA Council Members Mike Bonin and Mark Ridley-Thomas regarding the proposed site for single-occupancy tiny homes and camping at Will Rogers State Beach located on the Pacific Coast Highway in Pacific Palisades. I understand the enormous challenge to provide housing, effective care, and services for the estimated 65,000 thousand homeless people residing in Los Angeles, but the proposed plan to provide facilities at Will Rogers State Beach would be an unmitigated disaster in so many ways. It is glaringly apparent that this site does not contain the infrastructure nor any support services that the homeless require. State beaches such as Will Rogers are a public resource that the hardworking taxpayers of Los Angeles pay for and rely upon for safe and clean recreation. There is no way that this resource can be maintained while homeless individuals with drug/alcohol addictions and severe mental disorders are residing in the same location, as seen in countless examples throughout the City, County, and State. What would possess Messrs. Bonin and Ridley-Thomas to propose tiny homes and huge encampments be erected on some of the most beautiful real beaches in the world? The homeless need to be relocated to an affordable, resource-rich area where they can receive the social services they need while not endangering our community's citizens. Why not use old military bases or vacant industrial buildings? The use of this site as a shelter for the homeless is disadvantageous to the community as well as the homeless individuals the measure is attempting to support. Please just say no!

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Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 03:54 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please don't turn our parks into permanent homeless encampments. Children play there (Mar Vista park specifically) and have continued finding used needles. Or, if you move forward with this plan, please provide additional parks for the community to safely use. Thank you.



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Name: Sonoko Ghislandi

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 03:54 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We need a real solution to the issue of homelessness. Using public land for housing doesn't address the root of the problem.

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Name: Patrice Dobrowitsky

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

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Comments for Public Posting: WILL ROGERS BEACH and every other beach belong to the entire city of Los Angeles. Building homeless housing at the beach deprives the entire city. of use. There is nowhere for the homeless to go except to the Von's at the corner of PCH and Sunset. In the Pacific Palisades, we have one police car and one policeman on a bike, how are they going to handle this? The Venice homeless encampment at the City owned parking lot has ruined Venice. Venice is now dirty, dangerous and the property values are falling. What is happening to the over one billion dollars raised for homeless housing? Why are the vets camped outside the VA and not in the VA with services? Mike Bonin could have sold the Venice beach front parking lot for a fortune and used the money wisely for homeless, instead, he is ruining neighborhood after neighborhood. Just making everything more dense is not an answer and it lowers the quality of life for everyone. Where is the city planning? Los Angeles is the 2nd largest city in the US. Where are our parks and green spaces and grand boulevards, where are our cultural centers. We have exactly two buildings of world wide architectural interest. We are known for homelessness and wasting money. Mike Bonin is ruining the Palisades, he has no regard for the law, for our Specific Plan or the Coastal Commission rules. He pushed and Elder Care facility that the community does not want and violates our Specific Plan and the Coastal Commission and he is pushing a development on Sunset and PCH for condos and stores with inadequate parking on Sunset Blvd. because the city says it provides 4 units of low cost housing and says we have none. We have 3 mobile home parks and a gorgeous subsidized apartment complex at the foot of Highlands Drive and Sunset with 61 senior units and 39 family units, all with 2 parking spots. Why are you ruining Los Angeles?

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Name: Edson Smith

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 04:11 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Regarding homeless housing at Westchester Park -- I am strongly against this. The park is unusable at present due to a large and scattered homeless population, and a sanctioned agreement to allow them there is a disservice to the community. Westchester lacks parks and outdoor areas for families. Let's not make this worse. I have great sympathy for those who lack housing, but if housing is to be provided, it should not be in the midst of established neighborhoods. California has vast swaths of open space - lets' make use of it instead of cramming more people into what amounts to a Full City.

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

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Comments for Public Posting: Enough is enough! Why on earth would anyone think of putting homeless shelters in the most expensive beachfront property areas? It makes no sense . Venice used to be huge tourist destination but since you've allowed the homeless to take over we are considered a cesspool. It has to end !!! these stop gap measures just create more problems. A place with comprehensive care for these people is needed so they can get the help they need and then hopefully transition out of homelessness. But to make the tax paying homeowners have to suffer by not going to our parks and beaches due to these homeless shelters is not the answer.

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Name: Andrew Marton

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 04:39 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This plan is not well thought out. I want to know: (1) How long will this re-purposing of the parks be in place and is it legal under public park regulations (2) what is the plan to move displaced people out of the park tent encampments with the help of various social services (3) what rules will be in place? (4) Will there be a curfew, will people have to agree to random drug testing; can you stay there and commit crimes; (5) what protections will be put in place to protect residents from theft and physical attacks? What about other cities? Are we going to host encampments for all nearby cities? All we know now is that a portion of the park will become a tent encampment. This plan is half baked and unacceptable. I think if we allow the plan to go forward as described we are basically agreeing to a permanent repurposing of Mar Vista park and other parks to be tent cities for displaced individuals with no end in sight. That's not a solution in my mind. I am not an expert but I believe a centrally located tent city at or near LAX or the Forum (as examples only) where social services can scale up and process these individuals for mental and social service needs makes much more sense. It is much more efficient to have it done on a large scale where all the professionals can coordinate efforts right there and get something done. And the reality will be that a number of these displaced individuals will not want help. So they can stay at the park encampments forever? How does the city and county's failure to address and fix the problem now become my neighborhood problem. I am completely against this proposal.

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose Mike Bonin's outrageous proposal to house the homeless in our public beaches and parks. Not only is this an environmental issue, but public spaces should be clean and safe for all to use. A more reasonable solution is to take over the hundreds of abandoned buildings we have in Los Angeles' industrial areas and outfit those spaces with mental and drug support in addition to temporary housing.

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Name: Mary Hruska

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 04:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This motion fails on many counts. First, it disenfranchises the residents who have a right to use the Parks and Beaches that they have authorized and paid for. One of the basic rules of our Constitutional government is that one person's rights end where the next person's begin. This motions states that the rights of the homeless supercede the rights of the tax paying residents who fund everything: the parks and beaches, all the homeless programs and the salaries of the bureaucracies who administer them. Perhaps most importantly however, this motion, once again, **FAILS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM.** Homelessness has skyrocketed in the last few years and so has funding to resolve it. The result : homelessness keeps increasing without abatement. Covid is not a relevant factor is this discussion because it is NOT the ultimate cause of the problem. The cause is the network of laws and court decisions which have created the problem. They have, in perhaps the most callous way possible, condoned suicide on the streets. Attached is an analysis that I did in February of 2020. There have been some new government programs initiated since then, but all are based on the same failed premises that the programs mentioned in the analysis are. The homeless numbers, of course have just increased, unabated.

In 2017 the City of Los Angeles pledged to create 10,000 new units for the homeless by 2026 through a combination of programs, leading with Measure HHH.

Recent audits <https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-hhh-spending-commitments-20190421-story.html> of the program indicate that the city will fall short of this goal, but even if they succeed, is anyone doing the math?:

39,00 - 10,000 = 29,000

Lets look at some other ideas in place:

The No Place Like Home is a State program in which \$2 Billion has been diverted from Mental Health Services towards housing for the homeless. Los Angeles County is expected to receive about \$700 Million. How much housing will that create? **Probably not 29,000**

Proposition 1 is a housing bond to create 41.5 Billion for multifamily housing. And a new statewide tax on real estate transfers is expected to generate \$250M. Both could cause some funds to trickle down to the City of Los Angeles for homeless housing. **Enough for 29,000? not likely.**

HCID reports that 1000 units for the homeless were in the pipeline before the advent of HHH. OK, so **let's say we're at 28,000.**

There are, in addition, a grab bag of other funds that are discussed, however the numbers produced never add up to anything that could come close to meeting the demand.

When any housing is completed (few and far between), the numbers produced (and touted) range from 25 to possibly a few hundred.

28,000 is the current unmet "demand" side of the equation. More on that later.

Lets look at another timeline:

Starting after WWII, the country as a whole began a process to reform of state mental institutions, which had historically been plagued by understaffing and overcrowding. Schizophrenia and bipolar disorder were now treated as socially constructed problems and not mental health illnesses, and it became hugely popular to to attack mental institutions. The intent was to provide more tailored, community based care. These community-based clinics however, ended up treating only the easiest cases. In the end, they largely failed:

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/michaelshellenberger/2019/09/12/why-california-keeps-making-homelessness-worse/>

In California, in **1972, the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act** was enacted. It, in effect, ended all hospital commitments by the judiciary except in the case of criminal sentencing. Moreover after the case of Riese vs St Mary's Hospital and Medical Center, it became exceedingly difficult to commit anyone to a mental institution against their will. As with the reforms of the post-war era, this was meant to foster more humane and effective treatment for the mentally ill. In practice however it leaves mentally ill people with only the cycle of 72-hr holds with subsequent release. Where do these people go....?

Until recently, most did not to the streets because it was illegal to live on the streets in most communities.

Now let's look at substance abuse.

Until 2014, substance abuse in California was a criminal offense punishable by incarceration.

In 2000, California adopted Prop 36, which permitted drug treatment in lieu of incarceration. Those were the only 2 alternatives for substance abuse: treatment or incarceration.

According to a Balletopedia report which used HUD numbers, homelessness in California between 2005 and 2015 dropped by 38.5 per cent :

https://ballotpedia.org/Fact_check/Is_homelessness_in_California_at_a_historic_high

Enter Prop 47, which was enacted in Nov 2014. (is everyone following the time course here?)

Amongst other things, Prop 47 de-criminalized substance abuse, effectively nullifying the choice (between incarceration and treatment) that Prop 36 had imposed. In practice this has translated into little or no legal consequences for substance abuse.

2018 : Martin vs Boise - Federal case resulting in preclusion of cities from outlawing sleeping on public property

Next in the timeline:

In 2019 it was reported that the homeless population in the City Of Los Angeles had increased 16% since the previous year:

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-homeless-count-encampment-affordable-housing-2019-results-20190604-story.html>

Also in 2019, it was reported by UCLA that 75% of the homeless were mentally ill or substance abusers:

<https://abc7.com/society/health-problems-major-issue-for-unsheltered-homeless-people-study-says/5602130/>

Getting back to our "demand" situation, assuming that this growth in homelessness might be slowed a bit by the housing construction to say, 10% per year. Let's do some more math:

39,000 times a 10% increase means the homeless count for this year could be 42,900, which becomes the new "demand"

In summary:

- 1) Mental health institutions closed
- 2) No adequate substitutes enacted
- 3) Mandatory incarceration of the mentally ill outlawed
- 4) Mandatory drug treatment outlawed
- 5) Sleeping/living in the public right of way legalized

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- 6) Homelessness skyrockets
- 7) 75% of the Homeless are mentally ill and/or substance abusers (UCLA Survey)

What is there, that is going to change the trajectory of this equation? Nothing.

The production of housing is not even close to covering the demand and even if a miracle occurred, and the city built housing and provided services for 39,000 overnight, NO ONE CAN BE FORCED INTO IT.

How, then, is this situation exclusively a housing crisis?

The elephant is now thrashing around the room breaking furniture. It's time to evaluate this in a data-based way, instead of a political one.

1) Address the public and safety health crisis (communicable diseases) immediately via mandatory removal of the homeless into emergency shelters with adequate security. Bring in the National Guard if necessary. These should not be located near residential areas. To propose that they should or need to be is truly disingenuous.

2) Begin the process NOW of amending/repealing the disastrous legal and legislative enactments of the past 50 years

3) Start funneling the majority of the housing for homeless funds into the construction of mental hospitals and treatment centers. These may not even need to be built from scratch. The state/county/city can work together to buy up de-commissioned hospitals and nursing homes.
(Ironically, a portion of the funds which were expected to be saved as a result of Prop 47, are supposed to be funneled into mental health and social services. If an audit of the Proposition has not yet been done, it would be valuable to do one at this time...)

Is this idea so abhorrent ? So outlandish? so ignorant?

Is it any more abhorrent, outlandish and ignorant than what's been proposed so far? And its results ?

Perhaps a more significant question is: who's been helped so far? Who will be helped?

Other solutions proposed by the LA City Council:

- 1) Employing the homeless to pick up trash (Buscainio/Blumenfeld): Not yet voted on (Feb 2020)
- 2) Restricting homeless encampments within 500 feet of schools/day care facilities etc, and also if behavior in such encampments poses a threat to the public (O'Farrell): Not yet voted on (Feb 2020)

Communication from Public

Name: Debbie Sheldon

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 05:01 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: The beaches are for all to enjoy. There are safety, sanitation and lack of consideration for tax paying citizens being proposed. Find alternative solutions that work instead of punishing citizens with throwing good money after bad time and time again.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica F

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 05:12 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: This is an atrocious idea, brought forth by someone who does not live anywhere near these areas. Our parks and beaches are paid for with our taxes, our hard earned money, and these areas are recreational places of activities for our FAMILIES! There are so many other more viable options, it boggles my mind why this would even be attempted. Here are examples of better plans: all empty shopping malls and their parking lots become homes for homeless, the stores act as living facilities and there are even food courts for cafeteria planning. All empty city parking lots can be designated for the homeless, as well as the VA hospital which has a huge amount of space. There need to be designated areas where the homeless can speak to social workers, clean up, be fed, and especially get mental health help. Many more people can work to find situations for themselves if their in one location rather than just letting them hang out at our beaches and parks. Bonin should be absolutely ashamed at himself for even suggesting this option, what is the matter with him?

Communication from Public

Name: Gordon Gerson

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 05:42 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE do NOT approve considering the use of beaches and parks for homeless shelters. Keep these precious resources for all families. History has shown that families are not safe or comfortable near homeless shelters. Instead look into using unoccupied areas out of the city.

Communication from Public

Name: Maryann Zukin

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 05:56 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: This proposal is completely unacceptable. Jeopardizing the safety of residents here who pay property taxes and enabling the homeless so that they can live lawlessly with an ocean view is completely wrong. Please effectively address the homeless problem AWAY from our neighborhoods, schools, parks, and beaches or we will vote you out.

Communication from Public

Name: Heather Smith

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

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not implement Bonin's terrible plan to house the homeless at local parks and beaches. Parks and beaches are for the safe use and enjoyment of the local community. They were never intended to be a repository for the homeless. Further, beaches are a draw for tourists, who help support local businesses. Placing the homeless at beaches will drive away both local residents and tourists. Bonin-I am a Democrat and I hate every idea you have proposed over the years. This one even tops your stupid "road diet" idea. I hope you are recalled and/or lose your next election.

Communication from Public

Name: Mike Hayashi

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

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: The homeless have taken over our city because nobody in government cares about the taxpayer. The homeless have taken over and destroyed our parks and streets with drug paraphernalia, human waste, and violence. Now, the City is considering surrendering our public beach and parks parking lots to the homeless? The current shelters are outdated and dangerous, especially for the diverse homeless population of today. The homeless do not even want free hotels, or want to stay at old city shelters. they prefer living on the streets. As a taxpayer, this has got to stop. There are hundreds of empty office buildings yet the City continues to allow new office complexes to pop up, along with trendy apartments and lofts. I see "Office Space For Lease" signs everywhere. Why not even consider leasing these empty office spaces for use as temporary shelters during this homeless crisis? The historical and iconic Sears property in Boyle Heights will be closed soon. A developer intends to transform this property into lofts, offices, and trendy food court. Don't you think we have enough of these types of developments? The Sears had been a lifeline to the community for almost 100 years. There are nine floors of space (over 250,000 sq/ft) on about 12 acres of land with a large parking lot. Why not preserve the historic building and make it a lifeline to the homeless? Nine floors to segregate homeless men, women, parents with kids, LGBTQ+. Include offices for on-site health and social services, and child care. Plenty of space for a full commissary, to nourish the homeless, provide jobs, and job training? Plenty of parking space to put up a mini-home community. Purchase this property and repurpose it as an all inclusive super shelter site, instead of wasting money on Project Roomkey, and building fancy and expensive condos for the homeless. Also think of how much is wasted on fighting encampment fires and cleaning up the debris and hazardous waste left behind by the homeless. The Sears property, if properly managed, can be a ray of hope to the homeless. It can be a welcoming place that can deal with the various specific needs of the homeless with a bit of compassion. As it is now, the homeless have nothing promising on the horizon.

Communication from Public

Name: Lee

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 05:25 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: NO Homeless Camps at Will Rogers State Beach. The lots here are already being used to capacity on the weekends for their intended purpose by residents who need exercise and fresh air in the pandemic. This proposal to put homeless camps in the beach parking lot should be redacted and disallowed forever.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 07:29 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: By his own admission Councilman Bonin states that he is not in a position to increase services, increase enforcement of criminal behavior, nor address the larger root issues of homelessness such as mental illness, addiction, job training, job placement, etc. This proposal is merely a one-dimensional temporary band-aid approach to treating a complex long term problem that requires holistic solutions. This is a huge problem for anyone living in these areas. A great deal of people are already moving out of LA and this will further push people like myself out in fear of not having a safe, clean place to live.

Communication from Public

Name: Victor Krissman

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 07:43 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: What's happening to Westchester Park is unacceptable. We need a much better solution than to make our parks and beaches part of the solution.

Communication from Public

Name: Craig Smith

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 07:50 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Me and my family, including our 5 children, all fully support Mike Bonin's proposal for utilizing the parking area at Will Roger's Beach for the homeless. We live directly above Will Roger's Beach and have a direct view over the entire beach and parking area, and we use the beach multiple times a week. Nonetheless, we are more than willing to have part of this public resource dedicated to help those less fortunate who are suffering. While we of course would prefer that there was a better option to provide permanent housing for these individuals, at the very least we as a society need to provide them a safe place to exist and sleep. These fellow Americans are human beings that are suffering, not an "infestation" as many have tried to label them. They are the sons and daughters, brothers and sisters of families in our society, the wealthiest country on the planet, who has failed them by not having adequate social safety nets needed including mental and physical health care, substance abuse treatment, and public housing. It is disheartening to read and hear the vitriol coming from other Palisadians against Mike and this proposal. We wish those who are fortunate could see this as the basic human rights issue it is, rather than fight this proposal to keep this harsh reality out of their sight. Mike Bonin is a true leader that has taken a politically unpopular stance based on human dignity and basic morality. We support Mike and all Council members that meet this challenge. Thank you for your courageous and virtuous service to our community.

Communication from Public

Name: Robert hill

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 07:53 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to suggest you all consider otherwise non residential communities for homeless relocation. There are hundreds of abandoned commercial aircraft which could be purchased for a nominal sum of money, retrofitted for housing, military tents designed for living in harsher environments (again for nominal cost). There was a prior plan to build an airport in Palmdale which now sits empty, perhaps a master planned community with facilities to aid the mentally ill, rehab assistance for drug addiction. Create employment opportunities for those who would like to return to the “ general population “ with in the newly formed housing community. Moving the situation to the beach where you are considering will (in my opinion based on personal experiences) only exacerbate the problem, exposing families (men, women and CHILDREN) to unnecessary risks! DRUGS, VIOLENCE, CRIME, ABUSE and other risks of harm. I thank you for your consideration of my thoughts and urge you to spend more time and energy to solving a very complex issue with a plan which will begin to address the issues on a longer term basis, rather than simply dumping the problem at the doorsteps of a family oriented community, a plan which will very likely cause more harm than good.....!!!!!! BobbyHill

Communication from Public

Name: Anna Muraco

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 09:05 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I think the plan to provide shelter to unhoused people is the best option I've heard so far. I know my neighbors do not want to have shelters on the beach or in their neighborhood parks and will complain very loudly, but I do not see any other better options. The only real solution to this issue is to eradicate income inequality and poverty, but that has to happen on a much broader scale than the city of LA can manage on its own. In the meantime, people need safe places to sleep where they don't have to leave their belongings and pets behind.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 09:09 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: There needs to be a sustainable and humane solution for the homeless population but this is not it. I vehemently oppose this proposal. Please do not use our parks and beaches to house the homeless. Home owning tax payers work hard to have safe, clean places to live and this is unfair to them.

Communication from Public

Name: Dawn Jacobs

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 09:16 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: What an outrageous idea! Our taxes are sky high, we can't use our parks because they aren't safe, homeless rob our homes, set fire in h bushes in back of our houses, and now you want to make our precious beaches into homeless encampments!?! Where has all the HHH money been use d for? Absolutely idiotic and an abuse of those who pay through the nose in taxes to live here. And you wonder why people are leaving the area?? Fleeing California? We certainly need new leadership!! This must not happen!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 09:26 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: This is a new low in insulting the hard working, tax paying Los Angeles residents. The beach areas are one of the last affordable outdoor spaces. As an lifetime Venice resident I have personally seen what mismanagement has done to our beautiful city. I can no longer safely walk down my own street or take my grandchildren to the local park and now we can't enjoy the beach areas. Forget about tourism in the economic recovery area. Why would tourists want to come to our dirty, unsafe coastal areas? Please reconsider what impact this proposal will have long term as we have seen with past attempts.

Communication from Public

Name: Gayle

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 09:29 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: This proposal is a totally unacceptable solution!

Communication from Public

Name: Fiona Engler

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 09:34 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: After reading Councilman Bonin's latest "motion" I have several questions. 1. What stakeholder input did he obtain in order to put forth this motion? As a homeowner in Westchester, there was no notice of a discussion about this proposal nor a survey of the community, including the many businesses that are directly impacted by the "unhoused" and have had to hire private security. Discussion came after the fact. 2. What gives Mr. Bonin the idea that he can take away recreation areas that we, the tax payers, fund? Being "unhoused" does not give you the right to beachfront property or park property. Our children have been regulated to playing on strips of grass around LMU rather than the park that we pay taxes to use and maintain. 3. What about the business owners in Fisherman's Village? How are they going to feel about their lot for their customers being used for an "unhoused" village? What sane person is going to want to go to dinner at those restaurants? Again, beach front property...really? 4. How does he plan to have "a portion of Westchester Park for a safe camping program, while allowing for the resumption of parks and recreation programs and public use of the rest of the park," How do you plan to keep the "unhoused" away from the areas deemed for public use? Ask them nicely??? How do families who want the park programs back know if these "unhoused" people are listed on the sex offender list? This proposal is publicity stunt. All this does is continue to enable people who have mental health issues and addiction issues who refuse the programs offered them. Allowing people to live in their own filth, do drugs, and wander the streets committing crimes is not helping. Maybe you should give Mitch O'Farrell a call. He seems to understand what his constituents want from him...you know...the people who pay you salary??

Communication from Public

Name: Marilyn Jane Hancock

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 09:35 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Mike Bonin is trying to solve a very complicated situation he calls homelessness caused by lack of affordable housing with a costly band aid. The people living on our streets and in our parks are mostly mentally ill or drug/alcohol addicted. The laws need to be changed in order to provide treatment/rehabilitation and housing for these people.

Communication from Public

Name: Steve Nahed

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 09:39 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Our family is completely against the idea of adding homeless "camps" in the Fisherman's Village, Dockweiler Beach, and surrounding areas. The homeless can already access hotels and stay free of charge for 6 months through Project Room Key. That program has not worked and your proposal will fail as well. You are going to destroy this area and litter it with trash, drugs, and feces. Homeless people need psychiatric treatment in addition to shelter and the willingness to get better. Marina Del Rey is a beach community with a natural wonder of the World (The Ocean). Instead of trying to clean up these areas, bring in better restaurants, shops, and hotels. You are doing the opposite by wasting tax payers money in hopes of "fixing" homelessness. We went to Playa Vista Beach last weekend and picked up an empty bottle of vodka, broken glass, and trash all over the beach. Plus there are three to four homeless tents/tarps built with a substantial amount of trash. This will only grow with your idea and its a shame that you do not try to clean up the current problem.

Communication from Public

Name: Jordanna Thigpen

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 09:45 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: California's public beaches and Coast are among our most precious resources. Safe, clean, and healthy coastal access must remain a reality for all people. For many families, coming to the beach is the only way to afford recreation. Anyone who is given special coastal access - whether they are a billionaire in Malibu or a homeless person - does violence to the entire State and community. There are thousands of unused acres of land in which housing could be built. There are thousands of abandoned and unused buildings that could be retrofitted to be housing at a fraction of the cost of building new housing. Yet Councilman Bonin appears dedicated to destroying coastal access for all Californians. Councilman Bonin is unfit to lead and incapable of coming up with appropriate plans - just look at Venice Beach if you want to see what his "plans" look like. Taking away our beaches and giving them to special interests of any type is wrong and cannot be allowed. I am disgusted and ashamed that the City has come up with this plan and is not using existing resources (vacant land and buildings) to solve the problem.

Communication from Public

Name: Kathy

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 09:57 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I have been a homeowner in March Vista for 30 years I have raise kids here where are the kids going to play you've taken our beaches in our parks. These are grown men that are drug attic's in the crime has increased. You cannot argue with statistics please stop this

Communication from Public

Name: Joe Guglielmo

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 10:11 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Hi. I do not think this is a good idea. There are plenty of open space by the airport - if they would cooperate. I feel Mr. Bonin is doing this as a "look what I am trying to do" gesture of what's happening in the moment and, as in the past, his follow through on these things has been poor to non existent, unless he has personal gain from it. We have to stop trying to put bandages on this issue. It needs a solid plan, that is implemented and completed. It seems all we all do is talk about doing something. There are different levels of homelessness and they need to be addressed at those levels, not a blanket 'this is what we are doing for the homeless' proclamation. This is easy say - hard do, but I think if everyone would work together, we could get something accomplished. I am willing to help if you need me.

Communication from Public

Name: Ingrid

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 10:17 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: WE DO NOT WANT THE HOMELESS IN VENICE, Westchester, MAR VISTA OR ANY BEACH AREAS! First let me say I have seen cleaner streets in 3rd world countries, let alone the 5th largest economy of the world. Taxes are the highest in the nation, we pay for the privilege of living in what was once a great State. Our freeways are disgusting! I fear one of these vagrants living on the freeway numbed on drugs or alcohol walk out in front of my car! It must be illegal to live on a Freeway for safety reasons alone! I am sure if I was walking on the freeway a policeman would stop me and give me a ticket or worse arrest me!! 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. We 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: Aubrey Ford

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 10:18 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Providing beach front living for the homeless is only going to encourage the situation to get worse and for more homeless to flock to our community. Word will be out that if you make your way to Los Angeles you will be living rent free in one of the most expensive places in the world. Beyond that, once the homeless are moved into these "communities" how will the city discern who should be housed next to whom? Will drugs, alcohol and prostitution be allowed or will law enforcement be provided the tools to police these "communities"? Are you going to commingle families with children, single women, or individuals, who are genuinely down on their luck, with those who have drug and mental health issues? Will these "communities" become no-go zones for the rest of us? What is the plan to wind down these "communities" in the coming months and years ahead? What will be done to discourage others from moving here for a beach front camping spot? In my opinion, if you want to provide these type of accommodations to the truly down on their luck families with children and individuals who just need to get back on their feet that is fine, but first the city of Los Angeles needs to demonstrate that they have the testicular fortitude to tell people it is not ok to live on the streets and do drugs Vs. get a job and become a productive member of society. For those that can there needs to be a jobs program and an expectation of effort for any who want a beach front camping spot. For those who have mental health issues they need to be provided help, perhaps against their will. And for those who are addicted to drugs, alcohol and are unwilling to get clean or who just enjoy living on the fringes of society we need to send the message loud and clear that it is not the cities nor the tax payers responsibility to support their habits or life style. The parks and the beaches are for all of us. I think of the people who live in the apartments across the street from Westchester Park and what they have gone through this past year with kids cooped up with no place to run and play. Westchester park is their park as much as anyone's. There needs to be some sort of societal benefit to the effort all of us put forth in paying our taxes and going to work, otherwise what's the point. Why not just go drink on the beach? I fear that this plan will exacerbate and already bad situation and "force" the city to build permeant housing projects in our communities for overly inflated prices.

Our city leaders have already been shown to have an unhealthy addition to developers campaign donations. This will encourage more people to choose homelessness because of the belief that they will be taken care of. I do not want to see people suffer but let's not make homelessness an overly attractive option. The city surely has other open spaces that could be offered that would still give the homeless someplace to go but would not encourage more to come.

Communication from Public

Name: Julie Zaller

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 10:32 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: As a long time neighbor, I do not support Bonin proposal! He needs to find better and safer property to house these mentally ill, addicted, dangerous human beings. They do not belong in parks or beaches where families and tourists gather outside.

Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: My wife and I oppose Bonin's proposal. The Westchester Park homeless camp may have had justification during the early phases of the COVID pandemic, but this should not be extended into any type of long standing alteration of the park's usage. Even before COVID, in late 2019 the park already had a homeless problem. I tried to donate books to the library, but the air outside the library stank of urination and other unsanitary smells that can only have come from transients in the area. Imagining young kids trying to use the library under these circumstances was a disgraceful reflection on our community and government. That library, and the entire park, is often used by poor minority kids from adjacent communities. Their ability to prepare to rise up the economic ladder, and to recreate on weekends, is likely the most direct loss suffered by the expropriation of this public property by the homeless. The rest of us, homeowners and residents of Westchester, will surely suffer other material losses including a decline in property values, if the City continues to take the side of the homeless against us. We can only hope to vote you out. But you can solve the problem, and help the homeless. There are other proposals in these comments about converted former military bases in the central part of the state where the homeless could be offered relocation, when proper enforcement of vagrancy laws resumes in L.A. We know you can clean up areas briefly. Please try to restore the Los Angeles we had in better times, including the decades when some of us worked hard to live in these beach-proximate communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Kimberly

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

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am against relocating the homeless population to our beaches. The beaches belong to all of us. You are going to destroy our tourism. Are you going to give me a discount on my property taxes now that you are removing the beach from my options? The notion that each community in CD11 should shoulder the burden of the homeless population is ridiculous. 80% of that population is not from California! Giving them our beaches at the moment we are all emerging from a year of lockdown is a horrible idea. Already people are telling us their dogs are picking up horrible infections on their paws from walking on sidewalks where the homeless were living, can you imagine the toxic stew they will leave at our beaches? You'll have to bring the EPA in to clean it up IF they ever leave? Why don't you guys buy the Sears building that just closed? There are existing empty buildings all over the city, that already have toilets, plumbing, electricity etc....Fisherman's village is hanging on by a thread. We have just started going back there to walk and eat at the few establishments that are left. Putting a homeless encampment there will shut them all down.

Communication from Public

Name: Kevin Berman

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 11:27 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: We need to address the homeless situation differently than is proposed currently in this item. Homeless need the assistance and friendship of other homeless, and their pods need to be moved together. They need to be placed where they can receive shelter, safety, counseling, job fairs, medical, psychiatric and government services . Not beach communities and public parks, there are multiple locations and abandoned facilities that can both house them and provide safety and fellowship, where they can receive these services. If Long Beach can use their Convention center to house children, Los Angeles can use theirs to house and provide services to the homeless Their are other abandoned properties large buildings with multiple floors and 100's of thousands of square feet they can place them temporarily until additional locations and permanent housing can be found and allows services in a central location for all. The shotgun approach makes it more difficult to get the. Ended service and protect the communities that are not homeless. Make us feel wanted, and cared for as well as the homeless by making good choices about locations that will help the thousands of homeless and meet the legal criteria to remove those that are violating laws. Deal with the states and cities that send their homeless and mentally ill by bus to Los Angeles, at least fine those states, and make them financially responsible for those sent here We only ask for safety and our public spaces to be protected

Communication from Public

Name: Jane Pressman

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 11:33 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: As a 25-year resident of Venice, I have witnessed firsthand what Councilman Bonin's "solutions" have done to our wonderful community. Crime is up 88% (per LAPD). Boardwalk businesses have closed. There are encampments, disease, filth and trash everywhere. People have been assaulted, and there have been homicides. The neighborhood around the Bridge housing, which has led to only a few people actually being housed, has been overwhelmed by people living on the streets. Broken promises by Bonin and Garcetti, when they shoved this down our throats 2 years ago. And now, when it's obvious that his initial proposal of building \$500,000 studio apartments is not feasible, he's had "enough of the status quo." Our tiny city has 60% of the homeless in LA. The vast majority of the homeless here are NOT from Venice or the Westside, they are from out of town. They come here because there are no laws stopping them from camping anywhere they want. I am a psychiatric nurse, and am sensitive to the needs of the mentally ill, addicted, elderly, vulnerable and disabled homeless population. This is not what we have in Venice. Putting them in ghetto parking lots by the beach is the most ridiculous idea I've ever heard. Ron Galperin has identified nearly 14,000 city-owned properties that are not being used. Why must the Westside house everyone? Venice used to be the #2 tourist destination in southern California, and our beaches are our treasures. Please DO NOT allow this man to destroy them too.

Communication from Public

Name: Birute Milliron
Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 11:33 AM
Council File No: 21-0350
Comments for Public Posting: This is not a solution.

Communication from Public

Name: Joyce

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 11:33 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: What are we paying these high taxes for...clearly we do not have representatives that have our interest in mind! There are numerous vacant sites and buildings all over California....why spread dread, rats and disease to public places that are for the PUBLIC! We need to insist that loitering laws be reinstated and fully enforced!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Tim

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 11:35 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: While I'm sure well-intentioned, housing homeless at Will Rogers Beach, or any other public beach, is an absolutely insane proposal. The beaches of Los Angeles are one of the city's defining and enduring allures, and their maintenance for the safe enjoyment of all (both residents and visitors) is fundamental to Los Angeles' identity. This plan will inevitably lead to the permanent destruction of one loss of Los Angeles's most important communal and tourism assets.

Communication from Public

Name: Amanda

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 11:37 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Moving the homeless to the beaches is the worst idea I have ever heard. I spent a couple weekends picking up discarded trash to keep it from getting into the ocean and its already a constant effort. I watched a homeless man at the bottom of Sunset and PCH literally throw trash from his grocery cart onto the ground. The beach is our park, our reason for paying so many taxes to the city. I moved from NYC and this feels like if we gave Central Park to the homeless population. Please do not ruin the city. There is no reason to put homeless encampments on the beach.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 11:42 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: As a long time Venice resident and property tax payer, I am outraged by this proposal to provide beach front housing to the homeless population. It's like rewarding those who have turned our community into a cesspool and made it unsafe to walk the streets without fear of possible attack from a drug fueled crazy or mentally deranged person. I am sympathetic to those needing help with shelter but not to those who have no intention of working to better their circumstances, and were given bus tickets to Venice to remove them from other cities and states. It's very disheartening to see this place I love become a lawless shantytown with government sanction!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 11:47 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Will Rogers State Beach is not an appropriate location for a homeless community. The parking lot is very narrow for tiny homes and/or tents. People coming to use the beach, bike path or to walk would not be able to park there or safely access the beach. Beach summer camps and Jr. Guards would not be able to use this beach as they have done for many years. The picnic and park areas along Temescal Canyon would also be highly used by the homeless community members making these areas unavailable to people who come from inland areas and are frequent users particularly during the summer. Having driven by Dockweiler Beach yesterday, it seemed quite obvious that the location there would be so much more appropriate. There are several very large parking areas and, I believe, each one has a sizable restroom facility already in place unlike Will Rogers State Beach. One area could be designated for the homeless facilities and the several others would be available for the public general use.

Communication from Public

Name: JP

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 11:54 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I believe this proposal is a horrific idea and in no way a solution to the homeless crisis. Of course all humans deserve a safe place to live, but placing encampments in our family parks is simply NOT the answer. There are better solutions than utilizing family parks/recreational areas to house the homeless. This proposal will make Mar Vista an unsafe area for our children and needs to be stopped.

Communication from Public

Name: Pauline Maturo

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 11:55 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to opening any beaches or parks to the homeless population. A gym-mate of mine was murdered by a homeless guy two weeks ago while in his home near Beverly Grove, while in his home! I live near the 405 underpass and can't walk to where I repair my car because of the homeless population under the bridge on both sides. I've had my bike stolen and watched as men fecate on the street. I reject any thought or legislation allowing these quasi human beings free access to plant themselves on the beach or nearby parking lots. I celebrated the clearing out of Echo Park Lake encampment, noting that none of the interviewed homeless in an extensive LA Times article came from California, but from New York, North Carolina and Colorado. We are covered by the Ninth Circuit decision by providing shelter, hopefully Mayor Garcetti uses HH, HHH and the Biden administration's money to cut through the malaise and house these people. If they don't like the rules that comes with the shelter, they could also consider being self supporting. NO BEACH SHELTER FOR HOMELESS!! NO ADJACENT PARKING LOT SHELTER!! NO PARKS WITH TENTS AND SQUALOR!!

Communication from Public

Name: Brian

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 12:02 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: The time for change is now. Too many tax paying, rent paying, city service paying citizens have been inundated with an ever increasing homeless population. They taken away our parks, our beaches, and our safety. They've stolen our bikes, attacked our neighbors, terrorized many of us. We can't let this continue. We've let out too many "non violent" offenders out because of 3 strikes. We've let out too many criminals out because of "over crowding." Hell, we won't put any in jail because of Covid mania. The time for action is now. We need mental health facilities. We need drug intervention and addiction services. Most of all we need law and order! Just because the Ninth Circuit ruled the way they did about Boise doesn't mean we can't have rules. Rules!!!! How about all campers must be gone by 8am? No permanent or semi permanent structures? That would be a start. The powers that be have made it too easy on criminals, drug addicts, alcoholics, rapists, abusers, etc. to live in one place, free of charge and get government assistance. Perhaps if they couldn't just sit around all day in one place with all their possessions, some would go elsewhere. Some may even try to clean up and get some work. Because an object at rest tends to stay at rest until acted upon by an outside force. Newton's First Law of Motion. This is a time for movement to happen.

Communication from Public

Name: Debra Montgomery

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 12:08 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: All of the homeless who don't want help, job's, curfew, rules, and structure etc... should have no choice about where they camp period! They should be directed to more isolated areas... The transplants who came here from other county's, cities, states, etc... for better weather or etc... MUST be identified and moved... need to go find another doormat...!! It is TIME to start weeding out the truly homeless who really want help to get their life back v.s. those who love living like this to do their drugs etc... By not creating a plan or process to weed these individuals out or disburse you are placing our lives at risk. PLEASE do what you were voted in to do! By dragging this along it will only get worse and bring many others. many are given a bus ticket one way with cash to exit other states... We must do something!!! Respectfully, Debra Montgomery

Communication from Public

Name: Katia van roosbroeck

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 12:16 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Pacific Palisades i oppose to the motion of Bonin to mive the homeless to the parkinglots on the beach of Pacific Palisades as well as for the other locations mentioned . Its been obvious how much harm and dirt and disturbance and safety damage it is causing today in Venice . There is no logic in the choice of moving the homeless to the parking beach on pch, dirt on beach, assaulting sporting residents, parking is already a drama on weekends for LA beach visitors, crime, cold and no protection, drugs and alcohol overload etc ... it is unacceptable that these high value residence areas have to deal with these city issues . The city should create shelters on the edges of the city where they wont cause problems like they do now . Build toilet and wash facilities and protection of themselves . This is unacceptable and we citizens should be having a public hearing and right to vote on this matter that affacts us all .

Communication from Public

Name: Dona M Rawson

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 12:26 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I have been a resident of Westchester for 40 years. My husband is a life long resident of 63 years. We raised 4 children into adult hood, 3 of who are now Westchester residents with their own families. We love our neighborhood. It has always been like Mayberry. People who care about each other. People who care about our children and want to have a good life. We also pay high taxes to do so. We are so upset to see what is happening to our community with the homeless situation. I am a very empathetic person who has volunteered at our local food bank and am very well known for helping those in need. But, this situation is out of control. These folks camping out in our park are not people who want to go into a shelter or other housing. Because there are RULES to abide to. For the most part many are on drugs or have mental disorders. Why would they want to abide by rules when we as a society are telling them, yes you can do what you want. My neighbors and myself are homeowners who are rule followers, we are law abiding citizens. These homeless are not law abiding for the most part. What I have seen they do not care about anyone else. The majority come into our yards and steal, they leave feces on our sidewalks, they accost people on the street, they throw trash wherever they want. It is a disaster. And, it is getting worse. ik Westchester park has been neglected for way too many years. It is not used much because unlike many other community parks, the maintenance is dismal. The fields are full of holes from gophers so you can't play soccer. The landscaping is a disaster. There are no walking paths or other amenities that other parks enjoy. But, the major problem is crime has been an issue for the last 20 years so folks don't want to go there. Drug dealing and assaults are common. BUT, that doesn't mean we want it taken over by 200 homeless people who will then defecate, trash and go out into our neighborhoods stealing. I appose this idea of bringing in more of these people who do not pay taxes and do not want to abide by rules in our neighborhood. Again, this does not mean I am not empathetic. But, having a nephew is IS strung out on meth and chooses to live this way means I do have some understanding of what is going on. DO not let our terrible councilman Mike Bonin let our part be taken over by a situation that will become another Echo park. At least THOSE neighbors got the city's attention and shut it down!!!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 12:33 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: This plan will permanently change the area to no return. I vehemently oppose it. I support finding an open area in which to create housing but not in the very middle of the Pacific Palisades. There are plenty of open unused spaces to establish such a community.

Communication from Public

Name: Caroline Stewart

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 12:40 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I agree the homeless need emergency housing and services, but NOT at beaches and parks and in neighborhoods that should be clean and safe and available for residents to use for recreation. There must be commercial/industrial lots that are not as well used by residents. My children use Mar Vista Park for playing, soccer and tennis, all activities that would likely have to end if the encampment at Mar Vista grows, because of concerns for their safety. Unfortunately, the homeless encampments as they are attract crime and filth.

Communication from Public

Name: Tahitian Terrace Resident

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 01:02 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Re: Will Rogers proposal We have a 24/7/365 front-row view to the parking lots of Will Rogers Beach and to PCH. We understand that theoretically this might seem like a social good and viable solution, but seems extraordinarily unresearched and from our point of view, a horrible plan: 1. Are you aware of how dangerous PCH is? Just for this reason alone it astounds any any any rational thinking that you would choose this parking lot for a homeless encampment. 2. Have you watched the traffic on PCH and realize that it is one of the few ways to get north and south? 3. Have you personally added up all the accidents and fatalities of pedestrians over a 5 year period, crossing PCH between Sunset and Temescal? Even with the Palisades Bowl crosswalk, we must wait for 5 cars long to stop before walking across the street. 4. Are you aware that many teen students who attend Pali stand at the bus stop at Will Rogers beach to wait for the bus home? 5. Are you aware that Will Rogers is one of the few city beaches where families from all over LA use and park and bring their families and children? 6. Have you not explored the parking lots of all the Hollywood and W. LA empty office buildings and malls where there is no dangerous highway? Thank you, Concerned Tahitian Terrace Residents

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 01:06 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: As a Pacific Palisades resident, I oppose the proposal to have homeless individuals reside in the parking lot at Temescal and PCH. This would create an insurmountable problem similar to the current situation in Venice. There are better solutions to help homeless individuals and this solution is a bandaid for a systemic problem and will create irreparable damage to many.

Communication from Public

Name: Natalie Jensen

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 01:17 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly object to this proposal as it has already been actively used during the COVID pandemic and has proven a health hazard, unmanageable, and that the city has been unwilling and unable to manage such encampments. I would like to respectfully request that public spaces be given back to the public so that my grandchildren can participate in outdoor activities including swimming, soccer, baseball, and free play, particularly in Westchester where there are no reasonable alternatives for outdoor play. Please consider housing the homeless in vacant or under used city properties such as the old fire station or maybe even moving the encampments to the open areas around the LAX buffer zones which are currently only being used for storage. There is even fencing around the area for containment and ability for the city to provide basic assistance.

Communication from Public

Name: Jacqueline M

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 01:22 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: This motion is unbelievable. As a resident of West Side for 7 years, I've seen the downturn the homeless has created in the area, and the environment that is detrimental to families and those who are paying a premium price to live here. While we do need solutions for the homeless, this is not it! The beaches will be overrun with trash and delinquent activity. We've had homeless man come into our apartment in the middle of the night, clearly under the influence, thinking the space is theirs. We do not deserve to live in fear, and the homeless, tent camping close to these beach cities is dangerous. We need something better than this Bonin!

Communication from Public

Name: David Davies

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 01:42 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: We need to organize the homeless problem for the sake of being humane to the homeless and The needs of everyone else. Los Angeles does not have enough open space and we should not give that up I would prefer that the parks, beaches in any open space in a high density area is not converted in lost to becoming homeless encampments. They need a place to live and it should be in lower density areas where land is considerably more affordable.

Communication from Public

Name: Nancy

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 01:57 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Putting tiny homes and tents at our beaches is a horrible, unsanitary and uncivilized idea. I support for the homeless, but people come from everywhere to enjoy our beaches and besides all the health, sanitation and parking issues this will create, it will also effect tourism, after a long shut down year. If you were planning to come to our area, would you bring your family after seeing a video of Venice?

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 02:02 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: As a Westchester resident and homeowner since 2014, it's been an absolute shame and embarrassment to see what has happened to our community areas like the parks, streets, and beaches over these years. I'm as sympathetic as anyone for the homeless in our city. I wish nobody had to live on the streets, but unfortunately that's not reality. We need our police to have the authority to enforce laws and get these communal areas cleaned up and cleared of the homeless that are turning these areas into 3rd world countries. It's a total stain on an otherwise beautiful city.

Communication from Public

Name: P Brown

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 02:10 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Housing can be provided in an UNPOPULATED area of the desert NOT at the beach, not on the Westside where people pay millions for the privilege of living in a nice area. The drug use, theft, fires, murders are OUT OF CONTROL. You all need to remember who your constituents are and stop with this ridiculousness. Open mental health facilities and require those folks with mental illness be held - not roaming the streets terrorizing law-abiding, tax paying citizens! Require drug addicts to go into rehab or to jail. Stop letting criminals out of jail because of COVID concerns. STOP the bloody madness! Just stop already!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 02:11 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: You cannot be serious about housing the homeless on our beaches and in our parks. Beaches and parks in Los Angeles are essential for our CHILDREN!!! You can, however, house the homeless in the tiny house villages in areas beside the freeways - not in the underpasses where they are now, but rather in the places where the freeways allow wide margins with nothing there. You can house the homeless in city parking lots not being used. Homeless villages should not be close to schools either. You can designate certain alleys in industrial districts for the tiny house villages also. Our beaches and parks are something we have paid for with our taxes for the public to USE not to live there. What do you think would happen to me if I took my tent and decided to live on Broad Beach? I'm partial to Lechuza Point.

Communication from Public

Name: Anastasia Munsell

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 02:12 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Please don't move the homeless to Dockweiler Beach, I left venice because I got punched in the back while running by a homeless man. I don't want that to happen against

Communication from Public

Name: Patricia Rafferty

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 02:16 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: The proposal to move the homeless to the beaches is appalling. Those of us who have worked so hard to afford our homes that we rent or own near the ocean, and our rights to quiet enjoyment of those homes will be destroyed by the City Council which is supposed to support the citizens they represent. This will only serve to entice more unhoused to migrate to the Los Angeles beaches. Bonin has done enough damage, please restore our beach cities to what they once were. Please remove this appalling non-solution and come up with something better.