

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alexa Lynne

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 06:23 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** The homeless should have a designated area that doesn't effect places like CA beaches! People pay a high cost of living to live here near the beaches.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** James Smith

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 07:12 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly oppose building a homeless encampment at Will Rogers Beach parking lot. It is an ill conceived idea that is fraught with numerous issues. It's a parking lot for the public so we can enjoy the beach. I am empathetic to those with out homes but in no way does this proposal help them.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Duke

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 08:00 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I bought a house in Westchester because I wanted to raise my family in a safe neighborhood with convenient resources like: a park, library, shopping, bowling, restaurants, and close to the beach. Unfortunately, I've seen this city erode over the years under the "leadership" of Mike Bonin. Many of these resources are not adequately maintained; overrun by vagrants; and unsafe for families to attend. On top of all this, the public schools are less than adequate, so despite paying higher property taxes for the unsafe family resources - many also pay for a private education. The tax paying Westchester residents need leadership from someone who puts our interests first.

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Barry Day  
**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 08:09 PM  
**Council File No:** 21-0350  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Completely against this idea!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** rita murdoch

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 09:54 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Biden had done thing for my neighbor. He first put bike lanes on culver blvd which caused massive traffic jams. Then he does nothing about the home in Venice or Westchester. The park can not be used by residents as the homeless have taken over. It's not safe to be in the park or near the park. Between Biden and our useless governor, our state is a disaster. I know so many that have already left and I'm not far behind Interesting that our government in Sacramento votes on laws with out any state endorsement. I found out 5 months ago that our idiots in Sacramento have outlawed sell anything with animal fur on it in L A county. Another industry that they have Keith out the approval of anyone in L A county. So we the citizens, who pay taxes etc, find out after the fact that a group of idiots vote with out having any of us that pay taxes Approve this or disapprove. Reminds me of Russia. And we are paying these idiots to do this??

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hopefully the governor be recalled and all the idiots that our in Sacramento will be let go. I am appalled of what laws are passed in California with out anyone know until after it is passed. I vote to get rid of them all and start over. We the people are pay a lot of taxes for men and women who are incompetent. The homeless have gotten 130% worst snd Biden has a plane to keep them in parks and now take some of the beach in Marina del Rey for them to trash and burn down. Enough of this insanity.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Robert Wilt

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

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** The waterfront is one of the most valuable and fragile assets of the City of Los Angeles. Value comes in many forms including monetary, functional, social and psychological. There is a huge monetary value from the tax revenues generated by tourism and property values. There is also a huge psychological and social value from having clean and safe open areas with natural beauty where residents can connect and relax. I moved to Los Angeles many years ago from New York City which I believe provides a perfect case study to show the mistakes and lessons of a city not maintaining its most valuable assets. New York's parks and waterfronts in the 1970's were overrun by unmitigated homelessness which led to crime and violence which resulted in the flight of residents and businesses and tax revenues which nearly bankrupted the city. Garbage and pollution impacted the local environment which further deteriorated the quality of the city. It took decades to turn things around but the parks and waterfronts on New York are now some of their greatest assets which has helped bring people back to the city and increase tax revenues and public engagement and improve quality of life for all residents. It is absurd that there a priority being made to protect the local environment from industry and development but then turn around and create policies that will have a much more detrimental effect to the city. There is case to be made against certain threats but priorities must be made and common sense must be used. Bonin is adamant in his demands to shut down the SoCal gas plant in Playa Del Rey but will do nothing about the RVs and encampments that lead to fires in the Ballona Creek Wetlands. He is against certain luxury developments on protected sand dunes in Playa Del Rey but he is fine with the piles of trash and garbage from people setting up encampments in the dunes of Dockweiler Beach. Take care of the homeless but do it in the most efficient way and not at the expense of the public good.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Greg Rorabaugh

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 01:00 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** We live in Westchester and travel through and shop and do business in the surrounding communities of Marina Del Rey, Culver City, Inglewood, Playa Del Rey, El Segundo, Torrance, as well as Los Angeles. The homeless situation has become a blight to Westchester and the surrounding communities. The eyesore is shameful and health hazard is dangerous. And the homeless people are suffering physically, mentally and spiritually. There must be a solution/solutions possible. We hear that these folks should have the freedom to live wherever they please. It is said that they refuse to live in housing facilities because of the rules and regulations. This has become a “freedom” that infringes on the rights of private taxpayers who want to have pleasant surroundings in their neighborhoods and safe recreational facilities. We want public recreational facilities that are sanitary and safe for neighborhood children and families to engage in sports and relax with family gatherings. Please help restore our sidewalks and parks to the purposes that they were commissioned and paid for through our taxes. And please help these people who can not or refuse to help themselves. This is not freedom. It is lazy laissez faire wasteful management.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lisa Atkinson

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 12:39 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** The beaches are not the answer because of all the wildlife and the recreational mental health of our gigantic county. I will go sleep there myself in order to protect our sacred land.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lee Kinson

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 12:49 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please stop the nonsense that Mike Bonin is proposing to rape our beaches and rob us of one of the most precious natural treasures we have in this country. The beaches are already FULL OF PEOPLE who are trying to stay mentally and physically healthy if you just go outside and take a look! The Will Rogers parking lot is almost at capacity during the week and on weekends it is FULL of people who need the fresh air. Please do not add to the pollution and problems on the coast. Many us have been trying to heal the beaches since the 1980's when we got glass off the sand and it's been an uphill battle because of proposals like this. There is no end to the damaging repercussions to this thoughtless and impulsive idea. Thank you. Lisa Atkinson

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stephanie Sirotich

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 01:28 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I have been a property owner and lived in PDR for almost 34 years. I've been laid off and struggled to keep my home. I've always paid my taxes even when they are excessive. Now PDR and Westchester are becoming unsafe because of the homeless problem. I have been accosted in a restaurant by a Homeless man. My friend has been punched in the face at a bus stop by a homeless person. I no longer feel safe walking from my home across the street to my sister's home. My grandchildren can no longer safely play at Westchester or Dockweiler Beach. Now the Wetlands which is a protected environment is being put at risk by the 40 plus cars and RVs that have decided to make it their home. Not only did the wildlife suffer from this fire but they could have caused an explosion at the Methane Gas Storage unit which could have blown us to Kingdom Come. I recently shopped at CVS in Westchester, where one homeless person walked off without paying. Less than an hour later that store was held up at gun point? Two weeks before the other CVS had been held up. Ralph's on Lincoln now needs an armed security guard. I am a compassionate person but I'm tired of seeing my beautiful neighbor turned into a refuse dump and being afraid. Mr Bonin doesn't seem interested in the safety of those that pay his salary. Just because these people have migrated here doesn't mean that they are PDR residents so why can't they be escorted in their vehicles to empty schools, empty jails, or on lands where tents can be put up, like the Government is doing for the immigrants coming over. So it seems Councilman Bonin's answer is you give up and become part of the homeless group and then you get free housing at the beach?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** shura Reininger

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 02:01 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Why the Beaches? Everyone wants to be near the water. Is it necessary to destroy it for everyone else?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Heidi Roberts

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 02:24 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council Members - I applaud the City for FINALLY exploring innovative solutions to homelessness after years of ignoring common sense ideas that could have helped avoid the dire humanitarian crisis that has exploded on our streets. However, it is crystal clear that the City does not have the will to uphold the promises it made to the community vis a vis safety and efficacy of the programs suggested in this motion. The Venice Bridge Home is a prime example - and the most egregious example - of how LA politicians fail to uphold their promises with dreadful consequences for those they represent. Prior to opening the Bridge Home shelter in a residential neighborhood in Venice, Councilmember Bonin (the author of this motion) and Mayor Garcetti promised the Venice community that, in return for hosting the facility, there would be a positive impact on the community. They assured the residents that there would be a safe zone around the Bridge Home shelter, with extra security, trash collection and safety efforts. The City immediately re-negged on every single one of those promises and the area around the Bridge Home shelter has suffered astounding and horrifying consequences. There are hundreds of tents and massive encampments surrounding the facility. Violent crime has increase monumentally. And citizens are afraid for their very lives. To add further insult to injury, Councilman Bonin refuses to even respond to citizens who have very valid complaints. E-mails, phone calls and even petitions with thousands of signatures are ignored. Essentially, he has given this brutalized community the silent treatment and now threatens to do the same to other communities in his district. As a housing provider and concerned resident of Venice, I would love to see solutions implemented throughout the City of LA and throughout CD11. BUT, the only thing Councilman Bonin has consistently done is break the promises he made to this community after years of inaction. I cannot in good conscience stand aside as he repeats his inexcusable behaviors. Please, do not endorse this motion until you ensure the City of LA does what it promised to do here in Venice. Currently, thanks to Councilperson Bonin's broken promises, everyone in Venice suffers. The homeless people continue to rot on the streets, virtually no one is housed from Bridge Housing, residents live in filth and fear and the City of Los Angeles has lost not only a

precious asset, but its reputation and trust. While Venice burns,  
Bonin fiddles. Please...no more until you do what you promised.  
Heidi Roberts Haaven Shared Housing 200+ people housed in 2  
years using 0 tax dollars [www.haaven.org](http://www.haaven.org)

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mariah

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 02:47 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I think this proposal is a VERY BAD IDEA. The beaches and coast should be kept clean and available to the city. The coastal neighborhoods already have an extreme problem with the mentally ill population. It feels like our community has become the dumping ground for this population of people that do obviously need help and shelter. However, I don't think our cities beaches are the answer. Because this open space is special and needs to be protected. Have you seen the garbage and mess all over the place? Adding to this at the beaches will be a disaster. We see it getting worse every day. Please stop dumping on our communities and fix the problems that are causing this madness. Buy California City and build a ton of housing and support services where the land is cheap and there is more space.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** John Betz

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 02:58 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** This Bonin guy is nuts. First he creates a problem. Then he lobbies for unreasonable solutions that conveniently enrich his donors. Then he opens a shelter in Venice and breaks every single promise he made to the community. Then he gives them the silent treatment while seniors are murdered, women are raped and hot prowls abound. And now wants us to trust him with more shenanigans? Bonin may be nuts but were not. No on any motion the man ever presents.



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 03:01 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** While a solution needs to be found for the homeless people in our cities, I don't think housing them in beach parking lots is a fair solution. Beach parking in all places is already in short supply, housing people there will make it worse for those of us who do not live at the beach. As someone else has already stated, the areas mentioned are also tourist destinations and homeless housing will probably be a deterrent to tourism. Also safety protocols would need to be established in all these areas as violence seems to be on the rise everywhere and to permit people to live in public areas would require monitoring.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tami Chikami

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 03:37 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Sad situation but moving the homeless element to areas where families want to spend quality time is not the solution. Tax paying parents don't want their children to see the homeless peeing or defecating in front of them. Most of the homeless are mentally impaired and can be dangerous. Tax payers pay a lot of money to live by the beach. They do not want to see the homeless camps. Move them someplace where there's less people.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Joan Hill

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 03:37 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to register my strong opposition to the March 31st motion to enlarge and establish homeless encampments to Will Rogers State beach, Dockweiler Beach, and Marina Del Rey. I am not fooled by the word "Temporary". It is long past the time to CLOSE all encampments and clean up the district you govern. This current proposal will hinder public access to the beach for ALL LA County residents and visitors and reduce the amount of parking revenues the County receives to maintain the beach and life guards. Kindest regards.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** ANN C LEONARD

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 03:59 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council Members, As you know the homeless situation in California and Los Angeles is growing by the day. Other states and cities ship their homeless and unstable population to California free of charge. The price of a ticket is minimal compared to what the amount of money other states and cities would have to pay to find a viable solution to the homeless problem. Now California is faced with a huge challenge. What is the best way to deal with this violent and unsanitary, unhealthy, and unsafe situation? The answer is not our parks and beaches. Those state, county, and city maintained places are havens for children, families, and friends to get outside with little or no cost. Many parks have become the homes of the homeless population. Families, children, and residents cannot safely visit these locations. The homeless then spill into the nearby neighborhoods and commit crimes. Many of them are drug addicts and have mental disorders, and health conditions. Dumping them in parks and beaches is NOT the answer. I suggest that your teams look at locations outside of the city limits where there is large open spaces for them to live. They can build their own communities with elected leaders to help guide them. California is huge, and there are many areas where there is open space that is owned by the state where they can live without endangering the lives of so many in the large urban and suburban areas. I suggest that you and your staff research these areas and come up with a better choice for relocating the homeless population. I have seen several fires recently. This is not even the fire season yet. It will not be easy to solve this problem. You may just have to ship them back to where they came from. California's resources are diminishing quickly, and we need to come up with a plan. Housing the homeless at beaches and local parks is not any kind of a solution. You will only create a much larger problem. Thank you for your time, and I hope you all can come up with a better solution. The bandaid is not working. Kind regards, Ann L.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Maru Johansen

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

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose the proposal of building, even temporarily, a homeless site at public parks and beaches. The safety and security of children and families will be compromised. We have already seen it with all the tents at Westchester park. Those should be relocated. It will also be too expensive to build proper accommodations like showers, cooking facilities, etc. If any public representative insists on approving or passing this proposal I will vote against that person in future elections.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Suellen Mayfield

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 04:44 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Three factors make the proposed “solution” to our homeless crisis—one of many failures in addressing the problem in the last decade—untenable. 1.) Beach, 2.) Building deals, 3.) Bonin. 1.) As a local stakeholder already noted, transforming one of the city’s few natural environments into an encampment for the unhoused: “will turn one of our greatest assets into an eyesore and liability. Access to clean and safe public beaches is not only a draw for our citizens but also for tourism.” The fortune of having the natural beauty of our coastline as a point of refuge and exercise during this pandemic has been a life-saver. And, at a time where public figures are beginning to take preserving our planet in a serious way, planning high-density housing for a low-sanitation population a few feet from the coastline seems reckless and short-sighted. 2.) Los Angeles residents have passed bond issues year after year to alleviate the suffering of the homeless. Very few of the “green-lighted” projects have come to fruition, in spite of builders and others with ties to our Council representatives getting lucrative contracts to “work on the problem.” The homeless population continues to grow, while more-affordable local neighborhoods are razed, to be replaced with higher-priced multipurpose units with only a handful of affordable housing. This phenomenon is part of the State-wide money-pit known as the homeless industrial complex. 3.) Westside council representative Mike Bonin seems to primarily represent himself and his better-to-do allies, meaning that my Venice neighborhood has deteriorated disproportionately under his administration. He's a self-interested politician for whom solving homelessness seems less of a social mission than a campaign issue. As a 40-year Venice resident, I’ve seen our homeless population rise exponentially under his watch, with no attendant rise in services for them. His divide-and-conquer tactics throw out claims of NIMBY-ism in response to legitimate cries of rising neighborhood crime rates, lower property values, tent and mobile meth-lab fires, and a daily deluge of scary encounters for families in our community. These policies of concentrating homelessness within small geographic areas have also resulted in the unhoused suffering more than ever before: there's been a 34% increase in crime to the homeless population occurring so far this year! The beach is no place to sweep away the problem. Our local

beach is unsafe and unsanitary already--it's slated to worsen under the proposed plan.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** FRANK DEFURIO

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 04:57 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** What homeless person would not find a way to travel to, and locate in, Los Angeles where he or she would be offered, at no cost, to live at "prime ocean beach and park" locations, all to the "exclusion" of tax-paying residents. I live in Venice which has become known as "SKID ROW WEST". I cannot safely enjoy a walk on Ocean Front Walk. The entire length of Ocean Front Walk north of Venice Blvd. is now lined with homeless encampments, trash and piles of junk, with passed out individuals on the beach and on the bike path. It is a mess. Bonin's plan will invite homeless from all over the state and other states to relocate in this prime real estate. This will not solve our homeless problem. It will only make it worse.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Millie Monson

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 05:12 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am asking that Mike Bonin's proposal Not be passed. We as taxpayers have rights also & the funds are coming from our taxes.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Christie Pesicka Naini Pesicka

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 05:22 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Two weeks ago, an encampment fire destroyed 5 acres of Wetlands and nearly burned down my densely populated community of Playa Vista. I lived in Venice for 10 years and personally saw Mike Bonin's failed leadership destroy that community. We always had unhoused neighbors that had substance abuse issues but for the most part were nonviolent and beloved members of our community. Venice is one of the most progressive and charitable communities and has been abandoned by leadership. Bonin's new proposal is to turn Westside Beaches into homeless shelters and bridge housing including Dockweiler and Marina Del Rey Fisherman's Village. His plan doesn't have services, security, oversight, and does nothing to address mental health&substance abuse issues. Dockweiler, PDR and Fisherman's village have flammable oil&gas refineries underneath and one of the only wetland reserves remaining in Southern California which are home to the most diverse bird population in the world. His plan has zero consideration for environment, water resources, utilities, infrastructure, fire safety, density, fiscal responsibility or community impact. There are better options in our district which should be explored. Mike Bonin seems to be a like-able guy but he is completely disconnected with the communities he was elected to serve. The current bridge housing in our district has a 20-40% vacancy despite being surrounded by encampments. Why can't Bonin fill the homeless housing that the district already spent millions of tax payer dollars building?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Molly Stanton

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 05:44 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a 3rd generation la native living in Santa Monica canyon I oppose this motion based on huge concerns for the safety, security and prosperity of home and business owners that will be impacted. This is the jewel of the city and if this motion passes it will be devastated. Bonin must go.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 11:44 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** We strongly oppose the idea of permanent residency or housing along our beaches for homeless.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Freddi Segal-Gidan

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 12:13 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Why can't we, as a community, as a city, as a country do better? The homeless population is daily reminder of the total dysfunction of multiple aspects of our society; the breakdown of the safety net, the inequalities in access to education and medical care, the lack of affordable housing, and our unwillingness to step on individual rights even when that puts the individual and others in danger. There is not one solution, but many solutions that are needed to address the needs of the different groups and subgroups that comprise the homeless/unsheltered/unhoused populations in our city. Establishing safe spaces, such as in parks and empty lots, should be seen as a first step, a temporary step, towards more long term solutions. 100 years ago the County of Los Angeles operated a county poor farm on the grounds of what is today Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. There remains land on that same property that could once again serve a similar purpose, and other spaces such as the VA in Brentwood, that could provide not just housing but a community of services and a pathway back for some. We also need to assert the need to care for the mentally ill, for those who are not able to make decisions in their best interest, and to do so in a compassionate manner that supports their recovery, which is possible with proper treatment. Where is the leadership to take the bold steps needed -- in every neighborhood we are waiting, not for the police to forcibly remove people, but for leadership, solutions, and action.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** LuLe

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 12:23 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm not sure the beaches are the correct answer for homeless housing. I would rather see them housed at Playa Vista. People who live in such incredible decadent luxury should be willing to share. In the original agreement with the city of Los Angeles, Playa Vista was supposed to provide housing for low income and very low income. Have they done that? They have not been transparent about it AT ALL... so probably NOT. They need to show transparency or they need to provide real low income housing. Playa Vista is a much better solution. They could also provide a huge parking lot safe parking for RVs. One of the many reasons there is not enough affordable housing is because of projects like Playa Vista which only provide housing to the super wealthy and lucky. Playa Vista needs to do their share to return the favor.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jim Wiles

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 12:27 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not allow homeless encampments in LA City parks and beaches. Unfortunately, the fact of the matter is, there is just too much crime and drug use at these encampments. The reason that we have parks and recreation is so all citizens can use the facilities and be safe as well. It is just common sense. Thank You

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lee

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 12:31 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Respectfully, I think it a very bad idea to be creating home and camping sites at beach parking lots. As spring and summer approaches, the already extremely limited parking spaces near the beach will be further reduced. This will have tremendous impacts on the surrounding areas and overall ingress and egress along already jammed streets. For example, the proposed site at Will Rogers State Beach is problematic for a variety of reasons: - the already backed up traffic on north- and southbound lanes to be further jammed as there will be materially fewer spaces available for beach visitors. Northbound on PCH requires beach visitors to turn left into the parking lots. In April the backup Northbound already exceeds the left hand turn lane and has caused the third northbound lane to come to a dead stop. This results in cars weaving in and out of the middle lane with each cycle of the stoplight at Temescal. Southbound, the first lane backs up past the Bay Club and close to Sunset. - the increased delays in getting into the parking lots will cause extensive pollution from the idling cars. Has the city done an environmental impact study for these proposed sites? I would argue that such studies are necessary as the loss of parking spaces will surely cause increased pollution. - reducing the parking spaces means reducing the volume of visitors to the local beach establishments (i.e., the snack bars and rental locations). It is unfair to so negatively impact these businesses when other locations -- away from prime tourist/visitor attractions -- could be used. Our city is fighting for visitors from the Inland Empire and other Southern California regions. If we make it more difficult and less desirable to visit LA City beaches, folks from Pomona, Claremont, Upland and beyond will elect to visit Orange County beaches instead. This "temporary" decision could have significant long-term impacts for our city's beaches. - During the spring and summer months, these parking lots are used for youth spring and summer camps, including the Junior Lifeguards and many private exercise clubs. After the year our city's youth have had with the pandemic, giving parents another reason to keep their kids home and away from exercise and in-person social interaction is not just foolish, it is wrong. For these and other reasons, I urge the city to find other alternatives than to further impact our city's beaches.



### **Objection to 21-0350**

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For these and other reasons, I urge the city to find other alternatives than to further impact our city's beaches.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Fran Baruch

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 10:21 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Enough is enough! Find a better way to handle the homelessness problem than allowing drug addicts and mentally ill people to set up housing on our streets and beaches. For evidence as to what a horrible idea this is and for the extent of damage that ripples out as a result just look at Venice and Brentwood. Your plans thus far are not working and making things worse! We pay through the nose in property taxes and income taxes. We pay high prices to live in these areas and rather than efficiently handle this problem you dump them in the highest valued real estate in the city? You are trashing the city that we love. We have endured assaults, robberies, defecation and urination in our parks and on our streets, our children have had to step over unconscious people in our parks. This is what we are paying for? We passed Prop HH and HHH and this is what you're doing with the money?!! We paid out of our own pockets for the PPHTF because our reps were not handling the situation. We pay for private security companies to protect us. Do your job! It is frightening to ride bikes on the beach, I have been accosted by homeless more than once on the bike path. The homeless that are truly in need of a place to live take it when offered by PPHTF. The others who refuse it and there are many are most commonly drug addicted or mentally ill and need other social services to help them. Where is all the money for these services? Where is our tax money going? If you want to see PP become Venice and if you want to see Brentwood become Venice, then you will be seeing the taxpayers move elsewhere and you will be left with the addicts and mentally ill and then who will pay your salaries? Take care of your tax paying constituents. Find a more effective, human way to solve the homelessness issue. Get the addicts and the mentally ill real help. Use the money from HHH to provide housing for the people who are well and need homes. There are other options. PP is not one of them.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Clarence "CC" Carter

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 10:30 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** This has to be one of the worst ideas ever! Why are we give an ocean front view to people who do not work? This assault on the tax paying public has to stop. We have been forced to except encampments, crime, drugs and murder in our neighborhoods for far too long. Now Mike Bonin wants to give the homeless our beaches too. This guy needs to be stopped at all cost! He simply does not care about our neighborhoods, our quality of life or our children. While we all want to help people, there is a way to do it in balance. The present approach simply ignores people who have helped to make this city a world renowned financial power - homeowners and businesses. The focus to help the homeless can't be so narrow minded that it completely refuses to see the impact it has on our communities. There are 7,500 government owned properties that could be converted to house the homeless population with out taking away our beaches from us.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kristin Jacobson

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 10:40 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Absolutely do not put a "temporary" homeless encampment at Will Rogers State Beach. Venice has already been completely destroyed. We don't need needles, shit, tents, and crime introduced to new beach areas. Mike Bonin has absolutely lost his f\*cking mind. This might be the worst idea I've heard proposed in my entire life.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 11:05 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Of course, the homeless population need help. But they don't need to live on beachfront property that is used by many Los Angeles residents when their presence will drastically affect the beach with litter, fires, drug paraphernalia, mentally ill people, and piles of shopping carts and bicycles. If Will Rogers wanted the beach to be homeless housing, he would have indicated that specifically in his will.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elsie S

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 11:09 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** This is a terrible proposal. I don't want my tax dollars to support homeless living in prime beach front locations which will make it inaccessible to me. The local Westchester council have already ruined the bird sanctuary stretch on Jefferson and Westchester Rec Park by turning the park into a tent city. There are no parks in this area and now I can't make use of Rec Park thanks to the unsafe environment. There are plenty of vacant lots where the homeless can be housed. Do you think people strung out on drugs actually need an ocean view? I also suggest an effort be made to support the Fisherman's Village complex by assisting the few businesses that remain and try to restore this lovely location to its former glory instead of reducing it to a homeless camp. You're all going in the wrong direction. If you enforced the laws and did not allow this proliferation to occur we would not be in this mess. I am tired of seeing people defecate on my local streets, and I am disgusted with local government for not doing something about it. I strongly disagree with this proposal.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Wendy Perkins

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 11:13 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** PLEASE DO NOT place a homeless encampment in the parking lot of Will Rogers State Beach. The path that runs along that parking lot is used by thousands of people each week who walk, run, ride their bikes and otherwise exercise there. The parking is also crucial for year round public access to the beach for thousands of Angelenos. For an area that is so widely accessed the proposal to “house” the homeless in this location will present a health danger to the public. I STRONGLY oppose this idea.  
Thank you

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 11:14 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Oppose the motion to house the homeless at Will Rogers Beach, Playa del Rey, and parks Use the Forum, LAX of industrial areas please



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Artem Sagalovich

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 11:17 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Mike Bonin's proposition to place homeless into concentrated areas in parks and parking lots on the beaches around Playa del Rey, Marina del Rey, Mar Vista and other areas shouldn't be allowed. The parks and the beaches are for public use paid by our tax dollars. If allowed to house homeless, the parks and the beaches will be for homeless use only because of unavoidable rise in crime and unpresentable environment of piles of trash and large groups of unkept drug addicts and mentally ill people that will keep tax paying citizens away from such unpleasant scene. Mike Bonin is infamous for imposing his wishes onto community without consulting it and wasting taxpayers money like when he removed lanes on Culver Blvd. and Vista Del Mar only to put them back after opposition by the community. Now Mike is trying to impose on us concentrated homeless camps and take away from us the right to enjoy our parks and beaches which we support with our tax money. He keeps telling that the homeless are our neighbors who became homeless because of high rents, which to me is a lie. Following such reasoning, I along with most of my college friends, should have been homeless throughout my college days and shortly thereafter because our incomes were below the cost of housing. When you can't afford a place of your own, you get roommates. There are thousands of immigrants that arrive to our country and most of them have very modest means, but they don't become homeless because they find jobs and use income from their jobs to provide for a shelter. However if you are a drug addict, alcoholic, mentally ill you won't be able to have a job and won't have income. So called "affordable housing" won't solve the issues of addicts and mentally ill because their addiction or mental illness precludes them from obtaining an income to pay for the housing. I strongly oppose Mike Bonin's proposal to set up organized, concentrated homeless camps in parks and beaches. Mike didn't consult the people who he is supposedly to be representing and again trying to impose his ideas onto community. The parks and beaches are for everyones enjoyment, and not a proper place for homeless encampments.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** C. Hamilton

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 11:18 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Moving the tent encampments to the beach, or public parks, is a TERRIBLE idea. The majority of people living in tents and on the streets have severe mental illness and/or addictions. They do need help, but moving them to another area that is heavily used by the general public is not the help they need. Their mental illness and addiction are what lead them to commit crimes; wherever they are moved to, their problems will go with them, and the rest of us will not be able to safely visit those areas. I want to see our streets returned to the general public for safe use and passage, so I understand the desire to move the encampments. What we really need is sweeping changes to our mental health laws to make it easier to require treatment for severe mental health and addiction. Because that is a long way off, moving them might be a temporary solution, but please move them to areas that the rest of us don't frequent.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 11:28 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Housing the homeless at Westchester park and at the beach is an ill-advised bandaid and will only serve to create hostile neighborhoods. Look to using vacant commercial buildings NEAR facilities which can serve the needs of the homeless. The beach has no services and creating another myriad of beau piracy to serve them is pointless and unnecessarily expensive. Also look to unused military buildings which already have the infrastructure to accommodate people. Another stupid idea by Bonin...when will he give up?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kate

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

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Securing housing for the homeless on or near our beaches or parks is the wrong thing to do and is not a valid solution for our city's homeless problem. There are a myriad of safety concerns along with the reasonable question as to why we would offer the homeless a place in some of the most expensive real estate in Southern California. The city is largen the county is huge and there are other, more appropriate locations to house the homeless. Compassion for their situation should not override common sense or our rights as taxpayers to safe, clean and affordable access to our parks and beaches. Common sense needs to prevail.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sharon

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

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilman Bonin: I am dismayed at your proposal to use beaches and/or their parking lots to house homeless. This endangers all people who pay taxes and use the beaches, a major reason why we choose to live here and pay such outrageous property taxes. Moreover, trash & human waste will prove costly to remove & restore the land to its original condition, endangering users and our children who go to the beach. Please do not ruin our unique resource!

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/09/2021 07:08 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am opposed to the motion to place a homeless encampment in the parking lot at Will Rogers State Beach because it will hinder the public's access to the beach and will reduce the revenue the city needs and currently receives to maintain the beach and provide life guards.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Victoria Collison

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 12:39 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Putting homeless persons in the Will Rogers Parking Lot next to PCH with inadequate services, even temporarily, is not a viable, real solution.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Patrick S.

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 06:18 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** We live near Mar Vista Rec Center and have young children that play on the playground regularly. We already have found needles and addicts high and laying on the ground, all while explaining to my 5, 8 and 10 year old that we can't use the bathrooms because someone is in there shooting up drugs. This was during the homeless encampment that existed on Rose Ave for so long, just across the street from the park. Since that has been shutdown, the Mar Vista Rec Center has returned to its former family friendly status and I haven't had to watch out for needles on the ground or had my family verbally harassed by addicts. This park is a community service for so many people from all walks of life. Please don't turn it into an encampment.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Paula Green

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 06:23 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Yes the homelessness and mental health issues in our beautiful beachside city need to be addressed-- but the answer to the concern isn't to take away the only clean and safe beach we have left by building encampments that will be overrun by drugs, filth, disease and crime like Venice. I know from neighborhood forums and conversations with locals, that I speak for the many who feel uncomfortable in this setting, by stating that Mr. Bonnin's motion is asinine, thoughtless and selfish. And shame on on Mr. Thompson for seconding it! A homeless beachfront encampment is not the answer. Our beautiful public beaches are just that-- PUBLIC. They are there for ALL to enjoy... all to marvel at... particularly at this very troubling time. Do you really think you were voted into office in our beachside community so you could destroy our pristine beaches, cause all kinds of new concerns AND take away our public safety?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kathy Adams

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 06:58 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Oppose- terrible idea for the state of California. Let's figure out a better solution.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ryan Gutierrez  
**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 07:18 AM  
**Council File No:** 21-0350  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Oppose! The beaches are for everyone in the city to enjoy. Housing the homeless there will make the beaches dangerous and take away that resource.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 07:20 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Installing temporary housing for the homeless on beach parking lots is an absurd idea for so many reasons, starting with safety. Send, there isn't enough parking for beachgoers to begin with. We have seen what has happened to the Venice Boardwalk. This is an absolute failure of our elected officials.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** MARI KIA

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 07:24 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am so opposed to Bonin's idea of relocating the homeless to our parks and beaches. I live in the Venice/MdR area and what is currently hapening here is wrong on so many levels. Our boardwalk has become Skid Row West. The crime, the filth, the level of violence is outrageous and appalling. His proposal to turn Fisherman's Village into an encampment is beyond ridiculous. This will completely destroy the Marina. Bonin's lack of transparency, his refusal to listen to his constituents shows his total disregard for all of CD11. Please vote down this proposed action. Thank you.

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Rita Alexakis

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 07:25 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly oppose using beach/parking lots to house the homeless!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Peter Alexakis

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 07:26 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly oppose the beach/parking lot use to house the homeless.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Karina Saryan

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 07:49 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a parent of 2 children, I am against Mike Bonin's plan to allow homeless presence in neighborhood parks and beaches. The presence of homeless encampments so close or within neighborhoods with residential areas have created dangerous situations including unacceptable death of my colleague Gabe Donnay who was murdered by a homeless person in his own backyard. I believe there should be a solution to help those in need and I will be happy to donate funds for it, however the solution to the problem needs to prioritize safety of the residents in the district. Thank you.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Linda

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

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am opposed to housing homeless on the beach and if approved the city council should be forced to live permanently in that encampment

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Patricia Hogan

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 08:06 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Under Mike Bonin's tenure, Westchester Park has become a homeless park. Plenty of tents, garbage, degradation of public property. Councilman Bonin's office and Westchester Library are located in the park, separated from homeless tents by a driveway and car parking. I don't feel safe going to either. Restore Westchester Park to its original purpose, a community park.

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:**

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

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** OPPOSE OPPOSE OPPOSE

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lynne Quinn Welch

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

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** NEW While the homeless situation in Westchester Park is not unique it certainly is indicative of the obvious fact Councilman Bonin is totally unresponsive to the concerns of those he was elected to represent! Obviously he thinks if he ignores our concerns they will magically disappear. Not so! It is apparent that to Bonin the homeless are invisible but they deserve to have their situation addressed in a responsible way. It would also be helpful if Mayor Garcetti would do more than make speeches about the problem and really work at finding solutions!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stephanie

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 08:28 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I do not think this is a logical solution. If we need 30,000 beds this will only supply beds for maybe a thousand people. Council members need to start looking for viable solutions where housing as well as mental health and drug rehabilitation programs can be centralized. This will only relocate the problem to more areas where children play. The safety of the surrounding communities must be taken into consideration, as we have all seen what happens when places like bridge housing open, bringing in more tents, trash, and daily crime and violence. Current laws need to be enforced regarding assault, theft, drug use, and disorderly conduct. None of the promises Bonin made during the introduction of bridge housing were kept, as the entire area has turned into a cesspool, and the promises of police presence and clear sidewalks were abandoned. Fires are a constant threat with the homeless population accounting for 46% of fires according to LAFD. Some of these areas are in extremely high fire hazard zones. Start looking for cost effective solutions on a larger scale and stop trying to take away recreation areas that are regularly used. I'm appalled that this is the only idea politicians can come up with after years to a growing problem.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ana M

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 08:35 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a home owner in Playa Vista and strongly oppose councilman Bonin's plan to place tiny homes, tents, safe camping and safe parking at beach parking lots and neighborhood parks. Jefferson Blvd west of Lincoln is lined with RVs and the sensitive Ballona Wetlands ecosystem is at risk of further damage. Several fires have recently occurred in this area due to the inhabitation of homeless individuals. The Melo-Roos tax which is paid by Playa Vista Residents provided for the restoration of the Ballona Wetlands and because of the city's lack of parking enforcement it has become a homeless encampment. I can no longer use the trails to hike because of the trash and toxic waste. I also do not feel safe. Our natural resources (parks and beaches) serve the community and are used by families year round. They need to be maintained and kept free from pollution. Why bring homeless encampments to areas where there are currently none? Clean-up the existing places and work a plan with the county, state, and federal government to bring services to homeless individuals that need them. We voted for H and HHH and what has been the outcome? How have these funds been used to address mental health, referral services, job training and counseling that are desperately needed Again, I am strongly opposed to this ill-conceived plan that will just create more of a problem in areas that should be protected.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 08:49 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose putting homeless housing on the Will Rogers State Beach parking lot because it will hinder public access to the beach and will reduce the amount of parking revenues the county receives in order to maintain the beach and provide lifeguards.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jennifer everhart

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 08:54 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** We need to protect our most beautiful and special beach and ocean. We have worked hard to live in venice and are sick to death of battling our leaders to to protect us from the crime that goes along w homelessness. We need a fema style response to the “humanitarian crisis” that is happening. Please Stop this absurd idea and do something that makes sense, Mike Bonin’s policies are killing people. The unhoused and the housed. Thank you



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mark

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 08:59 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm opposed to this proposal. Homelessness is a vexing problem as it is the product of multiple factors including economic, mental health and lack of access to basic services. Any solution to address homelessness requires a network of initiatives that are coordinated to serve the population in multiple integrated ways. No individual measure is enough to address the problems, only a comprehensive plan supported by government, the public and private institutions can be successful. The motion to create safe camping and tiny homes in wetlands, parks and beaches is a poorly conceived notion which will do more harm than good. LA County has a limited amount of open, wild natural resources. Long term human habitation in these areas threaten the fragile ecosystems they provide and limit the enjoyment of these limited areas by the general public. These natural areas must be protected and enhanced, not degraded and destroyed. While the need to act on the set of circumstances that have pushed homelessness to the forefront is urgent, the solution cannot be promoted at the expense of our natural environment. This proposal is a limited narrow minded stop gap and will open a door to further proposal to degrade the natural environment. I strongly oppose this idea and urge the council to find other alternatives to house the homeless in areas where there are already built structures, where the related services can be provided and both homeless individuals and the general public can be safely protected. There are many underutilized light manufacturing buildings and warehouses in various parts of LA with utilities and secure access in place. Find a way to incentivize the owners of these structures and put the measure H & HHH monies to work in promoting a well conceived long term solution for homelessness. As a homeowner, human being and advocate of the environment, I strongly oppose this proposal.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Penny

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 08:59 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please withdraw your proposal to allow homeless housing on beach parking lots. We now have huge encampments in Wrstchester, on Lincoln, and many other places on the city/county. Fires are becoming common in areas under freeways. There are nonresidential lots owned by the city that could be used and would allowport-a-potties and services to be offered. While we are sympathetic to their plight, we are also aware of the health and safety dangers. The beach parking lots are highly used and need to remain accessible.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** James Lybolt

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 09:02 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** The take over of our beaches and parks is an unacceptable answer to the homeless problem. If one community is tasked with helping the homeless than ALL communities need to share equally in this task. Sidewalk encampments need to be stopped. Housing the homeless in residential areas is not a safe or healthy answer. There is plenty of space to do something in the unused LAX land to create short term housing/transition area to move those who are willing to accept help The population of willing homeless persons will need to find other places to make shelter. Face it, there are people who do not want to come in off the street.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 09:14 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose using public parks and beaches/land to create camping areas for the homeless. This public land is necessary for all residents to have the ability to enjoy. This move also creates an incentive to remain homeless and does nothing to make these areas more safe. Please enforce existing laws that do not allow public camping or parking overnight.

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Robin

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 09:16 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose putting homeless at Will Rogers State Park

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mar Vista Resident

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 09:27 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please dont ruin our parks and beaches by turning them into campsites. We need safe places for kids. Why not put a punitive tax on landlord who leave units vacant (including commercial) for more than a certain time period? It seems we have plenty of space if greedy land-owners weren't keeping buildings vacant as investments. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Joyce

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 09:31 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** This is a crazy idea to open up our beaches to tents and tiny homes. The beach is to be used by every one but this will stop people from coming as they'll soon be as filthy as our streets. Soon our beaches will be covered in trash and feces. These areas can kiss any tourism goodbye because who wants to go on vacation and deal with the homeless accosting u.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Clare Kanvec

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 09:44 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Parks and beaches are free for children and families to enjoy. They need to be safe. There is much vacant land in California for resettling homeless. Instead of giving away prime land and making it unavailable for the tax paying public to use safely. No wonder people are leaving California. I would leave too if my family would go with me.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** John okulick

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 09:51 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Councilman Bonin's proposal is insane with a total disregard for the coastal community. The beach is a city recreation area not a dumping ground for the 76% of drug addicted and mentally ill transient population. Bonin is unfit to govern making these egregious plans that ignore our safety. Just another incompetent decision by Bonin and his enablers.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Renee

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 09:52 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** There is a 300 acre campus property in Pomona that used to house, educate, train and take care of the invalid, mentally challenged and homeless . It was called the Lanterman Center. It housed 14,000 residents. It has its own power station, a farm, administration buildings, school, etc. it was closed in 2014. The department of general services (whatever that is) put it up for sale. Cal Poly bought it and it's now being rented out to film companies to shoot commercials or films. Why can't we spend money buying places like this, THAT ALREADY EXIST, utilizing them for our homeless problem. we could educate and rehabilitate them as opposed to encouraging their situation with no clear path to an end. I'm sure there are many places that exist in this state that are similar to this. All the institutions that closed under Reagan when he decided the government shouldn't pay for them anymore. Why are we not looking into existing locations, built for handling this exact situation?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kay Osborn

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 09:57 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** What crazy reason would anyone think that taking away the use of our local beaches and giving it to the homeless population is an option? Is it because you don't live here? So it doesn't really affect you? Ridiculous!! The city has to insure the safety of the law abiding citizens first.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Judith Esposito

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 10:02 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** This motion is INSANE ! Bonin does nothing but hurt us !!! Venice has been destroyed by Bonin's actions. WE ARE SUFFERING !!! and WE are paying all the OUTRAGEOUS COSTS \$\$\$\$\$ . WHO could think this is a good idea ??? We have not been able to use our Venice Boardwalk in YEARS !!! The costs of all these entities for homeless people are an OUTRAGEOUS EXPENSE and they do soooo little !! WHERE IS MENTAL HEALTH ?? WHERE IS DRUG REHAB ?? Where are laws that help law abiding citizens ??? Were are the anti camping laws !!! There are 350 vacant military bases in the US. There are multiple vacant buildings / properties. The CORE problems have got to be met first or in conjunction. MENRAL HEALTH / DRUG REHAB . RANCHO LOS AMIGOS ... COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY in Downey has 100 vacant buildings and 74 acres of land. There's even enough land there for tiny homes / pallet shelters. LOOK AT THAT as a REAL FIX !!!! There could be mental health, drug rehab there too ! STOP the BIRD FEEDER effect too !!! Homeless people are coming from all over the country (and even the world) to get a \$330,000 HOTEL ROOM ! NICE ! Put the bird feeder out, and they WILL come. A couple came here from Michigan with \$800. They're homeless ... shock ! Now they are receiving services of all sorts !!!! WHAT ? NO NO NO NO to this motion !!!!! ABSOLUTELY HORRIFIC !!!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gayle

**Date Submitted:** 04/10/2021 10:04 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Plot not put the unhoused in our park and public beaches.