

Communication from Public

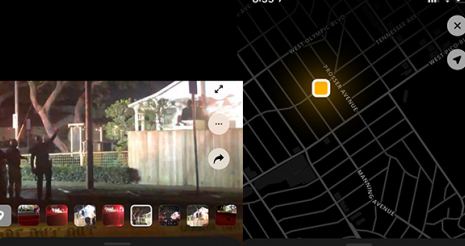
Name: Leon Black

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 07:44 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Mike Bonin claims that there is no association between homeless encampments and crime, but he is mistaken. The data clearly says otherwise. We need Housing First - get people off the streets. And that means protecting our neighborhoods from this nonsense. As part of a citizen's coalition we are collecting evidence that encampments directly cause crime and chaos to surrounding areas. If Bonin turns the westside into a homeless playground we will make sure he is removed from office no matter what it takes.

8:35



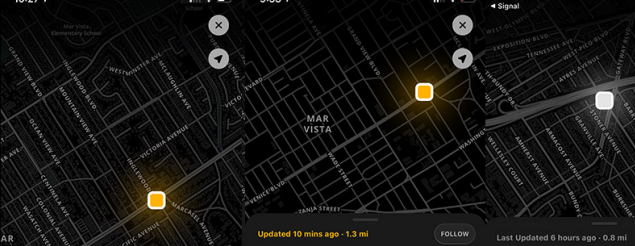
Man Brandishing Garden Tool Barricaded in Garage
Updated 14 mins ago · 0.6 mi
Brookhaven Ave & Barry Ave · Mar Vista, Los Angeles
11.0K people notified · Alert your friends

Report of Man Throwing Bricks at Passing Cars
Updated 37 mins ago · 1.5 mi
Parnell Ave & Tennessee Ave · West Los Angeles
6.9K people notified · Alert your friends

UPDATES

- 16 mins ago: Police report that the man has armed himself with a new weapon, a garden tool.
- 34 mins ago: Police report that the suspect has barricaded himself in a garage.

10:27



Person Assaulted on Bus 9587
Updated 14 mins ago · 1.3 mi
Venice Blvd & Inglewood Blvd · Mar Vista, Los Angeles
4.1K people notified · Alert your friends

Woman Attacked
Updated 10 mins ago · 1.3 mi
Venice Blvd & Inglewood Blvd · Mar Vista, Los Angeles
9.1K people notified · Alert your friends

UPDATES

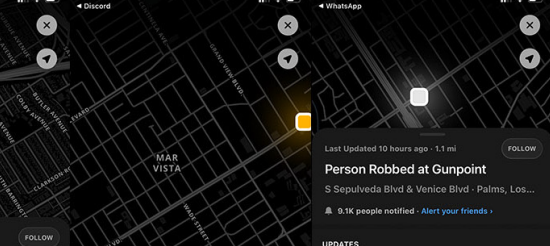
- 10 mins ago: Police are responding to a report of a person attacking a woman.
- 10 mins ago: Incident reported at Venice Blvd & Inglewood Blvd.

Report of Man Throwing Items at Vehicles
Last Updated 6 hours ago · 0.8 mi
Pearl Street & South Barrington Avenue · Mar Vista, Los Angeles
7.2K people notified · Alert your friends

UPDATES

- 3:34am: Police received a report of a man who is throwing items at vehicles.
- 3:34am: Incident reported at Pearl Street & South Barrington Avenue.

10:29

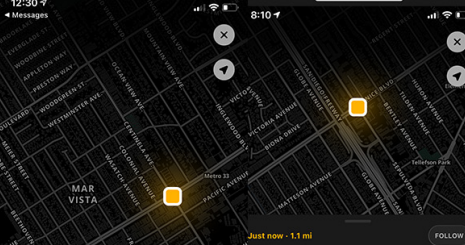


Person Robbed at Gunpoint
Last Updated 10 hours ago · 1.1 mi
S Sepulveda Blvd & Venice Blvd · Palms, Los Angeles
9.1K people notified · Alert your friends

UPDATES

- 10:19am: The suspect reportedly fled northbound on Sepulveda Boulevard on a stolen black and white bicycle with a red rim on the rear wheel.
00:00 / 00:16
- 10:17am: Police have confirmed a robbery at gunpoint in which a bicycle was stolen.
00:00 / 00:29

12:30



Man Attempting to Light Fire on Bus
Just now · 1.1 mi
Venice Blvd & Sepulveda Blvd · Palms, Los Angeles
10.0K people notified · Alert your friends

UPDATES

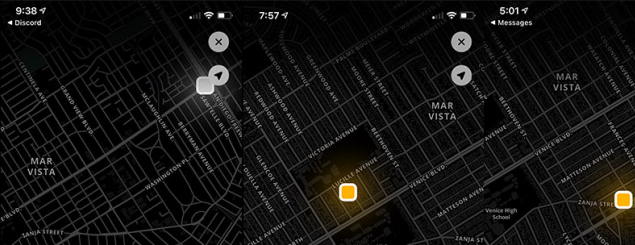
- Just now: Police are responding to a report of a man attempting to light a fire on a bus.

Report of Person Stabbed
Updated 5 mins ago · 1.5 mi
Venice Blvd & S Centinela Ave · Mar Vista, Los Angeles
8.8K people notified · Alert your friends

UPDATES

- Just now: Incident reported at Venice Blvd & Sepulveda Blvd.

9:38



Man Shot Beneath 405 Freeway
Last Updated 9 hours ago · 1.1 mi
Venice Blvd & Globe Ave · Mar Vista, Los Angeles
10.9K people notified · Alert your friends

UPDATES

- 12:35am: The suspect reportedly fled on foot in an unknown direction.

Person Robbed
Updated 20 mins ago · 1.0 mi
3761 Maplewood Ave · Mar Vista, Los Angeles
8.4K people notified · Alert your friends

UPDATES

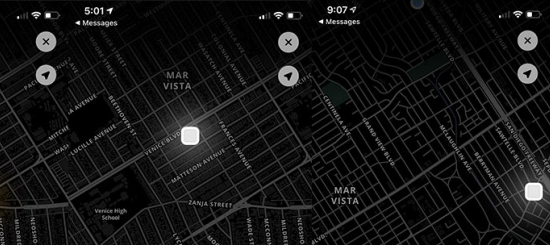
- 20 mins ago: Police are responding to a report of a

Man Robbed
Just now · 1.0 mi
Washington Pl & Zanja St · Mar Vista, Los Angeles
0 people notified · Alert your friends

UPDATES

- Just now:

5:01



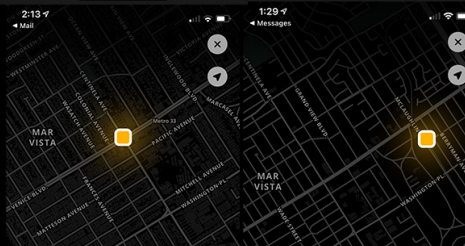
Report of Fight Involving Weapons
Last Updated 2 hours ago · 1.7 mi
12720 Venice Blvd · Mar Vista, Los Angeles
8.8K people notified · Alert your friends

UPDATES

- 2:24pm: The other man reportedly armed himself with a baseball bat.
- 2:24am:

Person Armed With Knife
Last Updated 6 hours ago · 1.6 mi
Washington Blvd & Sawtelle Blvd · McLaughlin Hills, Los Angeles
12 people notified · Alert your friends

2:13



Report of Man Threatening With Nunchucks
Updated 4 mins ago · 1.4 mi
Venice Boulevard & South Centinela Avenue · Mar Vista, Los Angeles
8.7K people notified · Alert your friends

UPDATES

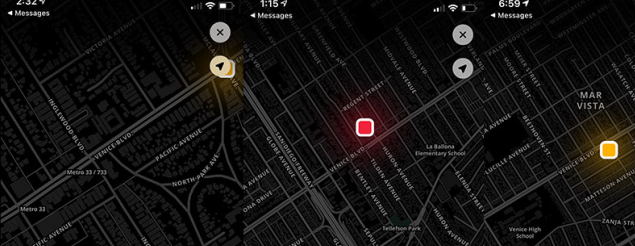
- 4 mins ago: A 911 caller reports a man is armed with nunchucks and is a man attempting to assault someone with a knife.

Report of Dispute Involving Hammer
Updated 18 mins ago · 1.2 mi
3862 McLaughlin Ave · Mar Vista, Los Angeles
0.2K people notified · Alert your friends

UPDATES

- 18 mins ago: Police are responding to an unconfirmed report of a man attempting to assault someone during a dispute.

2:32



Person Assaulted on Bus
Updated 1 hour ago · 1.1 mi
Venice Blvd & McLaughlin Ave · Mar Vista, Los Angeles
9.0K people notified · Alert your friends

UPDATES

- 12:56pm: Police and EMS units are responding to a

Person Slashed With Scissors
Updated 1 hour ago · 1.1 mi
Military Ave & Venice Blvd · Palms, Los Angeles
10.5K people notified · Alert your friends

UPDATES

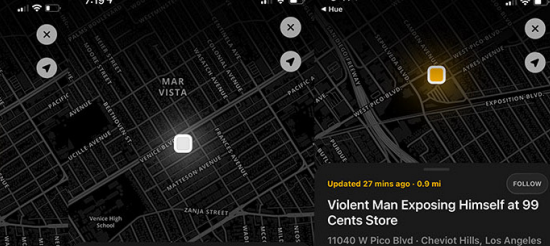
- 12:10pm: Police advise the suspect fled northbound on Military Avenue on foot.
- 12:10pm:

Report of Attempted Assault With Shovel
Just now · 1.7 mi
Venice Blvd & Wade St · Mar Vista, Los Angeles
5.3K people notified · Alert your friends

UPDATES

- Just now: Police are responding to an unconfirmed report of a man attempting to assault someone with a shovel.

7:19



Report of Assault With Weapon
Last Updated 8 hours ago · 1.7 mi
12726 Venice Blvd · Mar Vista, Los Angeles
8.2K people notified · Alert your friends

UPDATES

- 10:26am: Police are responding to a reported assault with an unknown weapon.
00:00 / 00:20

Violent Man Exposing Himself at 99 Cents Store
Updated 27 mins ago · 0.9 mi
11040 W Pico Blvd · Cheviot Hills, Los Angeles
7.2K people notified · Alert your friends

UPDATES

- 27 mins ago: An additional report indicates the suspect is acting violently inside the store.
- 37 mins ago: Police are responding to a report of a man who is exposing himself at the 99 Cents Only Store.
- 37 mins ago:

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Name: Rupert Hotzig

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 07:45 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Do not put the homeless in Mar Vista Park. THIS IS IUR HOME AND WE PAY TAXES and Windward is inportNt. NOT FAIR. Put them in Brentwoid ir Bev HILLS. Put them in undeveloped land! NOT THE PARK. SHAME !!

Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Re Councilman Bonin's proposal to open up beach parking areas for homeless encampment: Adamantly opposed! The beaches are for all L.A. residents to enjoy the beauty of our oceans. Purposely move to blight our beaches with homeless encampments? No.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 08:14 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to 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 to maintain the beach and provide life guards.

Communication from Public

Name: M Fischer

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 08:16 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Confronting the suffering of the homeless is a “moral” obligation, as Mike Bonin says. And who could disagree? The councilman’s policies and actions in Venice that he has implemented and endeavors to expand into other beach communities, however, paint another picture and demonstrate what the future will look like: • Increasing the suffering of the Venice homeless (crime against the unhoused up 34%) is not moral. • Near doubling (up 85%) the crime rate for housed Venetian families is not moral. • Jeopardizing the health, safety, aesthetic appeal, monetary value, and tranquility of communities in order to enact harmful policies is not moral. • Expanding such policies is not moral. • Refusing to meet with community members and other affected parties to come up with mutually beneficial options to alleviate suffering is not moral. Please reject Mike Bonin’s proposal and come up with a humane community plan for helping the unhoused.

Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose Bonin's proposal to install temporary housing for the homeless on the Will Rogers State Beach Parking Lot.

Communication from Public

Name: Lina Zurbrugg

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 08:48 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: We are not safe going to the Westchester Park , the homeless people are trashing and using drugs.!! We live in Westchester and we don't have a Park to go to. No Homeless shelter on the beach ! There is open space in the Dessert. If the homeless people do not want to accept puplic help.!!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 08:56 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: We oppose using Will Rogers beach as a homeless camp. We feel there are better solutions that will actually aid the homeless in getting needed services and care and that will not have such a negative impact on the community.

Communication from Public

Name: Marsha Levi

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 09:21 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I live in Brentwood and the homeless encampment at San Vicente VA area is out of hand. My children have witnesses people defecating on more than one occasion. I oppose the proposal for homeless shelters / housing at Will Rogers beach. Our beautiful beaches will no longer be safe for our kids and community and will be filled with drug paraphernalia and human feces. We pay the highest property taxes to live in west Los Angeles, it's time you protect the interest of the tax payers!

Communication from Public

Name: Suzanna McGee
Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 09:32 PM
Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose to this crazy idea of building homeless and vagrant communities on our beaches. The beaches are for all the tax paying residents of Los Angeles, visitors, and tourist to enjoy, not to be occupied and destroyed by crime, health hazards (excrement, drug needles, rats) and lawlessness. While I agree that the homeless's tents need to be taken off our boardwalks, they should not be "housed" on our beaches. Use government land or properties more inland, to build a safe community and services for them. Just because they don't want to go inland and they want to have the freedom to stay on the beaches, doesn't make it a wise proposal. If they want the freedom to be on the beaches, they can clean up, get a job, and buy themselves a home on the beach.

Communication from Public

Name: Sophie

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 09:52 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am a long term Venice resident and I oppose all of the motion to create safe parking and tiny homes in the recreational areas of our district. According to the LA County department of mental health the number one killer of the homeless in 2020-2021 is drug and alcohol overdose. 70% of the homeless population are drug addicted and mentally ill. This is current data. Putting them next to a 6 lane highway, in a park or at the beach is enabling the addiction that will kill them not helping them. The third and fourth killers of the homeless are suicide and homicide. This population is mentally unstable either before they become homeless or through chronic homelessness. In Venice we are dealing with guns being drawn (Campers in Oakwood 4/10/21), pipes being swung at residents, people being threatened with knives, children being assaulted, sworn at and threatened, plus three elderly members of my community who were murdered. There is plenty of land, why choose a dense neighborhood where drugs are distributed easily that will kill them.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 10:03 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Oppose this proposal !!

Communication from Public

Name: Michael

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

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I'm a compassionate person who cares about people and wants to help, but according to everything I've read about homeless in our area, they do not want to be housed. And the amount of drug use, bike chop shops, petty crime and filth is appalling. Yes those that want SOBER legal reform should be given the chance, but the rest need professional help in a hospital somewhere, and not on our beaches endangering our citizens and tourists. If this idea passes, druggy petty thieves will consume our cherished spots, it will suck to live here, and it will cost the city in lost tax revenue.

Communication from Public

Name: Jorge Novotny

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 10:09 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Homeowner in Venice for 35 years I have never seeing it this bad, horrible proposition, completely opposed to this proposal, beach areas are for community enjoyment and a source of revenue for the city, NOT for homeless.

Communication from Public

Name: Gregory Alper

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 10:12 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the proposition to house the homeless on Will Rogers Beach parking lot. The beach and parking are a public asset used by the entire city and beyond. There are better solutions.

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 10:14 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: No, no, no and no. This is the worst idea ever. We already don't feel safe going on the bike path or going to the beach because of the encroachment from the homeless people. Now Mike Bonin wants to make it permanent? This is insane. We pay a lot of money to be close to the beach and to have clean and safe coastal areas. Giving it for free to homeless people is not the answer.

Communication from Public

Name: Irene D

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 10:48 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the motion to install homeless encampments in Mar Vista Park (and all other areas proposed). This is a residential neighborhood and the park is used by the whole community for sports, recreation, and children's activities. Over the course of the pandemic, the park has been occupied by homeless individuals leading to crime, drug use, garbage and unsanitary conditions. I support offering help to the homeless, but why should they be offered private dwellings on prime real estate, community green spaces and beaches? This is almost an advertisement to come to LA from all over the country and the world - free beach and park living, facilities, no questions asked! Now that the pandemic's end is in sight, it should be possible to house the homeless in shelters after vaccination without worrying about transmission. Camp sites can be located in areas of the city or in the countryside where they are not right next to houses, parks and beaches. Camping on the street should be illegal. As long as facilities are clean and secure, they should be considered adequate - we cannot afford or have the space to provide private apartments in the best areas of the city to everyone who wants them for free.

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Dakoske

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 11:00 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose Mike Bonin's proposal to create city-sanctioned camping on our beaches and in our parks for homeless people. Our beaches and parks belong to everyone in California and if you allow the homeless to move in they will become unsafe for families and children. Last year at this time, Dockweiler Beach was closed to the public due to Covid. At the time we didn't yet know that outdoors was actually the safest place for people to congregate. Additionally, the parking lot at Dockweiler was set up as a temporary Covid isolation center. Access by the public was denied. Now you want to take it away again? Dockweiler beach is a public beach and California has a long standing mandate to keep the beaches accessible to ALL Californian's for safe recreational purposes. By proposing to move hundreds of homeless people onto the beach at Dockweiler or any other public beach for that matter, you are taking away safe recreational access by the public again, two years in a row. Los Angeles has a problem in that for too long the city and the police have been selectively enforcing the laws in an unequal fashion. I get a ticket if my car is too close to my own driveway but the homeless are permitted to park virtually anywhere and sleep in their vehicle. As a homeowner, I can be fined for allowing my landscaping to encroach on the sidewalk and yet the city has allowed thousands of homeless to take over our sidewalks, littering them with human waste, spent drug paraphernalia, trash and filth. A neighbor can be ticketed for having a licensed dog on a leash on the access road on the beach but the homeless are allowed to camp, build fires on the beach and tie their dogs up to their tents Day/night. What happened to equal treatment under the law? There is no denying the city has a serious homeless problem but taking away some of the only safe recreational areas from the general public after a year where many families and children have been cooped up in their homes is not right. There must be other areas where safe camp sites can be erected so that the homeless population can get much needed social services, be guaranteed running water and toilets as well as a safe place to sleep. Why would our Councilman suggest handing over our beaches and our parks? Isn't it enough that our streets have been taken over? We keep hearing that the problem is that there is not enough affordable housing in LA and yet as I drive the streets I see 'for rent' signs everywhere. When I look

online I see thousands of homes listed on VRBO or Airbnb. If housing was truly the issue- LA could end short term rentals and open up thousands of homes for rent this lowering the average rental rates & the city could change the way housing vouchers are provided to help more in need. Housing is not the main issue. Mental illness and addiction are the main issues. As a resident of PDR, I strongly oppose setting up homeless shelters on our beach and in our park! In particular, Dockweiler beach is the closest and most frequented beach by families of color who live in the inner city and who have already been disproportionately affected by Covid. It is not fair to take away parking for those beach goers and it's also not fair to shift the burden to the homeowners in PDR for a problem the city is responsible for creating in the first place! I am certain there are more suitable areas which would not take away from the community at large. I agree that the role of government should be to protect the most vulnerable citizens but that should not come at the expense of the rest of society. The City of LA and it's leadership has a reckoning coming. There are other cities that are doing a much better job managing the homeless crisis. Councilman Bonin's proposal is ill-conceived and has no support in his district. Let's not make this another expensive waste of time and taxpayers dollars like the failed road diet. The city has already failed its homeless population and now it's on the verge of failing the rest of us, too. As an alternative suggestion, since this is proposed to only be 'temporary' why not utilize the metro commuter parking lots? Metro ridership is at an all time low and many people will no longer be commuting to/from work each day because of Covid. Why not use those commuter lots. They already have lighting, security, restroom facilities and access to transportation! The lots are nearly empty and most likely will continue to be under utilized for many more months. Setting up temporary shelter for the homeless on the beaches and in our public parks on the eve of summer and during a global pandemic is ill-conceived and will only generate more problems.

Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am STRONGLY against homeless housing at the beach. We don't have Central Park like NYC but we have the Pacific Ocean to connect with nature. There are many mentally ill and drug addicted homeless people that would be a major deterrent to the peaceful at the beach as I've seen in Brentwood with people running into traffic causing me to swerve to miss them on San Vicente and approaching me while yelling and throwing things while I walk down the street. I totally agree that something has to be done about mental illness. LA's homeless population needs mental health resources and drug addiction treatment centers NOT new beachfront homes. There are many parking lots and government properties not on the beach where these could be located. Question: Where will people park now when they go with their families for a day at the beach? Please don't take our beaches from us!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Marie Hammond

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 11:10 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: LA City is an area of about 500 sq miles. We have only one Coastal area. Do not put the homeless in our beach areas. This is our recreation area. It is for all to enjoy. Taking away any public parking will limit access to the beach. The homeless should not take space from any of LA's limited recreation areas. It is a fact that many of the homeless have mental and drug problems. Don't build centers where children play. Put a homeless shelter on the 8 acres of public land near Corinth and Sawtelle where the old courthouse used to be. It is near transportation and jobs. And it's already hardscape. I can't believe this site has not been considered for the homeless. Also consider all of the City/County owned land at LAX.

Communication from Public

Name: Katie

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

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am vehemently opposed to putting homeless housing on Will Rogers State Beach parking lot for numerous reasons, top 4 being:
1. Because it will hinder public access to the beach
2. Will reduce the amount of parking available
3. Will reduce the amount of parking revenues the County receives to maintain the beach and provide the very necessary life guards to keep all swimmers and beach goers safe.
4. It will stop tourists from coming to LA - we do depend upon tourism for our economy! Can we please come up with permanent solutions instead of temporary band aids that only create more harm for all involved? For the love.... there has got to be better solutions than this. ?????

Communication from Public

Name: Mary Hruska

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 11:17 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

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:

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 11:30 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I have been a resident of Venice for 35 years. I've been here through good times and bad and never, NEVER have I seen violent crime, burglaries, and yes, human excrement on display as I have seen in the last year. Creating containment zones along the coast is a disservice to unhoused citizens who fester in Bonin-created crime pockets, to business owners who daily lose business and fend off crime, and to hard-working, taxpaying citizens who are now literally taking their lives in their hands whenever they step outside their own homes. NO NO NO NO NO. This is a horrible idea and Bonin needs to be removed immediately.

Communication from Public

Name: Jill T.

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 11:32 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: The homeless situation in Los Angeles is getting out of control. Bonin's latest proposal to house homeless people in public spaces where children and families previously recreated on a regular basis is dangerous and disregards citizens' and taxpayers' rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of property and happiness. Our city already attracts many homeless people due to its temperate climate; rather than solving the homeless situation, Bonin's proposal will only make it worse by encouraging even more homeless to move to our city. The value of our properties as home owners, renters, and landlords is greatly diminished by having people trespass, loot, litter, vandalize, urinate, defecate, and commit other crimes on our properties and in public spaces that we collectively own and pay for with our taxes. Seeing people urinate, defecate, shoot heroine, and engage in sex acts on sidewalks, in parks, and on beaches near our homes violates our rights of property and happiness. We pay enormous taxes, yet we, the people, are not asked for our opinion. We pay taxes but are not represented. Grave consequences have been experienced when good people are taxed but not represented. Our liberty is taken away when we fear leaving our homes and encountering the potential risks of the uncontrolled building of homeless encampments in our own neighborhoods where we want our children to be able to play safely. Building tiny homes on public spaces is not a cure or treatment for mental illness. It will merely gather and concentrate the mentally ill and otherwise voluntarily dysfunctional, but mentally well, together to increase and worsen the problem. We have city, county, and state mental health facilities, staffed by doctors, counselors and other mental health professionals. These facilities, staffing, and capabilities should be expanded to deal with the obvious problem of mental health. Also, laws should be enforced against those who are vagrants, trespassing, littering, illegal camping, drinking, dealing and taking drugs in public, engaging in acts of indecent exposure, theft, arson, and violence when those people are mentally healthy, but voluntarily choose to live on the street instead being productive members of society. It is also a huge mistake to place those people who are temporarily homeless due to lost jobs, lost child support, and other misfortune with the mentally ill and the voluntarily dysfunctional. These people had a home, want a home,

and deserve our help to get back on track. Temporary housing, education, job training, and child care are all urgent programs available through churches and other NGOs. Giving these groups more funding to help those who are temporarily homeless, but willing and able to work, would be more efficient and effective than forcing all homeless people with various issues into tiny houses in parking lots and parks where they might not even want to live. I hope our Mayor and other city council members stop this outrageous Bonin proposal. Any elected official claiming this can't be done should be replaced in the next election, or sooner. We converted military hospital ships in days to accommodate possible hospital overcrowding from Covid. We are setting up huge temporary centers to care for and process surges in immigration. China created field hospitals and care centers for hundreds of thousands of people in Wuhan to contain Covid. Anything is possible with strong leadership. It's time to lead and to solve, not to put on a flawed Bandaid and kick the problem down the road. All of us deserve better -- the sick, the homeless, and the rest of us.

Communication from Public

Name: Linnard

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 11:45 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am STRONGLY OPPOSED to this motion and it should be rejected. I attended the PPCC mtg, heard Mr. Bonnie's pitch, the dumbest idea I've ever heard. It's nothing more than spending a horrible problem, not an effort to solve one. There is no such thing as "safe camping" and tiny homes, this location is inappropriate and endangers our neighborhood, it's not NIMBYism. This plan didn't work in Venice, it will be a catastrophe here. This is a third rail issue for your constituents, we will not tolerate this.

Communication from Public

Name: Edwin Rivera

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 07:19 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: The idea of moving the unhoused around from place to place and not addressing the issues that accompany them is negligent. They need rehabilitation, jobs, mental health evaluation and help. Putting high need people in the center of a residential area without the assistance and oversight they need is negligent and short sighted. It's a burden on the community who needs to clean up after them and puts our families and children at risk (as there is a proven history of higher crime in these areas). Mr. Bonin seems more interested in taxing and overburdening the residents who pay the taxes than actually helping the people he seems to advocate for.

Communication from Public

Name: Ginny lee

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 07:25 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Dear council members We strongly oppose the proposal that includes the use of said beaches for temporary housing for the homeless. This is not the solution and is detrimental to the safety and well being of our community. Please put all of Los Angeles children first by keeping our beaches safe, litter free, and a reprieve from the horrible year we just had. PRESERVE our iconic beaches. Thank you for your time. We know you will do what is best for all the voting and tax paying members of our community.

Communication from Public

Name: Anita Kenyon

Date Submitted: 04/10/2021 09:50 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Anita Kenyon • Palisades-Via Mesa By setting up homeless housing in beach parking lots, we will see more traffic accidents on PCH, when some of the homeless residents go wandering on the highway. We will see and hear continuous ambulances treating them, and all of this creates havoc and danger to our citizens driving on PCH. Why would you send the homeless population to arguably the most desired areas of the city, and actually encourage drug and alcohol use, since it is at the beach where they often peddle? (Not to mention the high costs of clean up there). They need to be near communities that can be of service to them, with counseling and resources at their fingertips. Not beach parking lots. Also, what about all the public that wishes to use the beach, bringing their families to enjoy, only to find there is NO PARKING, and no space on the beach, no clean public restrooms, and lack of public safety? Finally, have you considered some of the mentally unstable that will wander into the waters and keep our lifeguards busy, perhaps rescuing them? You will also lose the monies from the high cost of public parking, especially in the summer, from tourists and city residents.

Communication from Public

Name: Thomas Patriarca

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

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Regarding the homeless in Venice, Playa Del Ry and Westchester: The proposal to house the homeless on our public beaches and parks is one that I, along with approximately 70% of my West Side neighbors are against. Unfortunately many of the homeless are mentally unstable and/or addicted to drugs, who actually need more help than placing them in temporary shelters. They need special assistance to work with them on their specific needs, not temporary housing in public areas. I have seen no attempt from our governmental agencies to deal with those with special needs in mental health and drug addiction. Unfortunately, as a result, we have seen more assaults on innocent people, especially the elderly who cannot defend themselves, more fires, thefts, home break-ins, auto break-ins, package thefts from front porches, litter, defecation and mayhem. Venice Beach and Venice Boardwalk has been the number two tourist attraction in Southern California after Disneyland, generating hundreds of thousands of tourist revenue to the City of Los Angeles annually. How a plan to house homeless in this area is inconceivable, and the same is true for our beach in Playa Del Rey and public park in Westchester. The thought of continuing accommodation of the mentally ill and drug addicted, as well as those allowed to live along our streets in RV's only perpetuates the situation. More and more come from out-of-state and this will continue to happen until something is done to stop it. I am all for assisting those who have genuinely been forced out of their homes as a result of job loss or other unfortunate circumstances. In those cases, these individuals are the ones who actually would accept accommodations for housing and employment. Attempting to house the mentally impaired and drug addicted in those same areas will not work. What do I suggest? 1) For the drug and alcohol addicted, provide the hospitalization and counseling treatment they desperately need. This can be done by making clinics in county buildings that are not utilized so those individuals can be rehabilitated. 2) For the mentally impaired, they must be treated in a facility specifically to accommodate them, whether they want help or not. They must be taken off of our streets. 3) For those who are genuinely homeless as a result of job loss or other unfortunate circumstance, provide housing. Not \$500,000 units that take years to build. Pre-fabricated homes, those similar in a mobile-home park

provide beautiful housing for less than \$125,000 a unit. These pre-fabricated units can be on the abundance of unused county land. 4) For the hundreds if not thousands of RV's that park on our City streets and shopping center parking lots, it's time for the City to have them move on. I am not quite sure how our elected government officials can allow this situation to continue at the expense of those who pay taxes. I believe the reason is the City has no plan of action and the pandemic has been an excuse for not taking action. Where is the \$1.2 billion dollars from bond measure HHH? Its time to take action now.

Communication from Public

Name: Lucy Han

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 04:07 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Here's what I wrote if it helps: We don't have to wonder if this proposal is a good idea, we have already seen the results of Councilmember Bonin's makeshift shelters: - empty beds, despite thousands of homeless people in the surrounding area - high rate of voluntary return to living in the streets -no enforcement of the promised "encampment free" perimeter -massive increase in crime - unsafe conditions for housed and unhoused people in the surrounding areas This current proposal takes away the protected right of access to our beaches and parks with absolutely no plan to make the results any different than what I listed above. When asked about his plan for security, he answers that that is something they'll plan after approval. When asked about addressing the severe mental illness crisis, he says well that's county. And when asked how we can eject anything different than the broken promises made to Venice, he says that some of those were hopes not promises. You cannot approve of a harmful and ineffective proposal that is based on hopes, that have already proven themselves to be wrong. When even a formerly homeless woman who's worked to help house the homeless for 20+ years, says that the beaches and parks are not the proper place for this AND it will only serve as another stoppage in the flow of helping homeless people, it's time to realize that this proposal SOUNDS good, it doesn't DO good. We all deserve better

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 06:55 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the use of Westchester Park and Playa Del Rey beach for homeless housing. I am a Westchester resident and the park in its current state is dangerous and unsanitary. Please focus on restoring it to a usable open space for the tax paying residents. Allowing a similar situation to happen on the beach is against the public interest.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 06:58 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the housing of homeless people at Will Rogers State Park beach in Pacific Palisades.

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Sanchez

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 07:15 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Bonin needs a better proposal to help the current homeless crisis. Setting up encampments in parks and at beaches is taking away from the original intent for families to have a safe place to enjoy outdoor space. Currently it is not safe for the children living in Westchester to use Westchester Park. The rv situation in the Playa Vista wetlands makes it unsafe to use the trail for bird watching and threatens the wild life inhabitant. Venice beach is no longer safe. This is eventually going to effect tourism as well!! Homeless also needs to be broken down into three categories 1). Mentally ill 2). Drug addicts 3). Actual homeless people/families struggling to survive financially These three categories need separate housing and services.

Communication from Public

Name: Marilyn Jane hancock

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

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I totally agree with David Lee's assessment of the homeless situation and the manner in which Mike Bonin is handling it. People don't get to live wherever they want unless they can afford it and conform to the rules of society and obey the laws.

Communication from Public

Name: Paul ABASCAL

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 08:40 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Mr. Bonin proposal to place homeless shelters and tiny home villages on the beach is unacceptable. He has proven beyond a shadow of a doubt with the Venice MTA Bridge housing project that he and the city are not capable of maintaining a safe and clean facility. Under no circumstances should the parks and beach front be taken over. It's unfair to the public and (there is plenty of land not in prime beach front and recreational areas) to build adequate camping and tiny home villages. With respect - Paul Abascal 30 year Venice resident / stakeholder

Communication from Public

Name: Richard A Schoenfeld

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 08:41 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am sick and tired of the homeless problem being exacerbated in my neighborhood by allowing tents on the sidewalks and in the parks, occupied RVs parked on the street with generators running and no place to dump gray water and sewage and the proliferation of trash everywhere. I am overtaxed as it is and don't want to pay for the continued deterioration and destruction of our neighborhood. Vagrants are treated better than residents at my expense. Stop welcoming these people who choose the "entitled" lifestyle and encourage them to go elsewhere by protecting our neighborhood.

Communication from Public

Name: saddened citizen

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

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: The real question that should be answered is: Do homeless, destitute, citizens get to choose where they live AND do the rest of the citizens have an obligation to fund the cost of that residence location? If the answer is YES, then the voice of the homeless supersedes the voice of the other citizens in terms of location of shelters, cost to run them, and cost of all the ancillary services needed at that location. Continue to provide homeless shelters along beach communities or other highly desirable locations. How ironic that most tax-paying citizens CANNOT choose to live in such communities because those locations are too costly for them. Gee, no one is listening to those tax-paying voices to help them live in those desirable communities. I guess geographical socio-economic forces only apply to tax-paying citizens. Homeless get to live where they want. If the answer is NO, then the voice of the tax-paying citizens supersedes the voice of the homeless in terms of location of shelters, but tax-paying citizens will STILL FUND THE COST OF THE SHELTERS. Start providing homeless shelters more inland where real estate prices are much lower and closer to County ancillary support services. Because the cost is lower, and because of economies of scale, you can provide more beds. Also, by NOT using expensive beach area properties (ex Ramada Inn Marina Del Rey on Washington Blvd.), the government will continue to collect the tax revenue of those business properties and employees, which can help fund the shelters more inland. If you feel the need to allow homeless to visit the beach, then provide a bus pass. They can VISIT the beach JUST LIKE TAX-PAYING CITIZENS DO from all over Southern California. But no one gets to camp out on the beach overnight.

Communication from Public

Name: Brielle Block
Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 08:48 AM
Council File No: 21-0350
Comments for Public Posting: Oppose.

Communication from Public

Name: Sharon Rochford

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 08:50 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

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

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

Communication from Public

Name: Nicole Hemmat
Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 09:11 AM
Council File No: 21-0350
Comments for Public Posting: Opposed

Communication from Public

Name: Alex hemmat
Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 09:13 AM
Council File No: 21-0350
Comments for Public Posting: Opposed

Communication from Public

Name: Deidra

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 09:20 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Bonin's plan to place small homes to accommodate the homeless in areas that are close to the beach would be the demise of the beautiful beach communities. Just look at other touristic places around the world which are near beaches - the attraction is the beach and al fresco dining, that's what people pay a lot of money for. Fisherman's Village in Marina del Rey has been a destination for tourists for decades. It's one of the most beautiful man-made harbors in the world. I ask this in the most polite way I can - has Bonin lost his mind completely? One does not destroy an area that brings in tourism revenue. Southern California is known the world over for it's year round warm, stable climate and for it's beautiful wide sandy beaches, bike paths and palm trees. A visitor arrives here to see this - and they will spend lots of money on hotels and restaurants, bike and surfboard rentals, rental cars, bars, shops and taxis to do so. Tourists do not arrive here to witness the homeless situation in Playa del Rey, Marina del Rey and Venice. These communities raise money through tourists wanting to experience our beach lifestyle. We all know that a homeless person is not going close the door, to stay within the confines of a very tiny structure, and their belongings and trash will mount up. These tiny homes to shelter the homeless should be placed in areas where tourism is not a part of the infrastructure of the community. A beachside community of beauty.

Communication from Public

Name: Charles Block
Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 09:37 AM
Council File No: 21-0350
Comments for Public Posting: Oppose.

Communication from Public

Name: Diana Hopkins

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 09:46 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: This is complete madness! Stop and think about the consequences of such a proposal. Look around at what is becoming of our beloved city. Sidewalks overrun, parks overrun, rampant drug use, increasing violence, squalor, disrespect for laws and common decency. The fear that people feel is real. The need to shield our children and ourselves from potential harm is real. The danger is real. We are reaching a tipping point and this proposal—in essence an invitation to live on the beach— would push us further over the edge of difficult return. Don't fool yourselves into thinking this will be temporary or contained. History has shown it won't be. Please don't ignore the concerns of your constituents—those of us who actually voted you in office. There is a growing anger and frustration over the politicians across the city and state who have led us to this point and whose plans will lead us further in this direction. Don't take our support for granted.

Communication from Public

Name: p evans

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 10:16 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: The unintended consequences of this move will create more homelessness not less. People from other states and even in our community will become homeless to live on the beach. that land is more valuable then any other locations in our entire communitoes why are you not getting the Va to provide land on their huge parcels. northridge and west la. this is bad government in action. ..

Communication from Public

Name: Karla

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 10:20 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the idea that Mr. Bonin is proposing. I have personally been verbally attacked in front of my children by a homeless individual that camps out at the park. There is nothing that will protect our neighborhood from individuals who have mental health problems. I believe this idea will only attract more homeless individuals to our neighborhood and drive up the crime we are already experiencing. The city has other options, so I'm asking that those options be explored. The homeless issue is complex and a comprehensive plan must be implemented. This plan lacks the necessary services the homeless really need and DOES NOT protect our neighborhood.

Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: My husband and I, as Marina del Rey residents object to criminals, the mentally ill, alcoholics, and drug users on our beaches. These people do not belong in tiny houses on our beautiful beaches. The beach is the reason why we live here and why we bought here and why we pay homeowner's dues, extra patrol guards and taxes to the city. This is a huge economic mistake for the city and will destroy Los Angeles and eventually southern California. A friend of mine was murdered; beaten to death by a transient on a street behind Abbot Kinney, one of the most expensive pieces of real estate in our city. He was walking his dog. A lot of people would like to live in tiny houses on the beachfront for free. OUR BEACHES, Mike Bonin! This is humanitarian crisis which needs a FEMA style response, not tiny houses at/on our most precious and economical resource. Also people who commit crimes are CRIMINALS, (3 year olds molested in broad daylight, homeless defecating everywhere, a number of homeowners and law abiding citizens murdered, fires everywhere, children stepping on needles, sanitation problems, ocean water pollution and more) and they should not be allowed to roam the street with impunity. It is a war zone down here! And this is the clincher: The idea that tiny houses on idyllic beachfronts will change this behavior is the view of someone who is ill equipped to deal with the problem, and not fit for office. These people do not belong here, they have never belonged here—they belong in facilities. Please help us! We are afraid to leave our houses. Criminals are shooting into occupied homes. SOS VENICE.

Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: NO....Bonin!!! PlayadelRey is a hard working, tax paying community of all ages. We enjoy our parks, the soon renovated park for children and the beach. How dare you take this away or should I say give it away to create more crime, health and garbage issues not to mention the fear our community experiences due to the roaming around of those that are strung out ! You are preventing our community to enjoy their homes and surroundings. It is not the correct answer to help and provide an environment that will help those in desperate need. I repeat.....NO WAY, Mr. Bonin, et al

Communication from Public

Name: Lori Gilder

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 11:30 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose Bonin's motion to use Mar Vista Park as a safe camping area for the homeless. On the surface, to oppose trying to help the homeless appears self-serving and uncaring. As a result, neighbors are often effectively silenced and shamed for caring about their neighborhood. I care about the homeless and my neighborhood. I care that the majority of homeless need mental health services but will not get it under Bonin's plan. I care that the MVCC created a reasonable plan for the homeless and it was not adopted. I care that the park is closed at night and yet Bonin wants to create a 24 hour tent community on tax payer dollars. I care that our heavily used park will be partially taken away from neighbors who pay for it so elected officials can claim they are fixing our homeless problem. If councilman Bonin wants to convince himself that he is doing something courageous and kind, he should set up an official tent community on the parking lot at his city council office.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 11:30 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please rethink Bonin's proposals. As a person who grew up in Oakwood area of Venice and now lives in Playa del Rey, I just don't get where Mike Bonin head is. Growing up we did not have much money, so we spent our times at beaches and at parks. Bonin is out to lunch with his ideas. Where will the people from the inner-cities go that come to the beaches to get away from the oppressive heat, what park will be safe to take your children to, if it is filled with the homeless. My sister who still lives in our family home was just attacked by a homeless man pulling out of her yard in her car. There are other answers on handling this situation, but the one person who has proven over and over again that he has all the wrong answers is Mike Bonin.

Communication from Public

Name: Evelyn Baran

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 11:31 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I live two blocks from Mar Vista Park. This park is the beating heart of our neighborhood area. Youth and adult soccer, outdoor exercise machine circuit, tennis courts, picnic areas, dog walking, children frolicking. We are already surrounded by illegal homeless encampments. Westdale and North Westdale are suffering skyrocketing property crime, as is all of Mar Vista. Just last week, a Westdale resident came home during the day to three youths who had broken in to his home. They escaped by crashing through windows, and one stuck a firearm in the owner's stomach as he ran by him. Package thievery and vandalism are epidemic. Homeless are urinating and defecating on our property. We are one step away from violent crime, at this moment. Clearly, the pandemic has amplified the desperation. Unless the Council intends to provide jobs and income to homeless Angelenos, any encampment in the middle of a neighborhood will create a clear and present danger to the health, welfare and lives of my fellow Mar Vista residents. Moreover, you will interfere with our legitimate right to enjoy the park for which we are paying our taxes.

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Name: Carey A Smith

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 11:56 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am a homeowner and resident in Zone 4 of Mar Vista and and very opposed to 21-0350. I know making converting parks and public shared spaces to house the unhoused seems well intentioned. Unfortunately the execution of these plans are not always as envisioned and the residents are left to police, clean up and manage the results of the poorly executed plan. Over the last 3 years I have watched the encampment under the 405 underpass along Venice Blvd (just a few blocks from my house) grow from a few marginalized people who need our help to a society of addicts and criminals. I am alerted multiple times a day via the Citizen app of shootings, fires, stabbings and other criminal activities. I no longer allow my children to bike in this neighborhood alone. It's common right now to have homeless and drug addicts blocking sidewalks, defecating on lawns, confronting residents in aggressive ways and leaving piles of garbage on residents' property. It has become a regular thing for me to dial 9-11 or 3-11 to get assistance with aggressive drug addicts who are unhoused. Residents are forced to do the work that the city is too busy to do. Rarely are these issues addressed in a timely or sufficient way. The city is understaffed and incapable of addressing every issue and concern. As a result we the residents are left to our own devices to manage and clean up. There isn't nearly the support for residents as is needed and the level of frustration grows by the day. We are subjected to graffiti, human feces, prostitution, crime and endless piles of garbage. I don't understand not do I support the idea that different rules apply to some of the citizens. If I were defecating on my sidewalk and obstructing it with huge piles of garbage and walking the neighborhood pushing our elderly residents to the ground (as has happened multiple times, resulting in fatalities) I would be held accountable and it wouldn't be acceptable. The unhoused people of Mar Vista are not held to the same rules and expectations as the tax paying residents. I have tremendous compassion for those people but helping them and excusing the bad behaviour are two different things. Mr. Bonin only seems concerned with pushing an agenda he doesn't police or see through. Moving unhoused people into the parks without the proper oversight and security will only overextend the residents by increasing the area they have to police. It's a security and health concern for all those who live

here and I urge you to listen to the voting tax payers and find a solution that doesn't move the problem into one of the few parks we have.

Communication from Public

Name: Debbie Embree

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 01:04 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Mr. Bonin you have failed the communities you are suppose to represent. The homeless situation is so out of control in our beach cities. And now you want to give the homeless ocean front views at Dockweiler and Marina views at Fishermans Village. This is a slap in the face to all your other constituents who work hard, pay taxes just to live near the beach. This is just insane to me and so many others. I have lost all confidence in Mr Bonin's ability to handle the homeless crisis in our communities

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 01:13 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Most everyone agrees that we have a problem with people living on the streets in dangerous, unhealthy and vulnerable circumstances, however, there are several problems with the solutions proposed. The first, and in my opinion the most significant, is that there is no distinction between those individuals who want help and will benefit from services provided and those individuals that have mental and/or physical issues that will preclude their abilities/capacities to succeed in these prescribed situations. The data and literature suggest that there is a window of opportunity for individuals at risk of becoming homeless and being homeless to get support and turn their lives around successfully. Chronic homelessness is often a symptom of illness and after two or three years on the street, studies have shown that housing alone is insufficient to improving quality of life. I believe we are looking for solutions that will make us feel better by providing housing for unhoused, but if the majority of the individuals have addiction problems, non compliance issues, mental and physical disabilities, providing shelter will not be the answer. I also believe that there has to be a balance between those of us who have worked hard to afford to live at the beach and social service programs. Why should the beach community sacrifice its identity to accommodate a disproportionate number of people simply to appease the politicians? The Venice/Marina del Rey Community has been more than generous in its willingness to provide assistance and support services to the homeless community, however, it is now becoming an overwhelming burden. Our health and well being is now at risk as I sit at stop lights and get accosted by mentally ill and aggressive people, or walk down to Washington and Pacific to enjoy a meal and have people verbally assault me in front of restaurants. Providing homes at the beach is not the solution for providing services that far exceed simple shelter. As I stated, it's simplistic to think that the people living under the freeway will be sufficiently helped by turning the beach into homeless shelters, tiny homes, bridge communities, or whatever other buzz words are supplied, unless the population of people who can truly be helped is identified and distinguished from those with mental illness and addiction issues and need different services. The long term consequences of creating more and more housing for the homeless at the beach will

be to divide those of us who have been very supportive of social services and make us less willing to share. As a resident of this community why is my safety and well being any less valuable or important simply because I worked hard and can afford to live here? As an independent, it would be a travesty and counterproductive to turn those of us who have been historically generous, into angry, uncooperative and fiscally conservative voters.

Communication from Public

Name: Antoinette Caserta

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 01:13 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Your latest proposal is a direct reflection of the toxic combination of being tone death to the taxpayers that live and work in West LA while completely disregarding the mixture of mental health and addiction issues the homeless population has. I haven't yet seen a proposal Mr. Bonin has put forth that truly addresses the behavioral health issues of the unhoused. All I see is the County fruitlessly spending tax dollars on bridge homes, tents, etc, and now tiny houses that are located near elementary schools, pre-school, daycare centers, and outdoor parks and recreation centers. I find this to be a recipe for disaster that needs to be stopped. Kids walk to school in these neighborhoods. People go to recreational areas to relax and get some fresh air. They don't want to be harassed by the mentally ill. They shouldn't have to walk thru a steady stream of trash and drug paraphernalia to get to school every morning. As a single woman, I should be able to go to the beach and not worry about my safety. No one should be hassled. Beaches and parks are safe havens for people to unwind and enjoy nature, not fight off crime and trash. As usual, the unhoused population with untreated mental illnesses and addiction issues will continue to bring chaos theory to the table, if Mr. Bonin's proposals are ratified and become law. The taxpayers are financially supporting this effort. Our opinion counts. The current, "suck it up buttercup" attitude of some of our elected officials on this matter is deplorable. Some of the money needs to be spent to ask the taxpayers that live and work in these areas what they want. You need to do neighborhood outreach and focus groups to gather information on the community's needs and opinions on your proposals. Please do not compartmentalize and further marginalize people with behavioral health issues that can't stand up for themselves. How can someone with untreated mental illness and/or addiction problems think rationally and make logic-based decisions for themselves? Have you actually had advocates and professionals in the mental health and addiction space weigh in on these matters? Where are their reports? Posting the annual budget with line items and a list of vaguely worded strategies on a website does not equate to full transparency. Many taxpayers are furious right now for this reason. All this money has spent with no results after several years. The homeless problem is getting worse, not better. We went from having hundreds of

homeless to now thousands of unhoused members of the Community. The onus is on elected officials to take the time to do the research, gather public and expert feedback, and make decisions. The right decision will solve the homeless problem, not sweep it under the rug and push it off so the next generation will have to do with it deal later. Ask people what they want... Start by solving the root of the problem - mental health and addiction issues. Stop using our money for short-term solutions that do not work. It's just a bandaid, which is now festering, growing, and turning into a full-blown infection on our Community. Solve for the root of the problem. Stop solutioning for the symptoms.

Communication from Public

Name: Kevin Parker

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 01:19 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I want to express my strong opposition to Councilman Bonin's proposal to house homeless individuals in beach parking lots, particularly the lots at Will Rogers State Beach in Pacific Palisades. In addition to the various safety issues mentioned by others I wanted to specifically call attention to the fact that the parking areas at Will Rogers State Beach and all of the surrounding areas are designated as a very high fire hazard severity zone by California law. We have seen numerous incidents throughout Los Angeles where similar encampments have resulted in fires occurring in the encampments and surrounding areas. While all of these fires are obviously very dangerous to both the unhoused and nearby residents, the danger presented would be amplified immensely were such fires to breakout in a very high fire hazard severity zone (VHFHSZ).

Communication from Public

Name: Shar Rock

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 01:41 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: If this is considered a truly viable action, PLEASE PILOT THIS PROGRAM IN BURTON CHASE PARK, MARINA DEL REY. Westchester home owners, tax payers!, pay the exact same state and city tax as MDR, Malibu, Palisades, BH, PV. As perfectly stated by a Westchester Neighbor: I am empathetic to the houseless and I recognize it as a community issue. However, whenever solutions for housing come up, it always seems as if the burden is shared unequally in Los Angeles. Why doesn't anyone recommend housing for homeless in Brentwood or Beverly Hills or Malibu? Further, why are parks and beaches even considered as a solution? Parks and beaches are our community gathering places, I think we ALL wish they were more clean, more safe-adding a population with mental health and substance abuse issues does not make our community cleaner and safer. Los Angeles, with its prop H tax needs to do better. Tent cities are not better. Prop H was supposed to "PREVENT and COMBAT." So do that, start getting to the source. If providing housing is a solution, then provide housing, in homes, not tents or makeshift "pop up" housing in areas where housing was never meant to be. Do not kid yourself that by providing inadequate housing or locations for tents that you are actually preventing and combating, all that's happening here is a gathering of people who need actual help. The only way for those people to be integrated into society is to integrate them into society, not isolate them further in an unsustainable and unsafe area while also making the area unsafe for those who are holding up their end of the social contract. We can and must do better. There is no excuse for this. Tent cities are a lazy answer to a huge problem.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 01:53 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Bonin's housing proposal for the homeless is not a viable solution. He is enabling the homeless population by providing easy to get accommodation without any accountability. There is no such thing as one shoe fits all. Not to mention the stress placed on tax paying nearby homeowners and the General public which will lose out on their rights to use the beaches and parks. It jeopardizes the safety of the neighborhoods. It is short sighted, it will increase the homeless population and neighborhoods will start looking and smelling like slums in 3 world countries. Only by providing permanent solutions and addressing the different requirements will the homeless situation be reduced.

Communication from Public

Name: Patricia

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

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am in STRONG OPPOSITION to Councilman Bonin's plan to give the beaches to the homeless. It makes no sense to use valuable, income producing properties in this manner. This will be a loss of tourist income to Los Angeles County. It will lower property values, which in turn will lower property taxes to Los Angeles County. This is not a good solution to the problem. Property owners and residents apparently have no rights.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 02:17 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to 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 to maintain the beach and provide life guards.

Communication from Public

Name: Wendy

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 03:12 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I have lived in Westchester for 40 yrs. Never have I felt unsafe until now. I see fires, fights, daily from encampments. Day or night gun shots. Cars racing on the streets through the night. We use to enjoy Dock Willer RV park to go as a family close. Visitors would use it coming to town. Because of the homeless RV situation there is no place safe to park on the street. The only park in our area is off limits for families and kids. We need more mental health evaluations and follow through completed. Maybe the VA west LA can step up. They have lots of land for tent camps. We all have structure in daily living if that is not wanted, then going back to City or state of origin is possible. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Ursula

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 03:38 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: This is a band aid. A way to remove the homeless from the avenues to the beach and parks. Is there a plan in place for removing these encampments in a year? 2 years? Would it not be wiser to invest in rehabs and mental health facilities, so that these folk can hopefully eventually pick up a job? Can we not build halfway houses for them while they are on the road to recovery? I know the latter sounds expensive, but I hazard that people would vote for that over having their public spaces spoiled. While we're at it, can we stop other areas from exporting their homeless to Venice? We are drowning in needles and feces.

Communication from Public

Name: Lynne McCullough

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 03:38 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: A solution for the increased volume of un-domiciled people occupying our neighborhood parks, sidewalks and other public areas must be sought. It is unacceptable for citizens to have to accept the lawlessness and slum like conditions that have been allowed to proliferate under the current management strategy. However, the proposal of moving these people into public areas known to be public gathering places for businesses & the tax paying citizens who want to patronize them is tone deaf to the objections of reasonable people living nearby and being so negatively affected by the encampments. We are currently unable to safely enjoy walking in our neighborhoods, are increasingly affected by the crime and violence that have increased due to the general lawlessness associated with encampment activities, and genuinely fear for our own and our children's safety when venturing within 50 yards of these groupings. To move these individuals from one public space into another that further infringes on our ability to enjoy our beaches and public space is an injustice. It does not get at the root cause of citizen concerns about crime, filth and associated health hazards, nor clearly delineate how resources will be provided to those who are willing to accept them. Temporary shelter must be provided, or at least offered, but that could be in the form of large unoccupied spaces throughout the city limits, such as industrialized areas that have not been established for public use, rather than utilizing areas created for public enjoyment, such as our public beaches. Additionally, hotel vouchers with concomitant services anchored to those hotels would support the local businesses and provide the much needed services to those who were willing to accept them. These relocation processes should be done one encampment at a time, with immediate clean up, and subsequent law enforcement supporting the restoration of the peace, law and order that we have earned as tax paying, law abiding citizens of this community. This would also help to restore the relationship between the citizens of the community and our law enforcement who have expressed that they are currently helpless with regard to performing their duty to protect and serve as it relates to the activities of the encampments. This problem is not insurmountable. It will be however, be logistically challenging, and require an organized and consistent effort. Please reconsider

this temporary housing plan as outlined, it will not get to a fundamental "fix" of the problem, will likely draw more people to the area, and is enraging the citizens of the community.

Communication from Public

Name: Tia Tuenge

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 03:47 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose housing the homeless at beaches and parks. While I have empathy for people without homes, you only have to look at impromptu tent cities to see that they are a hazard on a variety of levels. A) there are regular arson events, b) there is rampant drug use and violence, c) they are filthy with trash and feces throughout. For those of us who live in these neighborhoods, creating authorized homeless encampments at the places we frequent with our families, is not in the best interest of the public. I understand that NIMBY'ism abounds and collectively we must find a humane solution to combat homelessness, however beaches, which already have ecosystems on the verge of collapse, and parks used by families and little kids, are NOT the answer. Our elected officials have to do better. Period. Combating the causes of homelessness is an important start, inexpensive temporary housing that provides services for mental health and drug addiction, is necessary, as well as long term treatment facilities. Personally if there isn't a noticeable improvement in the homeless situation I will not be voting for any of the current elected officials. We need radical change and we need it now.

Communication from Public

Name: Nora and Ed Prince

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

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: We are outraged that the City Officials have allowed the homeless to take over our neighborhood, parks and beaches in Westchester and Playa del Rey. It's clear the homeless have more rights than TAX-PAYING homeowners who like ourselves have worked our fingers to the bone to afford to live in Playa del Rey. We live between 83rd and Hastings in a beautiful, quiet suburban neighborhood. I see homeless men pushing their shopping cart in front of our home to get to Manchester Street. We pay over \$25K a year in property taxes for the homeless to have more rights than hard-working tax paying denizens. I no longer feel it is safe for my young child to bike or scooter around our neighborhood. How can you City Officials think it is okay to take away our rights for children to play at our parks or beaches and expose children to filth, needles, mentally-insane/unstable drug-infested areas? This is morally wrong. How can you look at yourself in the mirror every day knowing this has affected our children. It was our dream to live in Playa del Rey. My husband is black, an ex-Marine and has served his country in Afghanistan. This is what he gets for serving his country? The homeless have more rights than we do. We have worked extremely hard to afford our dream home. Thank you City Officials in LA for robbing us of our dream. Robbing our daughter from feeling safe in her neighborhood. Robbing my dream as an Asian-American media professional and mother who wanted to provide an idyllic childhood for our daughter. The City Officials like Bonin and the Mayor have robbed us from these basic fundamental American rights. Why do the homeless get to CHOOSE to live near the beach or park? These are COMMUNITY areas for our tax-paying residents. We will be making plans to sell our home and take our \$25,000 a year in property taxes and move to a city that is not governed by City of LA officials. Thank you for robbing us of our American dream.

Communication from Public

Name: Eva Greene

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 05:33 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: KNBC contacted Bonin for a comment on the violence and crime taking place at Venice Beach. Zero response to his constituents who've sent hundreds and thousands of letters with no answer. VENICE HAS NO CITY REPRESENTATION THROUGH OUR FAILURE OF A COUNCILMAN. KNBC contacted him a week asking for an interview. multiple times for this story and after many tries His staff finally answered saying councilman Bonin was not available for this interview. 3 ELDER DEATHS IN THE VENICE BEACH AREA. ONE WOMAN GANG RAPED, LEFT FOR DEAD IN THE BEACH TOILETS ONE WOMAN SHOT TO DEATH ON THE BOARDWALK. ONE CHILD MOLESTATION OF A 3-YEAR OLD IN PUBLIC VIEW STOPPED BY BICYCLISTS. ONE CHILD ALMOST KIDNAPPED AS HER PARENTS DINED NEAR THE VENICE PIER ONE BUILDING UP IN FLAMES DUE TO HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS. TENT, RV FIRES ONE AFTER ANOTHER, A WEEKLY EVENT, ALMOST BECOMING A DAILY EVENT - AND NOT A PEEP FROM MIKE BONIN OR THE CITY COUNCIL - DISGUSTING. YOU HAVE A METH, FENTANYL AND AND ALCOHOL ADDICTED CRISIS TAKING PLACE AND YOU CALL IT A HOUSING CRISIS. REALLY? JUST HOW MANY OF THESE HOMELESS TRULY HELD JOBS PRIOR TO COVID OR EVEN BEFORE? YOU ALSO HAVE A MENTALLY ILL CRISIS TAKING PLACE THAT'S NOT BEING ADDRESSED. ALL OF THESE HOMELESS - DUE TO THEIR ADDICTION AND MENTAL ISSUES NEED DRUG AND REHAB IMMEDIATELY, AND THE MENTALLY ILL NEED HOSPITALIZATION IMMEDIATELY. YOU'RE LETTING THEM DIE ON THE STREET AND SAYING ITS ABOUT LACK OF HOUSING. NO, IT'S NOT. IT'S ABOUT NEEDING IMMEDIATE HELP WITH THEIR ADDICTIONS AND MENTAL PROBLEMS. WHEN HELPED, HELPING WITH HOUSING IS THE NEXT STEP. WHERE'S THE \$\$\$? PROPH HHH 1.2 BILLION MEASURE H - 0.25% SALES TAX FOR 10 YEARS TO FUND HOMELESS SERVICES & PREVENTION (WHAT HAPPENS TO SERVICES AFTER 10 YEARS?) PROP 2 - TWO (2) BILLION IN REVENUE BONDS PROP 63 - BILLIONS HOARDED BY THE COUNTY THAT SHOULD

HAVE BEEN IMMEDIATELY USED FOR THE MENTALLY ILL. ARROGANT ABUSIVE DEVELOPERS BUILDING AT \$700 THOUSAND / UNIT FOR 450 SQ. FT, AND UP TO \$900 THOUSAND. WHOSE POCKETS ARE THEY LINING? BUILDING AT \$700 THOUSAND/ UNIT MEANS THE CITY REQUIRES \$35 BILLION DOLLARS FOR HOUSING THE HOMELESS! THE CITY IS BROKE AND YOU WANT TO BUILD PERMANENT HOUSING FOR METH AND FENTANYL ADDICTS? BUILD REHAB FACILITIES FIRST! THEY NEED HELP NOW! WHAT IS YOUR REAL MOTIVE, BECAUSE IT CERTAINLY ISN'T HELPING THOSE IN NEED, BUT ONLY HELPING HOUSING DEVELOPERS. YOUR INCOMPETENCE IS AN EMBARRASSMENT AND YOU SHOULD ALL BE FIRED. YOUR FAILURE OF GOVERNING SHOWS HOW POORLY EDUCATED YOU ARE IN BUSINESS AND FINANCE AND NO ONE SHOULD EVER BE ELECTED THAT DOES NOT UNDERSTAND ECONOMICS. YOU'RE BEHAVING LIKE A MAFIA THAT HOLDS A GUN TO OUR HEADS VIA TAXES - PAY UP OR YOU LOSE EVERYTHING, YET YOU ABUSE OUR MONIES AS THOUGH THEY ARE YOUR PRIVATE RICHES, AND YOU MAKE A DISGUSTING MESS OF ONCE BEAUTIFUL BEACHES AND COMMUNITIES AS YOU DERISIVELY LAUGH SAYING IT'S THE NIMBY'S THAT ARE AT FAULT. BECAUSE everyone should be a NIMBY because what is happening in Venice and at all homeless encampments is unacceptable and no one should find people suffering, sleeping on sidewalks in filth with no running water or toilet facilities as acceptable. What we're seeing here is the outright failure of our city leaders to acknowledge this as a humanitarian crisis of drug addiction, alcohol addiction, mentally ill crisis, and mixed in with all of these are people that have fallen on hard times that are freaked out by what they see. We the people DEMAND that the city address this crisis immediately. But instead of tackling the problem head on, you, the city representatives have allowed these conditions to grow. If this were Syria, or any other country where people are displaced, the Red Cross would immediately step in and take charge by first getting all of the displaced in one area where they can provide the basic human needs of shelter, food, water, showers and toilet facilities. They would then triage them and assess their conditions and get them the medical help they need. They would not say, "hey, you might need help, but wait here for three to 5 more years before we can help you while we build 144 units and then we'll see if we can help. Okay?" In the meantime, 50,000 homeless in L.A. City wait for the dignity they deserve, and instead are allowed to die and languish on the streets and become slowly insane at the inhumanity. THIS RESPONSIBILITY IS DIRECTLY ON YOUR SHOULDERS.

YOU ARE KILLING THOUSANDS YEARLY DUE TO YOUR
INCOMPETENCE, AND YOU ARE ALLOWING THE
VIOLENCE AND MURDERS TO CONTINUE. SHAME ON
ALL OF YOU.

Communication from Public

Name: Taylor Coco Patterson

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 05:45 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Marina del Rey I Strickly oppose The councilman's proposal to make beach communities homeless shelter camps and locations. These homeless communities are out of control and filled with drugs and violence we must be able to take our children to the beach. You must not allow families and their children to be displaced by homeless drug users criminals and vagrants. Maybe the county and the city should consider re-opening the mental health hospitals they were closed by Ronald Reagan. Many of these people need mental health help. One way to thwart crime in criminal activity and criminals gaining access to drug dealers who are selling them drugs is by creating distance between those drug dealers and those drug users. Why continue to expose our communities to increased violence and safety concerns? Why not consider remote locations for these homeless encampments such as Lancaster or Riverside for Sylmar places that make it incredibly difficult for these people to just walk back to the drug market

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/11/2021 05:55 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Our homeless population will increase exponentially as will crime on the West Side if your homeless encampment is created on the Will Rogers State Beach parking lot. More homeless will come from all over the country and from other countries to live in your free tiny Bonin Beach houses. They will come for your free food and come for your other free services. Sadly, the homeless population includes a large number people who are, mentally ill, addicted to drugs and alcohol, dangerous, violent, angry, unhygienic, carriers of diseases, and recently released prisoners. The children and other residents of Los Angeles, regardless of where they live, all love the beach and you Mr. Bonin are intentionally trying put them all in danger. Each crime that is committed because you Mr. Bonin are arranging to have the homeless on another of our Los Angeles beaches will be a crime in which you Mr. Bonin and the perpetrator have equal complicity. As you may have surmised, our family of 7 voters are all opposed to your creating a homeless encampment on the Will Rogers State Beach. You might also consider, when you go to sleep at night, reviewing what you have created by allowing homelessness to continue in Venice and on Venice Beach. Each crime that occurs there is one in which you have direct complicity. It fascinates me that you are intentionally creating a similar crime infested location next to a place where children play and in the vicinity of five summer camps. Each injury and each crime in the encampments you create and allow will be owned by you. You are also a one-man impediment to tourism in Los Angeles. Since you refuse to visit the dangerous slums that you have created perhaps you can sit at your cdesk or in your house and watch this film about the suffering you have caused. <https://youtu.be/D4VDCRSA4>