

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Riccardo

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2021 07:54 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Our politicians do not care because they do not take their families to the beach! Disgusting people! Our Mayor cannot say two words without reading a script.....our Councilman came here for some treatment...send him back to Massachussets. Thumb down on this ill conceived resolution.!

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Lisa Grode  
**Date Submitted:** 04/12/2021 06:52 PM  
**Council File No:** 21-0350  
**Comments for Public Posting:** OPPOSE

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nicholas Ramsbottom

**Date Submitted:** 04/12/2021 07:20 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am opposed to this. Bonin is a complete idiot and should be housed wherever he deems the homeless to b

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/14/2021 06:33 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** 1. I am a resident of Los Angeles. 2. I OPPOSE the use of Los Angeles public parks and beaches for housing the homeless. These public spaces should be kept clean and safe for the recreation of tax paying citizens and their families. 3. I demand permanent campuses be built for the care and shelter of the homeless, at scale, and with full public approval. 4. VOTE NO on Motion 21-0350 5. Thank you for listening to your taxpayers.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nadezda Sprinza

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2021 12:19 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, there, We are against a new plan to set up a homeless encampment on the beach. Sincerely, Nadezda Sprinza&David Scully

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nadezda Sprinza

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2021 12:22 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** We are strongly against plans to set up a homeless encampment on the beach.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** M R

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2021 12:24 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** The #1 consideration for any homeless living scenario in ANY location should be the SAFETY of all stakeholders/constituents -which includes the homeless. And along with SAFETY as a guiding principle for all, comes its adjunct: DO NO HARM. Now specifically speaking about Will Rogers State Beach - Parking Lot: This is where the ideas of SAFETY and DO NO HARM are not being considered in neither the best interests of the homeless, stakeholders and constituents. Public beaches/Parking lots are NOT SAFE environments for human beings to carry out their activities of daily living, whether they are homeless or not. Moreover, the general public at large (including minor children and minor unaccompanied children) has the right to be able to use the beach and the parking lot for its purpose: to park and SAFELY enjoy beach facilities supported by tax payer dollars. There are innumerable scenarios a reasonable individual can conjecture which point out why having homeless - or any other kind of "resident" - housed in at the beach/parking lot is NOT SAFE. A public beach/ parking lot is not designed to provide social services nor facilities needed on the scale required to keep people physically and emotionally SAFE. In fact, I would argue that moving homeless people from one sidewalk to a parking lot is not only UNSAFE it DOES MORE HARM THAN GOOD. Why? Because it does not address poverty and homelessness at its core and instead literally and figuratively "moves" the issue to yet another asphalt service not meant for living in a respectful manner. Moreover, it produces all sorts of potential adverse risks for the public in their usage of the beach/parking lot. The only positive thing that has come from this ill-advised proposal is that it has seemingly riveted a whole other sector of folks who have become pretty vocal - and many of them are those that actually provide not only much needed financial aid to homeless/poverty organizations but volunteer hours, as well...and can't believe that this is the best "solution" to taking care of homeless with dignity. In consideration of SAFETY and DO NO HARM, shouldn't the council be looking for more decent and humane short-term and smart long-term smart solutions instead of patchwork of ideas that shift a sidewalk to a parking lot? This is not compassion nor is it understanding. Suggestions to move towards pro-social and humanizing solutions: Try exploring defunct spaces where you

can actually put a physical (and psychological) "roof" over one's head that provides a footprint for a proper space to support activities of daily living: old warehouses, emptied gyms, stadiums, closed hospitals, closed mental institutions, vacated office buildings, West LA VA land - where there are acres and acres and buildings that could potentially be brought up to code or buildings erected. How about galvanizing your constituent base that appears to be up-in-arms to raise funds and bring awareness to projects like these? How positive an action this would be!!! These kinds of "make-shift" environments are far more conducive and suitable to the purpose of actually taking care of homeless with staff (eventually) to provide wrap-around services with the goal of stability and eventual re-integration into the fabric of our society. Being in a physical building also demonstrates that as a society we (and you as council people) actually value our homeless and are just not kicking them and the problem out into yet another pavement outdoors somewhere.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jane Krantz

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2021 12:46 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** . I am a resident of Los Angeles. 2. I OPPOSE the use of Los Angeles public parks and beaches for housing the homeless. These public spaces are used by so many of your constituents and I urge you to keep solely available for the recreation of your constituents and their families who need safe and clean open spaces. 3. Please do not give homeless people ocean front housing, but instead preserve it for the thousands and thousands of people who deserve a beautiful place to go as a break from their hard working lives. 3. I urge you to build permanent campuses with necessary supportive services for the care and shelter of the homeless, at scale, and with full public approval. Lease inexpensive land for this purpose. 4. Please VOTE NO on Motion 21-0350 5. Thank you for listening to your taxpayers.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mary Ellen Klee

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2021 10:39 AM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Pooja Teckchandani

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2021 11:16 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Our family moved to the Mar Vista area with the local park being one of the main draws. This is a park where our children play, and where we expect safety. By allowing a homeless encampment here, not only are you taking away the safety and usability of the park for families, but you are not solving the homeless problem. The problem will only really be addressed once appropriate housing is provided for the homeless, thus taking them out of highly valuable (and limited) public parks and spaces. Please consider your community when you make these decisions, as we feel this proposal is flawed in many respects and will have many negative ramifications throughout our neighborhood.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Susan Hirschhaut

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2021 11:22 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I moved back to LA after 31 years away. My dream was to live in this glorious city. But I am pained looking at what has become of this area and I fear your recommendation will only make things worse. I urge you to vote NO on the proposal to house people experiencing homelessness at our city and county beach parking lots. I live in the Beverly Grove area which has been shaken by the recent murder and uptick of crime in the area. The beach is what makes our city unique. Enjoyment of this asset will be destroyed like it has been in Venice by the suggested proposal. Those experiencing homelessness should be housed where land is cheap, access to services can be centralized and safety can be ensured for them and everyone else living in Los Angeles. Failure of our city to come up with a real solution to this growing problem is unacceptable.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Laine

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2021 11:27 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Council Members 1. I am a resident of Los Angeles County 2. I OPPOSE the use of Los Angeles public parks and beaches for housing the homeless. These public spaces should be kept clean and safe for the recreation of tax paying citizens and their families. 3. I demand permanent campuses be built for the care and shelter of the homeless, at scale, and with full public approval. Destroying our beaches and local tourist economy by setting up a Will Rogers Skid Row is in no way a solution to the current homeless issue. No one that lives here wants to see tent cities full of trash and homeless people on the beach and no tourist will ever want to come here. It's a public safety issue and a health issue. 4. I ask you to VOTE NO on Motion 21-0350 5. Thank you for listening to your taxpayers.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Meredith Milton & Jonathan Frank

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2021 11:33 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** 1. We are residents of Los Angeles. 2. We OPPOSE the use of Los Angeles public parks and beaches for housing the homeless. These public spaces should be kept clean and safe for the recreation of tax paying citizens and their families. 3. We demand permanent campuses be built for the care and shelter of the homeless, at scale, and with full public approval. 4. VOTE NO on Motion 21-0350 5. Thank you for listening to your taxpayers.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dennis Smith

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2021 11:51 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a are resident of Los Angeles and I strongly oppose the use of Los Angeles public parks and beaches for housing the homeless. These public spaces should be kept clean and safe for the recreation of tax paying citizens and their families. The concept is so bizarre that I can't even imagine how it got this far! There must be a better solution to provide care and shelter for the homeless. Please VOTE NO on Motion 21-0350

## Communication from Public

**Name:** David King

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2021 12:08 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is David King and I live in the Pacific Palisades. The idea of setting up homeless encampments/camp sites/temporary housing at our local beaches is completely absurd. Not only will it negatively impact local Los Angeles families who are trying to enjoy a day at the beach, the image of Santa Monica would be greatly reduced with respect to tourism. Right now, there is a thriving tourism segment supported by our local hotels/airbnb/VRBO hosts that would be greatly damaged as our beaches represent one of the biggest draws to coming to this location. Parking is already difficult, beaches already have more trash on them than they should. Moving homeless people to these locations is going to impact these issues along with creating immeasurable safety concerns. If this proposal is allowed to pass, I will endeavor to vote out any figure holding public office that has supported it.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** RANDALL C POKOMO

**Date Submitted:** 04/14/2021 09:35 PM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sara Epstein

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

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I grew up in Pacific Palisades and now live minutes from Will Rogers Beach with my own family. What Mike Bonin has proposed would destroy the Westside, decimate property values, prevent residents' and tourists' access to the beach, and would turn our beautiful and tranquil community into the violent trash pile that Venice Beach has become. Is that the legacy that he hopes to leave for his constituents? The answer to our city's homeless problem is not to embed them in each and every neighborhood. It's a disgrace that this proposal is even under serious consideration. There must be a centralized solution to eliminate the tents and provide those experiencing homelessness, addiction and mental illness with the housing and services they need. The answer is not to put them on different streets in close proximity to areas where children play and where residents from all parts of the city (and all over the world) come to enjoy our beaches and their natural beauty. Less than two weeks ago a homeless man murdered a Beverly Grove man in his own backyard, having come from a homeless encampment just a few blocks away. If the city council does not understand that spreading homeless encampments around the city will endanger and otherwise negatively impact more innocent lives, then this is no longer the city in which I want to raise my children.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dariush Shir

**Date Submitted:** 04/14/2021 10:32 PM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2021 03:49 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Keep our neighborhood safe. Don't allow beaches to be a home for homeless. Children and families walk along these beaches. This is not the place. There are better answers. Let's find a place where we can include more shelter, therapists on site. Beaches are not the answer.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Diana Daniele

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2021 05:55 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please reconsider the motion made by Mike Bonin to house the homeless at Will Rogers Beach, Marina del Rey's Fisherman's Village and on and on throughout the Westside. This is an ineffective and irresponsible idea. The unhoused need OUR HELP, to get on meds for mental illness, to overcome drug addiction, to get a leg up to a housed living situation. But they don't need to do this on beachfront property. No one owns our beaches. No one lives at the beach. And no one should.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tim

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2021 06:06 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** After a number of terrifying incidents with homeless people in Venice - seeing fights, being sworn and spat at, being followed, finding needles in the playground - our family simply stopped going to the beach. Our kids were scared to the point of crying more than once. This resource that should be available for the whole community without fear of violence or abuse was effectively deprived from us. During the pandemic this had a negative affect on our mental health and family wellbeing and we felt forced to move from the area. Please don't plan homeless encampments on Will Rogers beach or anywhere else where the very real issues these encampments bring - drug use, untreated mental health problems etc. - will conflict with families and children trying to use these public spaces without fear. Otherwise many families will stay away and your decision will be depriving this resource from children who desperately need it.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Bobby

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2021 06:58 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please address the causation and stop just spreading it all over the city. This proposal serves no one and will only create more problems for all!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Launi

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2021 08:28 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** We do NOT want shelters on the beach. I believe this would effect the water front and the environment! Launi Nathan



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Murat Sehidoglu

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2021 08:40 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Housing homeless at Will Rodgers beach is an ill conceived idea that will negatively impact the use of this public facility by thousands of Angelenos. Solution proposed is another "one fits all" proposal for the very complex issue of homelessness. If anything the City must learn from another mis-guided policy that Bonin implemented in Venice and practically ruined the neighborhood. Bonin is incapable of learning from his mistakes but our other officials must be smarter and less hypocritical.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Joel Epstein

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2021 08:40 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Homelessness is made worse by continually giving more and incentivizing bad behavior. The rights of the tax paying majority are trampled. Homeless and illegals have more rights than taxing paying legal residents. This must stop.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Josh Epstein

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2021 08:57 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge you to vote NO on the proposal to house people experiencing homelessness at our city and county beach parking lots. The beach is one of the main benefits of living in Southern California and enjoyment of this asset will be destroyed like it has been in Venice. Those experiencing homelessness should be housed where land is cheap, access to services can be centralized and safety can be ensured for them and everyone else living in Los Angeles. The recent murder in Beverly Grove needs to be a wake up call. Failure of our city to come up with a real solution to this growing problem is unacceptable, especially after we voted to increase taxes to address this.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2021 09:26 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Because of the lawlessness of these homeless camps they should be treated like those under a restraining order. They should not be allowed anywhere near where children are playing or where schools are. If housed on city property they should be monitored. Those who continue to break the law should be restrained in jail or denied habitation within certain areas of towns or cities.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2021 09:35 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am opposed to the Will Rogers parking lot in the Palisades, or any Santa Monica beach lots being used for "safe camping" and homeless shelter. Several years back it was impossible to walk along Ocean on the path without the overwhelming smell of human urine and increased difficulty of stepping around bodies lying in the grass and around the path. It did not feel safe then and is feeling less safe now there, and in the parking lots by the beach. If the homeless were only people waiting to find work and housing without mental or serious addiction problems then it would not be as frightening for families, and others that consistently use these lots. But that is not the case. The other issue is the need for the actual space that would be taken. Those lots are packed in the summer. We need our precious public beaches as a safe place for all in the city to use to escape the heat and the trauma dealt in our current culture. We need the beaches safe and clear for tourism and business. If the lots are used for homeless living this will damage our whole city not just Santa Monica. We need serious answers to our homeless issue. We need institutions to support the mentally ill and effective programs to help the addicted. We need to have boundaries on the homeless we accept in Los Angeles from other states and even other Calif counties and cities. LA and particularly our valuable beachfronts are not a homeless dumping ground for the country. Unfortunately the Catch 22 of creating help for our own can become an invitation for all to come. I don't know how you prevent that, but something must be done to discourage and stem the tide. Police officer Rusty Redican left some viable solutions on the next-door platform. [https://nextdoor.com/p/YRQRFcPKyLdJ/c/573676612?utm\\_source=share](https://nextdoor.com/p/YRQRFcPKyLdJ/c/573676612?utm_source=share) I do what I can to help those in need in my city through my church Calvary Palisades. I have empathy for the situation, but I do not see the beach as a viable solution. Thank you for your time.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kathleen Boltiansky

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2021 10:07 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Los Angeles City Council & Councilman Bonin, My family and friends strongly object to your City Council motion March 31st, to study bringing additional overnight homeless camping to several LA County beaches, or to anywhere else in CD 11. 1. I am a 30+ year resident of Los Angeles and a Southern California native. 2. I OPPOSE the use of Los Angeles public parks and beaches for housing the homeless. These public spaces should be kept clean and safe for the recreation of tax paying citizens and their families. 3. I demand permanent campuses be built for the care and shelter of the homeless, at scale, and with full public approval. The city should identify low density areas for homeless solutions rather than the public beaches used by millions of Angelenos as well as tourists. The City should focus on cost effective housing including mobile homes, pop up tent homes and tiny homes as opposed to the 500K to 1MM/unit being pursued to date. Los Angeles has limited resources to address this crisis and they must be used wisely. Furthermore, the city must seek out transition facilities for treatment, housing and recuperation before re-entry into the community of the drug addicted and mentally ill members of homeless population so as not to put citizens at risk. 4. VOTE NO on Motion 21-0350 5. Thank you for listening to your taxpayers. Our family no longer feels safe riding our bikes or walking along the Venice boardwalk due to the dangerous and unsanitary conditions. Please do not compound this problem by expanding it to other county beaches. Thank you for your time and consideration. Respectfully, Kathleen Boltiansky, CD11 voter, and 30+ year Los Angeles Resident

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Pamela Bellew

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2021 06:56 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE TO MOVE THEM TO BEACH FRONT LOTS IN PAC PAL, SM, MDR, PLAYA DEL REY (OR MORE IN VENICE! ) Use your influence and positions of power to put pressure on our Congressmen - enough is enough. We are watching our neighborhoods decay by the day, right before our eyes! My mother is a resident at 151 Ocean Front Walk in Venice (Senior HUD Housing Paul And Adda Safran)...what a disgrace! She and all of the other old people in the building are now locked in, afraid to leave for a walk, overwhelmed with screaming, fighting, garbage, poop, mentally ill talking to themselves, etc. And it's not even summer yet! The building has had 3 break-ins during the last 6 months - transient jumped the railing and assaulted an elderly resident; car was stolen from the underneath parking garage; and bikes were stolen from the garage as well. How can you expect to open up the new Senior Jewish Center with all of those transients and meth heads living there out front and along the side? Who is going to enter that space? It's now scary to walk in that section. Fires recently in their tents out front of the old folks building too. They were all outside in their robes with walkers on the patio and on Navy when the fire alarm went off in the middle of the night. Sad, sad, sad... Do you want the bottom of PCH at WR Beach and Temescal to look like this? This problem has become so serious, localities and States are overwhelmed. In my opinion, it now requires a Federal response (think National Guard, Red Cross type response with coordinated logistics, teams of social workers in conjunction with law enforcement reaching out, easier access to bypass the bureaucracy of social services for psychiatric help, 12 step programs, section 8, temporary housing not located in commonly used, dense public spaces, etc. Easier said than done, I know!) When the National guard was here following the riots, I thought to myself, "Please stay and help us with our SM/Venice/west LA homeless disaster!" Use your influence. Your smart residents are mobilizing. BTW, rumors abound about Gang controlled vendors on the Pier now...really?? And the scooter disaster?? Kids riding all over residential streets in the middle of the night (not going back and forth to work, weaving in and out of traffic all over the place day and night - leaving them everywhere! In front of Senior Housing too...walkers have to bypass the scooters the homeless,

the broken down trailers and cars now allowed to park endlessly at the end of Navy (what happened to loading zone for Access shuttles and handicapped for elderly??) And what's with that crazy one lane on Ocean at the CA Incline? It's not even summer and it's already grid locked - accidents and near misses as people try to "go around" those cars waiting to turn down the incline, and make the light, trying to get to a two lane area. Cars stopping in the middle of Ocean trying to back up, not knowing how to reverse park in those middle of the road spaces, backing up traffic. And extreme over development....what else? Again, your residents are mobilizing. We're smart and have lots of great real world work experience. Enough is enough. Long time 25 year SM resident.





## Communication from Public

**Name:** David Carr

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2021 09:12 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Setting aside that our beaches and beach access are to be shared by all members of the public, and that there are laws against overnight camping on the beaches for a reason, the environmental impact alone of housing a large group of people camping next to the ocean will be unconscionable. This is a reckless and myopic idea.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2021 05:16 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** 1. I am a resident of Los Angeles County 2. I OPPOSE the use of Los Angeles public parks and beaches for housing the homeless. These public spaces should be kept clean and safe for and available to tax paying citizens and their families for recreation. Will Rogers Beach parking is already overly full with cars on many days. Where will these people park if the lot is designated for tiny homes? Are there no other options in Councilman Bonin's district? What is the logic in designating popular and high-value recreational property for homeless camps? 3. Permanent campuses need to be provided for the care and shelter of the homeless in appropriate settings. NOT on the beach!! 4. VOTE NO on Motion 21-0350 5. Thank you for listening to your taxpayers.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jenifer Scott

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2021 06:05 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello. I live in Westchester, CA and am growing very concerned and angry over the declining state of our public park (Westchester Park). Our current Councilman Mike Bonin is allowing our park to be used as a homeless encampment and there are, at present, 85 tents scattered in groups all over the grounds (and growing). These are grounds where the families and children in our neighborhood USED to play. Where they used to ride scooters and hold sporting events but haven't ever since the homeless population has expanded into most of the space. Where the farmer's market, library, and tennis courts brought a sense of community to Westchester residents. Now the only free and large green space that exists in our neighborhood has been taken over by our unhoused neighbors in the form of dirty tents, illegal bonfires, and flagrant illegal drug use out in the open during daytime hours. This is a recreational area where no one in Westchester feels comfortable to go anymore, especially not with children. While I (and many others in this area) feel strongly about these unhoused people receiving the help and support they need, I do not feel that allowing encampments in our neighborhood park or beaches is an acceptable solution. Are there industrial parks or other large abandoned lots that can be turned into a homeless outdoor shelter space? We pay a large amount of money in tax dollars and yet I don't feel comfortable taking my kids to the park to ride their bikes or play softball. I don't feel comfortable playing tennis at the tennis courts located on the grounds after I tried recently and witnessed 2 homeless gentlemen shooting up right in front of me at 5:00pm. If our park is going to become a legal homeless encampment then I would expect it to be policed regularly so drug use and fires and violence doesn't escalate. Please help our Westchester community use our park again for our kids!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stephanie Tokar

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2021 06:20 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Allowing permitted camping on playgrounds and beaches is a public health and safety hazard. We are 20 year residents and I already stopped taking my 4yo son to our local parks at Mar Vista and Penmar due to the encampments and safety concerns. I should not have to drive out of LA for a safe place for my son to play outdoors. While we have the luxury of driving, it's unconscionable to leave that as an only option to carless residents. We need safe spaces for our families. Our family is already looking to leave Los Angeles as it is becoming clear that our elected representatives do not care about families or public wellness and health. I am saddened and dumbfounded that it has come to this.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Anthony Hocking

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2021 01:14 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm a Los Angeles resident and have been disturbed over recent plans to shoehorn homeless people into areas that are highly unsuitable for long term human inhabitation, and that will result in squalor, and loss of life, with a fairly high degree of certainty. Many of the locations have little or no access to basic amenities, medical support or counselling, which is what is needed. These locations would become a magnet for more and more people, and while it seems there has been no consideration for waste management or sewerage, I'm assuming this proposal focuses on beaches so that the waste can simply be tipped or blown into the ocean? The proximity of less than 3 yards, at some points to the PCH highway on which people are regularly stopped by police for speeds in excess of 80mph is a recipe for tragedy. I would suggest some understanding of what the impact (literally) of a confused/impaired person walking onto a highway at night where street races occur should be given. Would the proposers be prepared to personally cover the insurance and consequences for such a likely event? If such an event comes to pass then these proposers should be held personally responsible. Instead of this refugee camp proposal, Los Angeles, and California, should be repurposing industrial buildings to provide covered facilities that are safe and have basic amenities and beyond. The purpose of these should be halfway houses to return homeless to society, not to cast them out into scenarios that guarantee further addiction and loss of dignity. These ideas are perhaps a 'Modest Proposal' (read Jonathan Swift's, it reminds me of this) in order to outrage decent people and provoke them to suggest better alternatives. If that is the case, then perhaps it is working, but the job of elected representatives is to come up with workable ideas for society, not present apocalyptic scenarios that are seen nowhere else in the Western world. Perhaps the committee that proposes this should also agree to live in one of these proposed slums for a year, and then see if they can come up with a better way to treat humans?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Anthony Dedousis

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2021 01:16 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, Please see attached for Abundant Housing LA's letter SUPPORTING this motion. Regards, Anthony Dedousis



April 15, 2021

Councilmember Mike Bonin  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**CF 21-0350 – *Tiny Homes / Safe Camping / Safe Parking – SUPPORT***

Dear Councilmember Bonin,

**Abundant Housing LA** is a pro-housing, nonprofit advocacy organization working to help solve Southern California's housing crisis. Our organization supports more housing at all levels of affordability and reforms to land use and zoning codes, which are needed in order to make housing more affordable, improve access to jobs and transit, promote greater environmental sustainability, and advance racial and economic equity.

We write in support of your proposed Safe Parking and Camping Measure, which would allow safe parking, safe camping, and tiny home areas in specific locations in Council District 11, including beach parking lots and portions of parks.

California leads the nation in the total number of people experiencing homelessness, with one in four Americans experiencing homelessness residing in California. Moreover, the COVID-19 pandemic has worsened our homelessness crisis by putting hundreds of thousands of Californians into financial distress and at risk of homelessness. It has also endangered the health and wellbeing of those experiencing homelessness, and depleted local resources. Therefore, the need to address the homelessness crisis with urgency and innovative solutions at this moment is critical.

As part of our plan to end the housing crisis, we must provide emergency interventions and safe areas for Angelenos who are experiencing homelessness. Safe parking and camping is available in several locations in West Los Angeles, and we need to expand on measures like this in order to turn the tide against homelessness. **We applaud you for identifying specific sites in Council District 11 that could accommodate temporary shelters, in the face of fierce opposition from vocal NIMBYs. We call on your colleagues to follow your lead, and also identify specific locations for safe parking, safe camping, and tiny homes in the other fourteen City Council districts.** After all, homelessness is a citywide problem that requires citywide solutions.



We are committed to ensuring homelessness becomes brief, rare, and nonrecurrent, and your motion will help to further this important goal. Thank you for bringing this important motion forward, which we are proud to support.

Sincerely,

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jason Wolfe

**Date Submitted:** 04/15/2021 04:12 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a resident of Los Angeles and a frequent user of the proposed areas slated for more formalized facilities for the unhoused, I've got to say no, and that sort of hurts me. I am a firm supporter of systemic solutions, institutional solutions, for big, thorny problems... we've got to do something (and I've certainly voted to be taxed more on every one of the proposals), but I'm not ok with what's happened to Mar Vista Park, Penmar, and Venice... we've crossed a line that needs to be reset. Yes, we need places that are sanctioned for free, outdoor sleeping. Yes, we need to also have more permanent facilities for centralization of services. Yes, we need more public facilities for hygiene (I'd love to have a few more clean restroom facilities that \*I\* could use when I'm on a bike ride on the Westside), but doubling down on housing in our already too-few parks and our beaches? We all acutely know that times are tough, and even those with homes are sharing some of this emotional burden, but let's not create meaningful, permanent space for supportive houses in our hugely valuable public space... let's build something we can share with those less fortunate and protect the clean, safe, revered natural spaces we need more than ever. One adage that comes to mind is, "there's nothing more permanent than a temporary solution"... I fear it's aptness here. These areas for formalized housing are the wrong ones... we can find a better fit.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Caitlin

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**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** We do not want the Will Rodgers State Beach parking lot turned into a homeless shelter. Please do not do this to our community. I have two children who use that very beach.