

Communication from Public

Name: Nicole Levine

Date Submitted: 04/17/2021 12:46 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: 1. I am a resident of the City of Los Angeles; I vote in every election. 2. I OPPOSE the motion that will allow housing in beach and park parking lots. I am well aware of the difficulty in finding adequate temporary/permanent housing for the unhoused residents of Los Angeles, and acknowledge that it is only getting worse. However, to open the public beach parking lots (Will Rodgers, Marina del Rey, etc.) for use as housing is a complete disservice to the remaining population of the City. As you may recall, it gets overwhelmingly hot during the summer, and these beaches are packed with people from all over the City trying to escape the heat. To allow beach living for the unhoused will result in (1) denial of the use of the beach to other residents and (2) pollution to our beaches and ocean as these parking lots do not have the facilities for full-time use. 3. Has the Coastal Commission been contacted regarding the legality of this? 4. Housing people in an area without easy access to basic services does not solve problems. 5. Has it been considered that opening the beach as housing will attract more unhoused people to this area? This could be a draw from other parts of the country, not only the city and state. Who wouldn't want to live at the beach? 6. Have the bordering cities (Santa Monica, Culver City, Malibu) been consulted as this will certainly have an effect on their budgets? 7. Has additional funding been earmarked for emergency services? I request that you consider the above prior to voting. I also request that you consider other locations that will have less of an impact on the rest of the city's population to use public space. As you may have noticed, during the pandemic our parks and beaches are being used by many residents as (for many months) these were the only outdoor spaces available. To remove these (which is effectively what will happen) from the public's use is unconscionable.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/15/2021 07:54 PM

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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 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: Sharon Skowron

Date Submitted: 04/17/2021 12:06 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Do not ruin one of California's greatest assets, our beautiful beaches, by allowing people who should be encouraged to take advantage of services that will improve their quality of lives, to camp out in squalor. These ideas that enable a skid row type of existence don't do anything to reverse the poverty, illness or addiction of the homeless population. This policy only insures that all citizens will suffer as the beaches become dangerous, polluted and lose their draw to millions of visitors . Not every citizen can afford beachfront homes or view but everyone can now enjoy relatively inexpensive access to this great natural resource. Use the billions we've given for this problem in smarter ways and build resource centers outside of the cities where it is a more economical and productive use of funds .

Communication from Public

Name: Brian Stolz

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

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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. In addition, putting homeless citizens between a busy highway and the Pacific Ocean seems like a bad idea that could result in accidents and deaths especially at night. The location is not conducive to accessing needed goods, services and jobs without additional infrastructure. Finally, this action could hurt property values and the tax base required to help solve this issue. 3. While I applaud the commission for attempting to alleviate the homeless epidemic in LA, I suggest we look for alternative house options and learn from communities that have successfully tackled the issue in their communities. This does not seem to be the right way. 4. VOTE NO on Motion 21-0350 5. Thank you for listening to your taxpayers.

Communication from Public

Name: Laurie A Edelman

Date Submitted: 04/17/2021 11:24 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I do NOT support having homeless communities in LA parks and beaches. The parks and beaches are supported and maintained with taxpayer funding, and are an important part of making LA a livable environment for all citizens at all economic levels. To allow permanent homeless communities would, in effect, limit other citizens' comfort and safety in those areas, and degrade the quality of life for the majority of taxpaying citizens. We need to find alternate solutions to the homelessness problem in LA. If we can afford to provide housing for the homeless, it should be modest, intended as a temporary stopgap measure, and in non-prime real estate areas. Surely, the leaders of our local government can be more practical and creative than ceding our precious public resources to this problem. There may be areas outside the confines of LA, in industrial areas or unused land where modest housing (multi-family units) can be constructed. Homeless people should be subject to vagrancy laws if they refuse to accept alternate accommodations. I also do NOT support giving homeless people hotel vouchers, which is clearly not the most cost-effective solution for the city. Once covid is over, hotels will be needed to support tourists and business visitors who support our local economy. Homeless hotels would reduce the supply of hotel rooms. Finally, our leaders need to realize that homelessness is a quality-of-life issue that has already begun to drive much-needed taxpayers out of the city. The longer the problem persists, the greater the exodus from this city, and the more tax revenue will be lost. This will result in a vicious circle threatening the city's ability to sustain its basic services, let alone accommodate the homeless. Thank you for considering my input.

Communication from Public

Name: Veronica gentilli

Date Submitted: 04/17/2021 03:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a Los Angeles county resident. I am writing to oppose the motion to build a homeless residents by will Rogers state beach. It has become dangerous to take a walk on the beach as the homeless population this place seems to attract includes a minority of unstable and aggressive men. I urge you to please not attract the homeless population and keep the beaches safe for kids.

Communication from Public

Name: Trish Vallen

Date Submitted: 04/17/2021 03:57 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I, neighbors, and friends in Brentwood have sent Mike Bonin emails re: the worsening homeless "crisis" here in our community. Noone has received acknowledgement from him, and would like to see a "town hall" like meeting with Councilman Bonin re: our concerns. We have rights too...to live in a safe, secure community..which Brentwood no longer is. My security building has been broken into several times; I was confronted by a homeless man after I pulled into my secured parking garage. I fear walking in my neighborhood early in the morning or at night after being confronted and screamed at by the homeless, emotionally unstable. And, the homeless are not just living in the tent encampment at the V.A. ...they can be found sleeping near businesses, at the church... These homeless people should not be living in tents on our public sidewalk..sometimes blocking the slow lane with trash, shopping carts, junk. And now Brentwood has a homicide. What's next? Your draft re: the homeless situation is spot on. And the resistance to Mr. Bonin wanting them in our beach parking lots is a another step in the right direction. Hasn't he seen the destruction to the Venice Boardwalk, heard the concerns of the community there? Does Mr. Bonin care? We deserve and should DEMAND he address all of these issues to us..every where in his District.

Communication from Public

Name: Beth Rothman

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

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Comments for Public Posting: I would like to put on record that I am opposed to making a temporary homeless camp at Will Rogers State Beach. By doing this, people from all over Los Angeles would be deprived of enjoying the beach. Besides taking away from public enjoyment, this location would pose a danger to both the people who normally come to the beach but also the homeless who would be next to the busy PCH and possibly get caught up in the traffic. Drugs, sanitation, crime and environmental issues have wrecked havoc in Venice. Property values have been destroyed. Please don't bring this type of unsafe environment to Pacific Palisades. It is obvious that Bonin's motion will not work; just as it hasn't in Venice.

Communication from Public

Name: L Simpson
Date Submitted: 04/17/2021 05:33 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I am OPPOSED to motion 21-0350. Please protect your constituents and vote NO on 21-0350! Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Riviera Estates Homeowners Association

Date Submitted: 04/17/2021 07:59 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Opposition to homeless housing at Will Rogers State Beach and other public spaces The Riviera Estates Association is an HOA with 147 properties, whose owners, mostly couples and families, on L.A.'s west side. At this month's Board Meeting, there was unanimous DISAPPROVAL of Mike Bonin's motion to create homeless dwelling spaces in the parking area of Will Rogers State Beach and other public spaces. Pacific Palisades already has a homeless task force. This is the organization the city should be working with to find answers. The homeless problem cannot be solved by subsidizing the homeless or giving them permission to live in public spaces. If you are somehow unaware, the homeless tent "city" on the sidewalks along San Vicente in Brentwood is a disaster. It's dangerous for pedestrians, exemplified by the recent stabbing over Easter weekend. It's a filthy health hazard with the inescapable smell of human urine everywhere and it has had a negative impact on businesses in the vicinity. It should be removed. We have seen how the homeless have ruined Venice where it's now too dangerous to go, to the detriment of our entire city as well as tourists who spend money here. We are stunned that, given these examples, anyone would want to create a situation that will make beach going even more dangerous and a health hazard. The public beaches are enjoyed by ALL the people of the L.A. Area as well as the tourists who spend money here. It is wrong to disregard the rights of everyone to safe and sanitary beaches by sacrificing a primary recreation area, for the benefit of a few homeless people who have no reason to be there and who will bring trouble with them. It will also be dangerous to the homeless who are relocated there (if they even want to be), since they will have to cross 6 lanes of PCH multiple times a day. And building new shelters is a waste of money when there already enclosed site throughout the city. Therefore, we again urge you to vote down the motion regarding housing the homeless at the Will Rogers Beach Parking Lot and other public spaces. Instead, you should work with the Palisades Task Force on the homeless and investigate actions that will permanently get the homeless off of our public streets and public spaces and thereby make the city a safe place to live. We do not want Los Angeles to become San Francisco. Sincerely, The Board of the Riviera Estates Association

Communication from Public

Name: Linda Jones

Date Submitted: 04/17/2021 10:33 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Allowing homeless people to camp in a designated area in Mar Vista Park would be a tragic mistake. We have already seen how allowing this in public spaces leads to larger and larger homeless encampments. This robs the general public of their very limited green space and leaves them with no other public green space in Mar Vista. Only very large outdoor tents or indoor areas should be allowed for homeless. These facilities should house at least 750 people. Otherwise it is not cost effective to have all of the services that the homeless need (employment referrals, addiction referrals/ treatment, mental health services, etc). Currently in West Los Angeles there are many vacant city owned and privately owned buildings that would serve well.