

Communication from Public

Name: Todd Thompson

Date Submitted: 04/19/2021 12:31 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: This is a sad proposal! These are beach in my neighborhood that my 13 year old daughter and friends use for ocean, beach and Volleyball activities. How would they be safe? Bathrooms will become like the ones in Venice filled with people doing drugs. This makes no sense! Please Don't ruin our community Sincerely
Todd Thompson

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Name: Lisa St. John

Date Submitted: 04/19/2021 12:34 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am strongly opposed to Councilman Bonin's to put housing units for homeless at the Will Rogers' beach location or any other public beach location. This would destroy these beaches for public use and create an extremely dangerous situation.

Communication from Public

Name: Nancy Jorgensborg

Date Submitted: 04/19/2021 12:45 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose Councilman Bonin's proposal to use the beach parking lots for homeless housing. The beach parking lots were closed to the public last spring and most of the summer. This must have resulted in countless deaths in the inner-city due to the corona virus by not allowing people to get outside in the fresh ocean air. Bonin's proposal will have the same effect on all of Angelenos by limiting access to one of our greatest resources - the beaches. I know homeless is a huge problem that has not been addressed by our public officials therefore I support the actions of the Pacific Palisades Task Force on homelessness.

Communication from Public

Name: Monica Lacy

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Comments for Public Posting: This is a bad plan. People experiencing homelessness deserve thoughtful services designed to provide long term solutions, not simply a new "place to be re-housed." This plan ignores the threat of PCH, where pedestrians perish every year. Bringing more service providers, volunteers, and homeless residents to this already congested freeway is not wise. Every Angeleno deserves to visit and enjoy a safe and clean beach. We need to protect and cherish this valuable resource and symbol of Southern California. We can do better. Let's finally agree to stop ignoring the mental health and drug crisis this population represents, instead of solely focusing on where to move the encampments next, and offer real humane options. The Palisades has already independently funded 2 Outreach Counselors, to wonderful success. It's not glamorous, nor a "quick fix" but it has proven track record, and it works. Southern California is going down

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Name: Catherine Wadsworth

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Comments for Public Posting: How can you provide services (mental health, sanitation, food and security) for people living on our beaches. Go down and visit Venice Beach to see how the city has FAILED not only the homeless, but the people who pay your taxes as well. There is no easy in and out of the beaches - no food available and crossing PCH without access to close signal will only guarantee people will j-walk, be killed and heaven help the driver who is 'responsible' for hitting someone on the highway. The public deserve safe access to our beaches. Venice is NOT safe. Nor will the beaches that are proposed in this latest fiasco. I believe Mike Bonin intentionally mislead his constituents this past month, say this was in the exploratory stage. After a year of shut down, a year people depending on tourism at our beaches, now we are to watch our most precious California resource become an unsafe place for families is heart breaking. There are so many industrial buildings near services to assist people in need that are more suited to help them than our parks and recreational areas. Would you want to bring your family to Venice Beach today? Would you expose your families to the drugs, harassment, violence that is now Venice Beach. Why in the world do you want to spread this to other beaches and parks. You are ruining California...and receiving tax payer dollars for your salaries. We will not forget in the next election cycle.

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Name: Debra Schellenberg

Date Submitted: 04/19/2021 12:50 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am very supportive of helping the homeless so please understand that. This is also not about NIMBY-because I am not supportive of using any beach or any public park to house the homeless. Quite simply, the beaches and parks are not part of the solution. They are for everyone in the City of Los Angeles; enjoyment, including all families and children, and not for one particular group or another. There are countless other solutions to this problem and using public parks and beaches is not one of them. In fact, it's counterintuitive. Moreover, I heard Garcetti's interview with Alex Cohen and he said he did not want to see homeless camps spread throughout the City. Please use Venice Beach as an example of what does not work. I went for a walk on the boardwalk the other day, and I am 67 years old, and it was horrific and frankly dangerous. I stepped on a hypodermic needle, there was trash everywhere, and someone spit on me. IT'S NOT OK. If you want at least 50 more ideas to help solve the problem, I would be more than happy to make suggestions. This one though is NOT an option.

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Name: Sandi nutt

Date Submitted: 04/19/2021 10:46 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please oppose this motion. We need to keep our beaches open, available and safe for our community. Many encampments bring fires, excessive trash and disease, violence and disturbance to passers by. My daughter was pushed off her bike while riding by the San Vicente va encampment and they threw and broke her bike. I pray every day for solutions and support for homeless, but moving to public beaches is not the answer.

Communication from Public

Name: Pacific Palisades Community Council
Date Submitted: 04/19/2021 10:56 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please see attached letter from Pacific Palisades Community Council regarding plan to use beach parking lots and parks in CD 11 for homeless housing, as proposed in the motion by CM Bonin in CF 21-0350 and in the "Sheltering Plan" submitted by the City in connection with the Alliance for Human Rights v. City of Los Angeles case in federal court.



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

April 19, 2021

Hon. Eric Garcetti, Mayor, City of Los Angeles

Hon. Nury Martinez, President, Los Angeles City Council

Hon. Mark Ridley-Thomas, Chair, City Council Homelessness & Poverty Committee (HPC)

Hon. Kevin de León, Hon. Joe Buscaino, Hon. Monica Rodriguez and Hon. Nithya Raman, Members, HPC

Hon. Mike Bonin, Councilmember, CD 11

Via email to each official and submission to the Council File public comment portal

Re: Use of beach parking lots and parks for homeless housing -- Council File #21-0350 and CD11 Sheltering Plan (Ex. C to 4/15/21 Quarterly MOU Status Report)

Dear Mayor Garcetti, Council President Martinez, HPC Chair Ridley-Thomas, HPC Members de León, Buscaino, Rodriguez and Raman, and Councilmember Bonin:

Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) has been the most broad-based organization and voice of the Palisades community since 1973. On April 8, 2021, PPCC held a public Board meeting, with over 475 persons in attendance, regarding the motion by Councilmember Mike Bonin in the above-referenced Council File.

Councilmember Bonin also attended, explaining that the use of the beach parking lot was a possible idea to be considered and evaluated by the City; that no decisions had been made; that a long process would have to be undertaken in order to study the proposal and receive further input from the community; that approvals would be required from several jurisdictions; and that details such as the precise location of the sites and the types of housing or shelter capacity would still need to be determined.

Meeting attendees were overwhelmingly opposed to the use of beach parking lots and parks for homeless housing. Many speakers emphasized the fact that **the beach is a regional, shared public resource** that is visited and enjoyed by millions of beachgoers from the entire City, County and beyond. The need to protect and preserve public access to this beloved public resource – *the backyard of Los Angeles* -- was viewed as paramount. In a straw poll, Board members unanimously agreed that the proposed use of our beaches and parks for this purpose should be opposed; a formal Board vote will be taken on April 22, 2021.

As our elected officials know, it is a core mandate of the Coastal Act to **protect public access** (*see also proposed Position Statement linked below*). Supervisor Sheila Kuehl recently stated the following regarding the addition of an “access mat” on Venice Beach to *increase beach access*:

“One of the major draws for those of us who live in or visit LA is, of course, to be close to the fabulous Pacific Ocean and our gorgeous, sandy beaches. But, for people with disabilities, all that sand can be nothing but a barrier to enjoying a beach day with their family, so LA County is once again acting to **make sure our beaches are ever more accessible and inclusive.**” (Kuehl Happenings, April 17, 2021; emphasis added)

Since the April 8th PPCC meeting, the PPCC Executive Committee has learned that under the terms of the settlement under discussion in *Alliance for Human Rights v. City of Los Angeles* (the *Alliance* case), the **State**

beach and County-operated parking lots would not fall within the scope of potential court-mandated sites because the City would only be obligated to contribute *City-owned land*. Councilmember Bonin is very familiar with Pacific Palisades and should know that there are no feasible City-owned sites in our community; *if there were, he would have proposed them*.

We have also learned that: 1) on April 15, 2021, the City submitted a Quarterly MOU Status Report in the *Alliance* case, specifically listing the *State-owned* parking lots at Will Rogers State Beach and Dockweiler Beach, with “50 shelters” at each site, as part of CD 11’s participation in the Sheltering Plan for each Council District (“Proposed Additional Interventions”); and 2) as early as November and December, 2020, Councilmember Bonin and/or staff may have engaged in communications with Coastal Commission staff and one or more County Supervisors regarding use of the state beach parking lots to shelter homeless individuals.

Councilmember Bonin should have known that any proposed use of the state beach parking lots would be strongly opposed (indeed, over 1000 written public comments in opposition have been submitted to date in CF 21-0350). He was less than forthright with his constituents about the actual plans when he failed to mention prior communications with relevant parties.

The PPCC Executive Committee decries this lack of transparency from our elected City representative in the strongest possible terms.

At this time, we respectfully urge that the Will Rogers State Beach and Dockweiler Beach parking lots be removed as proposed locations for homeless housing in connection with ongoing settlement negotiations and/or as part of the Sheltering Plan for CD 11 proposed by the City in the *Alliance* case.

PPCC will submit its Position Statement regarding CF 21-0350 to the HPC shortly after the April 22, 2021 Board meeting, when an overwhelming Board vote in opposition to the proposed uses is fully expected. See proposed Position Statement at: <http://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/PPCC-Position-Statement-CF21-0350R.pdf>.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this serious concern.

PPCC Executive Committee

David Card, Chair	Christina Spitz, Secretary
David Kaplan, Vice Chair	John Padden, Organization Representative (PRIDE)
Richard Cohen, Treasurer	Joanna Spak, Area Representative (Area 1, Castellammare, Paseo Miramar)

cc (via email):

Hon. Mike Feuer, Los Angeles City Attorney
Scott Marcus, Sr. Assistant Los Angeles City Attorney
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Hon. Janice Hahn, Los Angeles County Supervisor, CSD 4
Gary Jones, Director, Los Angeles County Dept. of Beaches & Harbors
John “Jack” Ainsworth, Executive Director, California Coastal Commission
Steve Hudson, District Director, South Coast District, LA County, California Coastal Commission

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Name: Michelle Zweig
Date Submitted: 04/19/2021 06:48 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I live in the Venice/Marina Del Rey area, and have for 30 plus years, In the Last few years, I have seen Venice Beach destroyed by Mike Bonin's policy if allowing homeless encampments on Venice Beach and surrounding the Venice Bridge Home. These areas are filthy ditty,dirty, and gave destroyed the surrounding areas. For this reason, I completely oppose all facets of this proposal by Mike Bonin.

Communication from Public

Name: stuart n rosenberg

Date Submitted: 04/19/2021 07:45 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council 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. Mike Bonin has flawed vision for this move of homeless encampment to the SM / Palisades beach parking lot. It would cost the City millions in lost revenues and it would deprive millions of City residence access to beach parking. He is delusional. No way this action is in the best interest of anyone or entity.

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Name: Melissa
Date Submitted: 04/19/2021 09:21 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Martina Del Rey. 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. The existing encampments across Venice beach have already caused measurable increases in public safety hazards and been detrimental to local business. Beaches were never intended to be residential spaces. Trash has been piling up in already overflowing city bins and blowing into our oceans. Bathrooms are crowded and filthy. Expanding these encampments to other beach parking lots will serve to diminish the value and safety of our beaches. VOTE NO on Motion 21-0350

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Name: Tonya Trapani-Hoffmann

Date Submitted: 04/19/2021 01:41 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am in opposition of Mike Bonin's proposal for homeless housing in the parking lots of LA County beaches. LA County beaches provide recreation and escape from inland heat to all Los Angeleans, as well as tourists. The environmental impact of this proposal would devastate the health of our beaches and oceans and make them unsafe. Setting up tiny homes in the parking lots of our county gems is NOT a solution to the increasing homeless, mental illness, and substance abuse crisis occurring in LA County and beyond. We need real programs, like Codac in Rhode Island, to address this crisis.....not tiny houses on our beaches. I am disappointed in Mike Bonin's leadership. I urge you to vote against his short sighted and destructive proposal to denigrate our beaches and make them unsafe for all Los Angeleans.

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Name: Benjamin Scherer

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Communication from Public

Name: Stacy Scherer

Date Submitted: 04/19/2021 01:15 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Mr. Bonin's council motion wants encampments on all beaches in District 11. He's willing to place more taxpaying residents in harms way with homeless violence that follows all encampments and shelters. He willing to place visitors with children and families from across the city in harms way because they homeless will have free rein over all beaches. The violence by homeless is real, and it is out of control and it attracts gangs and more crime. This will destroy the beautiful parts of the city and ruin daily lives and tourism. Venice beach is a scary place and by expanding this across Los Angeles would be devastating. All societies must keep & maintain a clean healthy community. What you allow to occur on our streets is creating havoc and violence and you must hold the homeless accountable by getting them immediately into rehab or get them the mentally health help they need. THIS IS NOT THE SOLUTION. SAVE OUR BEACHES! PLEASE. Regards, Stacy Scherer

Communication from Public

Name: Catherine Atherton
Date Submitted: 04/19/2021 04:41 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I would like to join in opposing Mike Bonin's proposal to use parks and beaches to house the homeless temporarily. These facilities belong to us all and are necessary for everyone's physical and mental well-being; once ceded to the homeless alone, they are likely to remain out of bounds for everyone else for the foreseeable future. Permitting the homeless to camp there does nothing to solve the medium- or- short-term problem of homelessness; in particular, because nothing will be done to prevent drug and alcohol abuse, there will be no incentive to move to other locations at which restrictions are enforced, and conditions in encampments will rapidly deteriorate, endangering all the inhabitants, as they have done elsewhere during the pandemic, especially amongst those most in need of care—the physically vulnerable, the sick, the mentally ill. The City and County must focus on providing medium- and long-term facilities and in the short term on isolating individuals who are known to represent a danger to themselves or to others and on rescuing those who cannot protect themselves. Beach and park encampments would become ghettos in which only crime and violence, loneliness and pain, would thrive.

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Name: Carole Masek

Date Submitted: 04/19/2021 02:58 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This proposal solves nothing and will only open the door for more homeless to migrate here and take advantage of our parks and beaches. There are some who are truly in need, but I am concerned for the safety & CLEANLINESS of our open space. I am tired of trying to find a little place that is safe for us to go without encountering a big giant ruckus from some of these scary drug addicts and alcoholics that think we owe them something because they are down & out. Please consider some type of consideration for us folks who pay taxes and respect our surroundings, we deserve to feel free and safe. Thank you

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Name: Scott D Wagenseller

Date Submitted: 04/19/2021 03:02 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Temporary homeless housing is not appropriate in our city or state parks, and certainly not in a location such as our beaches, lakes and rivers. Please find a location in the industrial section or inner city area where the living conditions will motivate them to get back to work and stop doing drugs. A jail or prison should be considered to further enhance societies disapproval of their lifestyle choice. This accommodation of transients has to stop. Your lack of punitive action is encouraging more.

Communication from Public

Name: claire acerno

Date Submitted: 04/19/2021 07:10 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am FOR finding a better solution for what has become a disproportionate mess on our streets. Please re-think using our parks to house the homeless. I know we are in dire straits as a city, but we must pull it together and find a more viable solution. Perhaps a place where more homeless can be housed in one place, ie: a large building that is no longer in use. This is Los Angeles, it is huge. Shuffling around ten, or twenty homeless here and there is not going to help in the long run. It is only a distraction from the bigger problem. There has to be a place where services for drug rehabilitation, mental health and housing can be in one place. A place where we can house hundreds, where we can separate those who need mental help from those who need help with drug addiction, and families who have recently been kicked out of their residences because of lack of money. I am no expert but i know a solution exists. Los Angeles is short on parks ranking 74, out of 100 cities. We need to keep what little green space we have for CHILDREN, recreation, and sports and just getting away from the hustle and bustle. I feel unsafe in Mar Vista where i've lived 30 years. Where not too long ago, I could walk anywhere within a 3 mile radius and not see needles, human feces, men half naked and shooting up or derelicts ranting with nunchucks. (All of which i've seen on my daytime walks in the past few months) Now i only walk one small route and i take mace along. worse than NYC in the 1970's. It really is like a nightmare that has slowly and insidiously crept in our environment. There has to be a better solution, I have faith that you can find one. Keep our Parks Parks! Think outside of the box that is Mar Vista park, (and Venice Beach and Echo Park and all the other green spaces for that matter) VOTE NO ON 21-0350

Communication from Public

Name: Beverly

Date Submitted: 04/19/2021 09:13 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the use of any beaches, especially Will Rogers State Beach, as a "temporary site for single-occupancy tiny homes or safe camping at the county-owned parking lot at Will Rogers State Beach" in Pacific Palisades for the following reasons: 1. State beaches are for citizens and visitors to relax and enjoy the ocean, sand and views. Where will people park to access Will Rogers State Beach, as there is no parking along PCH. We need to protect the public access to our beaches. 2. Children will be exposed to the dangers of drug addicts, alcoholics, and crime. Used drug needles, feces, and associated trash will be in the sand and ocean, which will be dangerous to the children and adults alike. 3. There are inadequate facilities, such as showers and toilets. 3. Services for job training, by mental illness professionals and by drug and alcohol addiction counselors should be provided to help the homeless become productive members of society, so that we just are not kicking the can down the road. 4. Children will not have adequate access to go to school. Children and adults may have to cross six lanes of Pacific Coast Highway to go to any school or grocery store. 5. Providing "tiny homes" or "safe camping" or sleeping in cars are not LONG-TERM, PERMANENT SOLUTIONS to helping homelessness and poverty. Bottom line: Why would we believe that a "temporary" site will be a PERMANENT solution to address the complex needs of the homeless, with regard to mental health, joblessness and poverty? This is not an appropriate solution and, again, I oppose the motion to place "tiny homes" in the parking lot at Will Rogers State Beach, 17000 CA-1 in Pacific Palisades, as presented by Mike Bonin and seconded by Mark Ridley-Thomas. Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of my views.

Communication from Public

Name: H Vandenberghe

Date Submitted: 04/19/2021 10:45 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a lifelong resident of Pacific Palisades I am outraged that housing the homeless is an option on our precious PUBLIC beaches. These beaches are a highly valued part of living in LA for ALL Angelenos, not to mention a draw for tourists. Creating an unsafe, dirty beach environment filled with the homeless scares both locals and tourists away (see Venice as a case in point). Surely the LA Tourism Board can tell you that our long stretch of beaches is part of the reason LA became the #1 US tourism destination two years ago (as a former board member I can attest to this). Why would you ruin something that attracts billions of dollars in revenue each year ? But it's not just the financials - what about the significant personal and fire danger presented by bringing the homeless encampments so close to a family community, and to dry, dangerous hillsides? We are a red flag community, and are evacuated nearly every fall due to fire danger - adding the homeless encampments beneath our hillsides will only increase this danger. LA is not at a loss for empty parcels of property. There is no reason to destroy a quiet community and our children's ability to enjoy the beaches, when there are many other options throughout this vast city. Watch property values, tourism and overall happiness in this city plummet if this decision goes through.