

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 11:26 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: The beach lots are a terrible place to home anyone who is striving to better their situation. There is no easy access to public transportation for those who need to apply for jobs, meet with social workers or collect benefits. Annexing the homeless here assured that they will have an even tougher time re-entering society. What about hygiene? Running water? Medical? It's a long walk to the nearest healthcare or store. Consolidating this group in a small area also ups the chances of infections (such as those reported at skid row 4 years ago which included hep C and tuberculosis). Once the city sanctions an encampment the city will become fully responsible for these people (and will likely be sued for any and all mishaps). Sounds more like a hastily thrown together refugee camp than a thought out plan to uplift those who truly need help. This plan is not good for the homeless, the community or the billion dollar tourism industry.

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Name: L Fauvre

Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 11:40 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Since 2013 our county has gone from spending \$10M to now a proposed \$1B on our homeless community. Clearly throwing money at the issue and building homes has done nothing to bring about a true solution. So stop looking at "empty" property in high rent areas to temporarily solve this problem - when and how will the homeless ever be able to afford to leave or live in these communities. Stop asking hard-working taxpayers to fund poorly designed "housing" solutions that are plagued by corruption and kick-backs -- it's only INCREASED the homeless problem and degraded the homes/communities we're trying to live in. Stop making our city a haven for the homeless, we have to humanely curtail not encourage its growth. Start by eliminating the term homeless and instead defining each category of those on the streets (temporarily unhoused/transitioning, abused women and children, veterans, drug addicts, mentally ill, etc) and determine effective solutions by group. Start building shelter communities in low rent empty areas so the disenfranchised can actually transition into more permanent housing at some point; so that government facilities and clinics can actually be built to assist them and we can afford to operate them; so that social workers can work and train in centralized areas dedicated to the unhoused because we completely lack adequate training for their needs. It's time to stop pushing the problem on to our beaches or other organizations, especially the police, firefighters and hospitals, because it's too hard to do anything else. We elected you to serve ALL 9.9M of us in LA County, as well as the 66,436 homeless. Start doing the hard work that brings about long term solutions for all of us. Thank you

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Comments for Public Posting: I take great exception to being completely ignored by my elected officials and City, County, and State services people. We DO NOT want encampments on our beaches, sidewalks, and parks. These locations are not intended for this purpose and we the taxpayers are saying NO! Your policies are destroying our way of life, our real estate values, our quiet enjoyment, our children's upbringing, our safety, our health, our wetlands, and when people live under these stresses, our mental state. We live in fear of these drug addicts and mentally unstable people living outside our front doors. This is not the way a civilized society operates; there are rules for beaches, sidewalks, and parks and they should and must be enforced. There are a plethora of unpopulated areas in the state of California, I saw plenty on my way to the Palm Desert. Use those lands and build your tent cities, RV parking lots and tiny homes. Stop the insanity. Homeless should not get to lay camp wherever they want and you people need to stop enabling this type of thinking. Do your jobs and listen to the majority of constituents who DO NOT want Bonin's policies put in place. We DO NOT want homeless living on the beaches, sidewalks, or in our parks. Period. What Mike Bonin and his like-minded gang have done to Venice and Westchester Park is a crime.

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Name: Jon B

Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 08:49 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My family and I live across the street from Will Rogers State Beach in a mobile home community. We have a 1 and 2 year old and this is not the place to create this homeless support site. We were just attacked yesterday at the Santa Monica Pier by a homeless man who was clearly mentally ill. Unfortunately, many of the homeless are. Please find a location more appropriate and safer to house and treat the homeless than so close to where our children congregate and play. This is inviting risky situations and encounters between the homeless that you are treating and the public so close to our residential communities and at our public recreation areas.

Communication from Public

Name: Leesa Eichberger

Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 08:52 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the proposal to allow encampments on our shared Beaches & Parks. Our public Beaches & Parks were not intended for encampments, just as they are not intended for the exclusive use of any special group. These areas are meant to be shared and enjoyed by the entire community, not given as free housing to one particular subgroup. Allowing encampments will increase crime, decrease child safety, and increase pollution in our public spaces and ocean. There are no services at in this area, and Councilman Bonin has admitted that he is not in a position to increase services, increase enforcement of criminal behavior, nor address the larger root issues of homelessness such as mental illness, addiction, job training, job placement, etc. Please do not take our precious resources and give them to one small subsegment of the population to the exclusion of other groups. This would be equally unfair if a wealthy group wanted to take access for themselves, blocking out the rest of the community. We must keep access to our beaches open to everyone.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 09:08 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I OPPOSE the proposal to allow encampments on Beaches & Parks. Our PUBLIC Beaches & Parks were not intended for encampments. This will increase crime, decrease child safety & increase pollution in our public spaces & ocean. It will increase the risk of wildfires caused by vagrancy in a high risk fire zone. Our county cannot afford short sighted decisions and negligent policies. This motion will drastically increase crime, leading to a decline in real estate values. Councilman Bonin admitted that he is not in a position to increase services, increase enforcement of criminal behavior, nor address the larger root issues of homelessness such as mental illness, addiction, job training, job placement, etc. Encampments could be allowed in the many underutilized City owned properties.

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Name: Richard H

Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 09:42 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Strongly against this - it is the wrong solution

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Name: David Zucker

Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 09:45 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE protect innocent citizens from these homeless vagrants. It is your DUTY! The first duty of government is to protect its citizens. REPRESENT US, NOT THE HOMELESS!!!

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Name: Brad Migneault
Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 09:46 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: No encampments at parks or beaches This is unsafe for the public
Not safe for kids and family

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Name:

Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 09:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles Homelessness and Poverty Committee Please deny the motion put forth by Councilman Bonin and Ridley-Thomas to build homeless villages throughout Los Angeles at our public beaches, parks and within close proximity to our residential communities. The beaches, parks and recreational areas are for public use of the housed and unhoused. Deeming them living quarters for the unhoused denies access to these spaces by the tax paying citizens of the city who fund these properties and services to maintain them. This is an irresponsible and inequitable use of property. This motion should be denied in its entirety. Sarah Shoup Los Angeles City Stakeholder

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Name: Sherain Fowler

Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 09:51 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I ask that the committee vote against the placement of homeless encampments at Will Rogers State Beach, Dockweiler Beach and Fisherman's Village in Marina del Rey. Our homeless need housing and access to health services, grocery stores, and medicines. Additionally, the placement of homeless encampments in highly used Public Spaces creates an unsafe environment for the both the homeless individuals and the General Public. Trash from homeless encampments as well as improperly discarded needles create a health hazard both at the site and as it blows into the Ocean. Please create permanent solutions for our homeless population as well as maintaining safe public recreational spaces for the General Public. Thank you

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Name: Allison P

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Comments for Public Posting: It's time for this responsibility to be shared equitably countywide. Enough is enough! Venice is becoming a place nobody wants live, we are all considering leaving. Our taxes have been wasted by Bonin's mismanagement. The historically diverse and tolerant Venice community has been traumatized for too long. Stop this madness AGAINST 21-0350 (CD 11)

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Comments for Public Posting: No! This is a safety and health concern. Many homeless people have mental issues that create safety concerns and placing them in a public area seems like a bad idea. Who's kid has to be stabbed at the beach because of this terrible idea? I can't wait to vote Bonehead out of office.

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Comments for Public Posting: Yesterday I was walking along the beach, and we encountered a mentally ill homeless man who attacked me and my family. He jumped in front of our stroller as we walked and spit at us and continued to follow us for a good half mile yelling and screaming and hitting things, till we were able to get some safe distance away and make sure law enforcement was able to handle the situation. I had my 1 and 2 yr kids in the stroller and the whole situation was scary and traumatizing for everyone. There are few homeless currently around our area by Will Rogers Beach, and the idea of creating a homeless encampment for these people right across the street from where we live is frightening. Will Rogers is a beach that many families visit daily, and putting homeless in these locations is not a good solution and is a potential for more problems and situations like the one we just encountered. There is no way to contain these people with this proposal, and these homeless will wonder around as they please. This will directly effect everyone who visits and lives close to Will Rogers Beach. Let's find a more productive solution for these people so that we help these homeless/mentally ill people, BUT we NEED to keep our fellow neighbors, families, and children SAFE! I never want a homeless/mentally ill person chasing me and spitting at my children again.

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Comments for Public Posting: I don't want my family (including young child) to live near a homeless encampment. My young daughter was threatened several times by a mentally ill homeless person and the police was powerless to do anything. There aren't a lot of homeless yet in Playa Del Rey, and these encampments would encourage a critical mass of homeless to now spread to Playa (they would walk right down the beach if they were housed here) which would raise the risk of more threats or even potential violence from homeless.

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Name: Sandra Stewart

Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 10:07 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to camping on the public beaches and harbors and parks. This is a toxic nightmare and environmentally unsound.

Communication from Public

Name: Konnie S

Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 10:10 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm born and raised in Los Angeles. I have worked hard to raise my family and buy a home. I'm tired of the homeless invading our neighborhoods. We can no longer use our parks or feel safe in our neighborhood. The huge increase in crime and violence by the homeless needs to STOP. Building new housing is NOT THE ANSWER. These people need to be sent back to their own States. Required to work and earn their keep. Many do not want housing when offered! They don't want rules or regulations. They DO NOT DESERVE TAXPAYER DOLLARS. Unless they will contribute to society. WE ARE AGAINST ANY MORE MONEY SPENT to build homeless housing. We support the working poor, the hard workers. The homeless need to be escorted out of town. No more hand outs and resources means they will move on. This city IS NO LONGER THE welfare CITY. More money and housing IS NOT GOING TO HELP. No to HOMELESS HOUSING!

Communication from Public

Name: Jeff schwartz

Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 10:10 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please stop this insanity. These people need clinical support in an appropriate environment, not a temporary shelter on important public beaches enjoyed by tens of thousands of los angelenos.

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Name: Monica Brautovich

Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 10:10 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am against Councilman Bonin's proposal to allow camping and building of tiny homes along the public beaches and in the public parks from Dockweiler to Temescal. This is not how we solve the issue of homelessness. It violates the residents of Los Angeles and their rights to clean and safe beaches. It is an environmental hazard that will destroy our coastal habitats. This is not permanent supportive housing which is the only way we are going to move toward a solution to this pervasive problem. I urge the city council to vote NO.

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Name: Candace B.

Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 10:17 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Vote No. Our beaches are clean and generate tourism. This is not the solution for the sake of our residential neighborhoods and commercial communities.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 10:24 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose putting homeless shelters, tiny homes, homeless encampments by the public beaches in parking lots or parks near the beaches. Los Angeles beaches benefit all LA County residents and are a draw for tourists. What tourists will want to visit LA if our beaches are homeless shelters? Imposing urban blight on our beautiful California Coastline will ultimately cost all Californians. This is not the solution for our homeless crisis. A significant bond issue provided funds for the city to build homeless shelters and provide the needed services to the homeless community. Appropriating our beaches was never the intention.

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Comments for Public Posting: I am strongly opposed to building homeless villages at our public beaches. Our beaches are a place where people and families can escape the busy and congested city life and safely enjoy coming with their kids or biking on the bike path. With homeless villages, it will no longer be safe as many homeless are mentally ill or have a serious drug problem. Right now, we have very few homeless people where we live and our two year old was already threatened by a homeless person who also kept exposing himself. Police don't do anything as they claim they can't. Any part of nature should be protected so people can come and feel safe and enjoy the last pieces of nature we have left. People from all over the world come to LA and want to see our beaches. It would be a shame to lose that when there are other areas in the city or county where less would be lost to house the homeless.

Communication from Public

Name: Craig brill

Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 10:35 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: "I OPPOSE the proposal to allow encampments on Beaches & Parks. Our PUBLIC Beaches & Parks were not intended for encampments. This will increase crime, decrease child safety & increase pollution in our public spaces & ocean. Councilman Bonin admitted that he is not in a position to increase services, increase enforcement of criminal behavior, nor address the larger root issues of homelessness such as mental illness, addiction, job training, job placement, etc. Encampments could be allowed in the many underutilized City owned properties."

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Name: CARLOS A JAEN

Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 10:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not allow the quality of life, and public safety in the City of Los Angeles to reach an all time low by allowing the homeless to take residency at the public beaches, parks, sidewalks, parking lots and other public areas near and around schools and residential areas. Our city leaders have already decided to defund the POLICE-LAPD. Our Governor Newsom has decided to early release many felony criminals back to our city, and our president doesn't really care about our open (understaffed) borders and disastrous illegal immigration. Most homeless need professional help at facilities that control and guide them to overcome their addiction, mental health, and many issues. Setting up little houses or tents on public properties is a disaster waiting to explode. The homeless community will continue to grow at a high rate because the City of Los Angeles has great weather, welcomes everyone and provides everything for FREE no questions asked. All at taxpayer expense. Please stop this madness and come up with a reasonable intelligent plan for the safety and tranquility of everyone involved.

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Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 11:07 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is a terrible idea for so various reasons. Let's begin with the health and safety for everyone, the environmental impact, and lastly the terrible use of public funds that could be better spent on actual solutions. Public spaces are public for a reason and not meant to be housing. People have the right to enjoy their neighborhood with their families safely.

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Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 11:15 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly disagree with this proposal. I would vote to Dismiss. I urge you to Vote NO on the proposal to build homeless encampments at our beaches, parks and residential neighborhoods.

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Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 11:15 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Bonin is out of his mind!! Vote NO on homeless ASL's, encampments, shelters, safe parking at our beaches!! You promises are lies and you are destroying our beaches and communities! Your days are numbered as elected officials because we will vote you all out of office!! Vote NO!

Communication from Public

Name: Matt
Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 11:20 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Building and or allowing homeless encampments for an ever increasing homeless population in L.A is not the answer. I speak as someone who's been homeless for periods of time myself and so I'm all too familiar with life on the street in L.A. Nowadays there's lot of time and energy being spent towards having compassion for homeless people in L.A and that there needs to be a solution to the problem. This is good. But even though I've been homeless myself and know all too well the struggle that comes along with it, I'm starting to have more compassion for the business owners, property owners, hard working individuals, parents, their children, students, and others as well, because the homeless problem is now beginning to affect everyone in many ways. A few things you must realize. L.A has become a highly sought after destination as a place to go to if your homeless. Homeless people are coming to L.A from cities all over the country and are bringing their problems with them. Take a survey! Most of these people aren't from L.A! L.A has become like a homeless dumping ground for the entire country due to favorable weather, relaxed drug laws (relatively speaking) like with the passage of Prop 47 in California, and being able to abuse the general compassionate and tolerant nature of the authorities in L.A, the mayors office, city council, the residents, etc. Due to the 9th District court (I believe), a homeless person can't be forced to take their tent down if there isn't enough shelter beds or a suitable alternative for example to accommodate them. Well of course there aren't enough shelter beds! L.A is having to deal with its own native homeless population and now in recent years very large numbers of homeless people coming from other cities all around the country as well! It's too much! Unfortunately, being an addict myself, and knowing from experience, the bulk of the problem is drug addiction hands down. Its not a lack of jobs, resources, rehabs, shelters, low income housing opportunities, the availability of Section 8 vouchers, etc. Sure, the more resources the better. But at the end of the day, to solve the homeless problem rests on the individual, that person getting off drugs, going to a rehab or program (which MediCAL pays for), applying for ongoing benefits or getting a job or going to school, and then, and only then will that individual be able to successfully obtain, maintain, and keep their housing. These encampments and tent

colonies are just free for all hangouts to not have to take ultimate personal responsibility, which most likely means to sober up, be held accountable, and join the rest of the residents of L.A. Believe me people. I speak from experience. The homeless problem is out of control in L.A and to keep allowing these encampments and tent colonies to grow is like throwing gasoline on a fire. The easier you make it to allow addicts to just hang out and use (get high) then that's exactly what they're going to do. Trust me. It's the cold truth. I understand the city has gotten an unheard of amount of money to be used to help address the homeless problem and will be getting more. I warn the mayor and city council. Spend it wisely. Because if you don't you may not get that chance again, nothing will be solved, a lot of it will have gone to waste, and articles and editorials will be written about it for years to come talking about what a shame and waste of time and money it was. Help those who want help. Who are ready to make a change. It starts with the individual. Getting off drugs. Going to a rehab or program. Then the journey towards success will begin and the city's homeless issue will slowly but surely get better. Don't be too easy and tolerant. Drug addicts will take advantage of that every time until they stop using and in the meantime everyone will suffer. Toughen up! It helps the addict more towards cleaning up their act and getting off the street not the other way around. I speak from experience.

Communication from Public

Name: Danielle A Esajian

Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 04:32 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I OPPOSE THE PROPOSAL TO ALLOW ENCAMPMENTS ON OUR BEACHES AND PARKS. OUR BEACHES AND PARKS ARE NOT INTENDED TO BE USED AS ENCAMPMENTS FOR VAGRANTS. THIS WILL CERTAINLY INCREASE CRIME AND TRASH IN THESE AREAS AND IT WILL INCREASE POLLUTION AND TRASH IN THESE AREAS. OUR CHILDREN AND COMMUNITY DESERVE TO HAVE A CLEAN AND USEABLE BEACH AND PARKS.

Communication from Public

Name: Adrienne Chandhok
Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 04:56 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: In regard to the above-referenced File Number, I am completely opposed to Councilman Mike Bonin's proposal that County parking lots at several of our local beaches be used to house the homeless in tents or so-called tiny homes. As a resident of Pacific Palisades, the area in my community that would be impacted is the Will Rogers State Beach parking lot, but the same objections would apply to Councilman Bonin's other proposed beach housing sites. This is a non-solution to a very difficult and complex problem, and will further close off coastal access to the tens of thousands who flock to our beaches on weekends and during the hot summer months. Without a comprehensive plan to address mental health and drug addiction/alcoholism problems, housing homeless people in beach parking lots is a cynical and deeply in humane attempt at a "solution". Certainly the County has dozens if not hundreds of more appropriate sites and/or unused buildings where the homeless can be situated and provided with the medical, mental health and social services with strong supervision to cut down on or eliminate law-breaking behavior by some segments of the homeless population. In addition, the coastal bluffs adjacent to Will Rogers State Beach are covered with dry brush that presents an extreme fire danger to Pacific Palisades and the community of Santa Monica Canyon. We have a history of homeless individuals attempting to camp on these hillsides, with the resultant trash and fires that have occurred. How does Councilman Bonin suggest that this issue be handled? What is his plan to provide security at the potential new homeless encampment at Will Rogers, so that the public and people who reside in the adjacent neighborhoods can continue to safely use the beach for relaxation and recreation, as is their right? All you have to do is take one look at Venice and see what Councilman Bonin's policies have brought about. There are only 2 LAPD officers assigned to our large area including Brentwood and Pacific Palisades, will additional LAPD resources be deployed to the area containing the proposed new homeless encampment? Councilman Bonin's proposal is completely lacking any rational basis, or any true compassion for the homeless, most of whom need a wide variety of services and physical/mental health care to get back on their feet — putting them in a tent in a beach parking lot does absolutely nothing to solve this challenge

LONG-TERM, it's just another Bonin knee-jerk non-solution.
Please reject this madness and work towards finding real solutions
to LA's very serious homelessness issue. Thank you.

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Name: Vicki Halliday

Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 03:11 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the idea of allowing encampments in parks and on beaches. Living in Venice is already a nightmare because to even get TO the beach, one has to pick their way through encampments that are crime ridden entities. Further out on the beach and it would take more LAPD beach details to police, and these encampments MUST be policed. We have lost our safety, peace of mind and have spent extra monies on cameras, security measures and more during the uptick in encampments. Please don't take the sand and water away from us too! No neighborhood deserves this. If the City can't face the crisis sensibly, it shouldn't throw out insane notions like this one.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 02:54 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: DO NOT take the beaches away from tax-paying voters! I OPPOSE the proposal to allow encampments on Beaches & Parks. Our PUBLIC Beaches & Parks were not intended for encampments. This will increase crime, decrease child safety & increase pollution in our public spaces & ocean. Councilman Bonin admitted that he is not in a position to increase services, increase enforcement of criminal behavior, nor address the larger root issues of homelessness such as mental illness, addiction, job training, job placement, etc. Encampments could be allowed in the many underutilized City owned properties. DO THE RIGHT THING FOR TAX-PAYING VOTERS!

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Comments for Public Posting: NO ON 21-0350..... As a long time resident (58+ years...) "I OPPOSE the proposal to allow encampments on Beaches & Parks. Our PUBLIC Beaches & Parks were not intended for encampments. This will increase crime, decrease child safety & increase pollution in our public spaces & ocean. Councilman Bonin admitted that he is not in a position to increase services, increase enforcement of criminal behavior, nor address the larger root issues of homelessness such as mental illness, addiction, job training, job placement, illegal dumping, etc. Encampments should be allowed in the many underutilized City owned properties." Bonin does not have a thorough plan, concise plan and intends to do what he did to Venice to the rest of our Beautiful LA Coastline.... His Methods for "Beach encampment" have shown to be a complete Failure and A HEALTH and Environmental health HAZARD.. He has allowed and encouraged Feces, and Needles (provided by Venice unchecked) and trash on our beaches, streets, parks, in front of schools, sidewalks..Businesses.. with no Services and Solutions and Plans to Clean Up or provide real housing to the homeless.. We must protect our Environment, OUR KIDS, OUR PARKS, Our Businesses and Our Tourism... And Prevent the Further Destruction of our Beaches and the environment we have worked decades to clean and protect. Please VOTE NO and utilize the many other city facilities and empty buildings and land. Thank you...

Communication from Public

Name: Robert McKeon

Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 06:35 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am absolutely opposed to the extension of camping and services onto city parks, beaches, and other recreational areas. These properties exist for the recreational benefit of the general public. One need only to look at the large increase in crime and debris around the Venice Bridge Housing to know that the city is unable to guarantee the safety, cleanliness, and security of the area surrounding these projects, and that the ability of the public to enjoy their outdoor recreational spaces will be severely compromised. According to the LA Times, Los Angeles owns "approximately 9,000 parcels of property, encompassing vacant land as well as office, mixed-use, commercial, industrial, single-family and multi-family properties."
<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-kelly-los-angeles-city-owned-land-20180617-story.html> The city should find underutilized properties among the 9,000 that it owns, and leave parks and recreational spaces for their original purposes.

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: Two At-Risk Populations would make a bad mix at Will Rogers State Beach. It is important to have low-cost housing at the expensive westside, especially close to city beaches. That is what we have and are living in the two mobile home parks directly across the street from proposed Tiny Homes project.. As a consequence most of us live in very flimsy-constructed aluminum homes built in 1960s and 1970s that were never designed to provide a high level of security for residents. The two parks together have more than 320 poorly constructed homes. These homes are not insulated so they get extremely hot for many months of the year; we are all forced to leave sliding doors to decks wide open just to breathe (the houses don't support air conditioning because of inferior electric grids and low amperage --most of us have only 30 amps). Tahitian Terrace and Palisades Bowl have a preponderance of senior citizen residents, most typically women in their 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s, living alone, vulnerable to theft and potential violence from proposed residents who suffer from substance abuse dependence, that is understandably linked with crimes to get money to buy illicit drugs. Homeless residents merely have to cross PCH and walk up the hill to find easy opportunities for robbery, likely when residents are home!. It's a very bad mix of populations at risk. Thanks for considering this very important objection. Tahitian Terrace female resident, age 74.

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Name: Dr G B

Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 07:06 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: "I OPPOSE the proposal to allow encampments on LA Beaches & Parks. Our PUBLIC Beaches & Parks were not intended for encampments. This will increase crime, decrease child safety & increase pollution in our public spaces & ocean. Councilman Bonin admitted that he is not in a position to increase services, increase enforcement of criminal behavior, nor address the larger root issues of homelessness such as mental illness, addiction, job training, job placement, etc. Encampments could be allowed in the many underutilized City owned properties or in many campgrounds towards the outskirts."

Communication from Public

Name: Sue Choi

Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 07:32 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I OPPOSE the proposal to allow encampments on Beaches & Parks. Our PUBLIC Beaches & Parks were not intended to become encampments and effectively deter families, residents, and tourists from enjoying the beach due to the danger and sanitation issues. Councilman Bonin admitted that he is not in a position to increase services, increase enforcement of criminal behavior, nor address the larger root issues of homelessness such as mental illness, addiction, job training, job placement, etc.

Communication from Public

Name: Patrick Sarkissian

Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 07:56 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: You really think it's a smart idea to allow homeless and the mentally disturbed to live on the beach? To be near children? If so you have zero empathy for families living here, the safety of tourists, the stability of our economy and no commitment to your constituents who actually pay taxes here. You will be voted out of office if this becomes a reality- we will see to it.

Communication from Public

Name: Monique Nishikawa

Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 08:01 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the proposal to allow encampments on Beaches & Parks. Our public Beaches & Parks were not intended for encampments. My family and I use these spaces weekly and it is not fair to allow our parks and beaches to be overrun with encampments. Crime and trash pollution is already up in our area and I always feel I need to constantly watch my surroundings when I am out with my children. We need another solution to address the root issue of homelessness (addiction services, mental health counseling, etc.). I feel for those that want to be housed, but communal public spaces are not the answer.

Communication from Public

Name: Jacqueline Calavan

Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 11:43 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, We urge you to vote against Mr Bonin's motion 21-0350. Each of you have constituents who enjoy spending time at Will Rogers and Dockweiler State Beaches. Housing homeless individuals so close to PCH is dangerous not only to the homeless but to motorists, cyclists, runners, walkers, roller skaters and rollerbladers to name a few. The hillsides adjacent to WRSB are vulnerable to fire and erosion. Mr Bonin has stated that each area must bear the burden yet our community has been helping the homeless find housing and care for decades. Mark Rapaport and Jacqueline Calavan

Communication from Public

Name: Sessely McDaniel

Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 11:52 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I believe safe camping and tiny homes would be helpful to address the ongoing housing crisis. Unfortunately, providing these options at the beach actually encourages folks to move to beach cities to take advantage of beach living. We have seen an uptick in unhoused folks from outside of LA excited to live on our beautiful beaches. Once they arrive, they are susceptible to the drugs and criminal behavior that is currently flourishing in these communities. Hurt people hurt people, and we see a considerable rise in violence in Venice. Venice has been used as a containment zone for the past year. Our families are suffering. Many residents have had multiple traumatic interactions with unhoused folks in full blow mental health crisis. We are living in an open-air mental asylum with little to zero resources. Please provide safety for the children of Venice and move these unhoused folks away from children. My teen was assaulted while trying to walk in the CVS on Main Street. This child struggles with depression and was attempting to pick up medication. We were told that this area would have some security when the bridge housing facility opened. It has been a nightmare for residence. Please protect our families. Why does it seem that the children of Venice are a lower priority than the children In more affluent areas? Venice families deserve safety.

Communication from Public

Name: Mike Penfold

Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 12:16 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly OPPOSE the proposal to allow encampments on Beaches & Parks. Our PUBLIC Beaches & Parks were not intended for encampments. This will increase crime, decrease child safety & increase pollution in our public spaces & ocean. Councilman Bonin admitted that he is not in a position to increase services, increase enforcement of criminal behavior, nor address the larger root issues of homelessness such as mental illness, addiction, job training, job placement, etc. Encampments should be allowed in the many underutilized City owned properties. I pay taxes to be able to use the areas of my city in a safe manor. It is the governments job to protect all citizens. This is a lawless area at this point and is terrible for families that live here, tourists that visit and is NOT a solution to helping the homeless. It simply exacerbates the issue and enables crime and disease to flourish while driving TAX PAYERS and revenue generating tourists out of the area.

Communication from Public

Name: Stassi Lasker

Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 12:19 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I OPPOSE the proposal to allow encampments on Beaches & Parks. Our PUBLIC Beaches & Parks were not intended for encampments. This will increase crime, decrease child safety & increase pollution in our public spaces & ocean. As a woman, I no longer feel safe in the community where I live and am considering relocating somewhere safer where the city will protect me and my rights. Councilman Bonin admitted that he is not in a position to increase services, increase enforcement of criminal behavior, nor address the larger root issues of homelessness such as mental illness, addiction, job training, job placement, etc. Encampments should be allowed in the many underutilized City owned properties.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Jensen

Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 12:46 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I OPPOSE the proposal to study encampments on our state and county beaches and parks. There are dozens of city-owned properties that are underutilized and not used by the public that are more appropriate for this purpose--those properties warrant studies. In contrast, this proposal will spend money to study something common sense tells us will be a recipe for disaster, as has been proven over the past year by Councilmember Bonin's policies of containment and foregoing enforcement of laws in Venice.

Communication from Public

Name: Julia

Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 12:53 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Please we cannot have homeless housing on our beaches. I am against 21-0359 (CD 11). This will end myself going to the beach to relax and enjoy my beach. My family and friends feel the same. There are other ways to implement housing. With robust coordination we can ensure every homeless person will have a place to call home. Not at our BEACHES.

Communication from Public

Name: Theresa Torrance

Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 01:36 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: My family is opposed to the Motion filed by our council member Bonin with respect to housing the homeless in some of our public spaces, and a feasibility study at this point, is not necessary. Simply allowing people to reside/dwell in our parks, beaches and other public spaces, is NOT a solution to the homeless crisis. We recognize the need to implement compassionate and effective solutions, services and access to permanent supportive housing for our homeless community, yet measures need to be taken to ensure the protection and wellbeing of our community as a whole. That is not happening now. The 42+ RV's parked along Jefferson Blvd and other residential streets, with no sewage hook ups, proper sanitation or security, as well as allowing people to camp/dwell in our parks, wetlands and beaches, has created a health and safety hazard to ALL people living in our community. This lax and uncontrolled environment has led to lawlessness with no consequences, and has left our community on edge. We have seen the horrific news stories out of Venice and Echo Park and are seeing our community now following suit, with the fire in the Wetlands, caused by a trash fire, and countless attacks, lewd conduct and other criminal activity, much of it arising from instability and unsecured encampments in the wetlands, Westchester park and other spaces. The state of Venice beach along the boardwalk, as well as Echo Park, with the clean up cost there over half a million dollars (with the removal of 35 tons of solid waste-700 lbs of it biological), is unacceptable. For immediate housing, the city should be exploring Sprung structures on government owned property, such as the one the Union Rescue Mission added on their downtown property, with full services, including mental health and security ON SITE, until tiny homes or other housing facilities (and RV camp grounds) can be created and offered with full services. If the private sector can do it with success (Union Rescue Mission) as well as volunteer organizations, such as Pacific Palisades Task Force on Homelessness, why can't our city look to their process? The city and the county need to make better efforts to work together and put our taxpayer dollars from Prop HHH to appropriate use!