

Communication from Public

Name: Melanie Landsberg

Date Submitted: 05/26/2021 11:47 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose this misguided idea. Chronic homelessness is a symptom of a complex problem and this is a singularly stupid response. Most of the chronically homeless population suffer from mental illness and/or drug addiction and/or alcoholism, and need an array of social services to reclaim their lives in the mainstream of our society. Meanwhile, Los Angeles is already severely under-served in parks and open space. Parking the homeless in a series of encampments that effectively deny the citizens of Los Angeles any portion of their limited parks and/or open spaces is not addressing the root cause of homelessness. A comprehensive, regional solution to the estimated 60,000 permanently homeless that are blighting the downtown, and spreading out across the region would involve a much larger and concentrated tent city and the delivery of the necessary social services. It should not be in the middle of the City, or in multiple locations making service delivery more difficult and costly. The tent city should be a joint City/ County/ State project of scale on the outskirts, for example on the unused, 10,000 acre Los Angeles World Airways property in the Antelope Valley. Moreover, this "solution" of dumping the homeless in such a location is inherently dangerous and asking for yet another hazard for these people - getting across PCH as we see with already multiple accidents, this would create a danger to them as well as drivers.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Wauters

Date Submitted: 05/26/2021 12:13 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Public parks and beaches should NOT be given over to camping of unhoused people. They MUST be housed and the city must find places that do not impinge on the public. Parks are not city property for the city to dispose of as they see fit. 4 million people of this city own those spaces and they have been dedicated to recreational and shared use since their creation. I do not know the number of people camping on Venice beach, but let's say its 500 - 1000 people. Why should 500 - 1000 people, who the city has failed, hold sway over the 4 million LA residents who have a right to use the beach for recreation, unmolested by the sight of criminal behavior and large piles of trash? My 15 year-old daughter is a surfer and she cannot surf at Venice beach without being exposed to crime, possible rape and the drug trade happening just in front of the Venice breakwater. She routinely travels all the way to Malibu, in order to surf. This is causing a recreation space to be neglected and further falling into disrepair and rejection by the public. This beach must be cleared and there are solutions! What about the little boy from East L.A. who has bugged his dad for months to take him to the beach, and then he arrives to witness a sorry, trash-filled, crime-filled campground? My sympathy goes out to the unhoused - they need housing. I think that allowing camping on public lands is just laziness on the part of the city whereby the city is taking away from the public because they are too lazy to take land from private property owners. The unhoused population has ended up on the street in part because way too many luxury housing units were approved by this city government, creating a dirth of moderately and low-priced housing while the luxury units throughout the city sit empty and are used for speculation alone. The crime rate and the destruction of a once vibrant local and tourist Venice scene is unconscionable. I just today heard that the Podshare in Westwood sits vacant, while unhoused people live unsafe and crime-threatened lives on the beach. There are plenty of units in this city - the city government needs to enter takings proceedings to house people. SOLUTION: The area of land directly east of the airport affords a large piece of land, that could be organized into campsites serving the unhoused, could be split into single-sex and drug / non-drug using populations. This way, those who are unhoused and are vulnerable (women and children and non-drug

using) could be safer than at present. Also, we could start building small casual buildings that would provide more solid housing, services, etc. to help folks begin a transition away from homelessness. As long as we provide easy and convenient camping, people will camp in those spaces. It's not acceptable to the rest of the population.

Communication from Public

Name: Donald York

Date Submitted: 05/26/2021 12:25 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose establishing homeless encampments at Will Rogers Beach or any other public space that would violate the spirit and law long established to provide coastal access and to protect our sensitive marine environment.

Communication from Public

Name: Kristin Jacobson

Date Submitted: 05/26/2021 02:42 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: This is the worst idea since the decision to invade Iraq. Like what in the actual F is wrong with Bonin?? Mark me down as a big, fat NO!!

Communication from Public

Name: Soma Samanta

Date Submitted: 05/26/2021 02:50 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Remove Westchester Park, Del Rey Lagoon Park, streets bordering Westside Neighborhood School, and Culver Blvd bordering the Ballona Wetlands from the motion for homeless encampments. Homeless encampments don't belong in our parks, schools nor near residential neighborhoods.

Communication from Public

Name: Bryan J Godwin
Date Submitted: 05/26/2021 03:21 PM
Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose any designation of public beachfront parking and property to be slated for homeless shelters, safe camping or tiny homes. This real estate is designated and designed for ALL people of Los Angeles to have safe and easy access to our beaches. We all pay tremendous amounts of taxes to live here, whether state income, sales or real estate for the access of our coastal areas. In addition to these areas being potentially over-run and limiting parking and access (as well as impacting the safety of visitors and residents) we have seen that this area is used as a staging ground for our amazing Fire Departments to be able to battle current and upcoming fires. Which, at least one of in recent weeks was ironically started by an unhoused person. Sincerely,
Bryan Godwin

Communication from Public

Name: MICHAEL MINKY

Date Submitted: 05/26/2021 06:16 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Regarding the feasibility study, thanks to the City Council for not being intimidated by the local opposition. Please continue this study to help find housing. This edge of the parking lot at Will Rogers Beach is seldom used by the public. My concern is transportation- homeless people need to get to work, the market, etc. There is no retail or transport available within walking distance of the parking lot. Any facilities must include transport.

Communication from Public

Name: Brett Freitas

Date Submitted: 05/26/2021 06:20 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Our community overwhelmingly OPPOSES the proposal to allow homeless shelters in our Parks and Beaches. Our PUBLIC Beaches & Parks were not intended for shelters. Shelters should be allowed in the many underutilized City owned properties. I urge you to vote to OPPOSE Motion 21-0350. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/26/2021 10:51 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: As a Los Angeles resident, I wholeheartedly oppose this motion. Like parks and other beaches that are owned and/or operated by governmental entities, Will Rogers State Beach essentially is held in trust for the benefit of all citizens, not just those prescribed in the Motion. Why are we, the significant majority, the taxpayers made to sacrifice when the city failed to plan?

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/26/2021 10:52 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Individuals who are homeless would greatly benefit from an environment that provides physical, medical, psychological and social support. The shelter proposed will not meet these needs. It is concerning that there are alternative and safer options that are not being considered.

Communication from Public

Name: Margarita

Date Submitted: 05/27/2021 11:39 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: We oppose allowing the setting of temporary or permanent homeless encampments. First, it is unsafe for the actual homeless, given lack of access to basic hygiene (toilet, shower), cooking equipment (kitchen, sink), and protected walls (where they can safely leave their valuables). People need to be provided with at least basic accommodation not temporary filthy (yes, tiny homes are filthy) accommodation. 2. It is environmentally unsafe (fire hazard, tsunami hazard) and location to a major highway with no access to basic grocery shopping. 3. It is unsafe for the residents and beach visitors. It is outrageous that out of all the suggested and actually safe options available to the city, such a primitive and unsafe option is being considered for all the parties directly involved (homeless, residents and beach goers). City is finding the quick and dirty way out of a problem that will only get worse.

Communication from Public

Name: Sharon

Date Submitted: 05/27/2021 08:25 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: You gave all received billions to solve the homeless problem. Instead you have wasted our money on horrible ideas like this one that attract more heiness to our Cury and State from around the country and state. This is not about helping those who have fallen on hard times. You know the majority of people are either drug addicts or suffer mental illness or both who do not want to change their lifestyle. Now you want to give them beach side homes to continue their decline. Use or build facilities out of cities where services can be provided those who willing to take them. Others who don't shouldn't be allowed to break laws such as no overnight parking, no camping, etc. Must increase law enforcement not decrease it because we have a health and safety crisis in this city and community. And if you think by putting homeless here in parking lots it'll hurt local beachside residents as much as the rest of population(thereby getting more money from us) , you're wrong . Must of local residents can walk or ride bikes to the beach -some even live on the beach. It's the people who drive here from the inner city who won't find parking. Many residents belong to beach clubs and go to beaches there, which have the money to protect members from the crime that follows these encampments. The public will not have the protection because the police are being reduced. This will be the straw that finally breaks your liberal progressive support on the Westside. Do not use the people land for such unwise use .

Communication from Public

Name: madeleine HERTZ

Date Submitted: 05/13/2021 09:13 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: WE ARE AGAINST LETTING ANYONE CAMP ON PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY. PEOPLE NEED TO BE HOUSED AND WE NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB OF SECURING APPROPRIATE HOUSING FOR THOSE WITHOUT. HOWEVER, APPROPRIATE DOESN'T MEAN \$500,000. CONDOMINIUMS. THE HOMELESS, WHO ARE JOBLESS, CAN LIVE IN 500 SQUARE FEET AND USE COMMUNAL SHOWERS AND KITCHENS. THEY NEED FOLLOW RULES OF A COMMUNITY AND GET SERVICES THAT WOULD HELP THEM LIVE WITH OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY.

Communication from Public

Name: Jan

Date Submitted: 05/13/2021 09:20 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: No to allowing homeless encampment in Westchester Park

Communication from Public

Name: Gloria kim

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 08:20 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I Vehemently oppose any proposal to put homeless housing at the beach or in any areas meant for public recreation. There is absolutely no need for this inane idea. I believe Bonin is doing this to get the votes from LAHSA when LAGSA registers all the homeless and uses their votes to sway politicians. Why else would he want to keep all the homeless in his district? There is endless land that is unoccupied in Palmdale/Lancaster/Santa Clarita that is not meant for public recreation. Bonin has already wrecked Venice, I won't even go there anymore and spend my money because I don't want to deal with being harassed by homeless constantly. Now Pacific Palisades has started to burn because of these homeless whether they have mental issues or are trying to keep warm. The best solution is to make it mandatory for the homeless to live in shelters or in converted motel/hotels and provide them with the mental health, employment services, health services they need. There is no choice, they live there or their stuff get swept up and thrown away from the streets. They cannot take over public right of ways, parks, recreation centers, high risk land And claim it as their own. There is no justification to allow the homeless to take over from those of us paying taxes, obeying laws, and contributing to society! They are following little girls around town, randomly punching people, starting fires and creating chaos where there should be none. Enough is enough, I will never vote for Bonin again and I will help with the recall campaign. Sincerely, Gloria Kim

Communication from Public

Name: Susan F.

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 08:32 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: No tiny homes/homeless shelters at Will Rogers Beach.

Communication from Public

Name: G. Green

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 08:49 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Strongly oppose this motion given safety to mountainside / neighborhood and potential brushfire, as well as continued family access to public beaches. We moved to this particular neighborhood so we could have very easy access to the public beach and with small children, it feels like given what has happened in Venice, this would no longer be a safe, clean space. Our public parks and beaches aren't the answer.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 09:08 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: This is NOT a solution to the homeless problem and invites safety issues for families and beachgoers and residents using the bike path.

Communication from Public

Name: Liz Nyman

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 09:45 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I stand in strong opposition to the beach and park proposed encampments for the homeless. It is a terrible solution to a grotesque situation that has grown exponentially more dire under your so called leadership. Most of the homeless need serious mental health treatment and/or drug and alcohol rehabilitation. This does not happen with a tiny home in a parking lot or a beach or a sidewalk. It requires in patient/long term care. The derelicts and anti- establishment remainder of the homeless should be forced into housing that is already available. You have done nothing for either your law abiding tax payers or for the homeless. Shame on you. Your legacy is the mess you have made of our beautiful city. Rat infested, disease ridden, filth is what you will be remembered for.

Communication from Public

Name: Jon

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 10:30 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: We are residents in Pacific Palisades and have two young children, 1 and 2 years old. We were at Santa Monica pier two weeks ago and a seemingly homeless, mentally ill man attacked my family. He came running towards us, spit at the foot of our stroller, and then continued to harass us. Other patrons were very disturbed and a police officer was able to deter the person away. I'm not sure if they ended up arresting him but it was very disturbing for our family and the other people around. Lots of kids and families enjoying the beach and pier. As we are seeing in Brentwood, many of the homeless that you intend to help will choose to not integrate into the institutionalized shelter you want to build. We will then see these mentally ill and drug addicted individuals wander outside of the "emergency shelter" and into areas where our children and families live and congregate. Please amend this motion. We all agree we need to find a place to treat this serious issue but there has to be a better area to do so. We have so much available land in Southern California. Why at a public beach where tens of thousands of Angelenos bring their families and others live, work and go to schools? PLEASE, consider appealing to a higher authority. We, as your constituents, will support you if you lead us in paving the way for more appropriate and reasonable solutions. They should not be limited to being kept within the district...this is not going to work and there's simply not enough space. WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO FIGHT THIS ILLOGICAL DIRECTIVE. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Samuel Hake
Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 10:42 PM
Council File No: 21-0350
Comments for Public Posting: No way should we have homeless people in the Palisades. This is ridiculous

Communication from Public

Name: Brendon Gerisch

Date Submitted: 05/26/2021 12:28 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I strongly oppose the motion for a feasibility study on safe camping at our public parks and beaches. Homeless encampments don't belong in our parks and near residential neighborhoods. Please look for alternative locations on state, county, city land that can be used instead for centralized services for these desperate people whom are struggling with very serious physical and mental health issues.

Communication from Public

Name: Sherry Whitsett
Date Submitted: 05/26/2021 03:52 AM
Council File No: 21-0350
Comments for Public Posting: I oppose using any public beaches or parks or their parking lots to house the homeless. This is not a productive way to address the problem

Communication from Public

Name: Lynn McIntyre

Date Submitted: 05/26/2021 05:57 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: As a long time palisades resident I oppose the proposed homeless encampment at will Rogers state beach. Not a good solution for this citywide problem.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/26/2021 06:39 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly appose using Will Rogers beach as a transitional homeless safety facility. I believe funding solutions to address the issue is important, the proposed site is very dangerous and will lead to increased fire risk and traffic issues. As a CD 11 resident in the pacific palisades I strongly appose. Bryan

Communication from Public

Name: Shelley Stile

Date Submitted: 05/23/2021 04:32 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am vehemently opposed to setting up homeless encampments on our public beaches! The homeless situation is so out of control. People are being harassed and beaten by the mentally ill and our streets and parks have become homeless encampments that are dangerous to the public health. The last thing weaned is to see our beautiful beaches and parks destroyed.

Communication from Public

Name: Karen Lucente

Date Submitted: 05/13/2021 01:50 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: The idea of a homeless encampment in the beach parking lot is definitely the worst idea I have ever heard. It will ruin the beach for millions of residents and help a small number of homeless people who could just as easily be housed in another parking lot, not on the most prime real estate in the entire city. Anyone who votes in favor of this is out of touch and should be kicked out of office immediately.

Communication from Public

Name: Karen S Goldberg

Date Submitted: 05/16/2021 01:23 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Our PUBLIC Beaches & Parks were not intended for encampments. This will increase crime, decrease child safety & increase pollution in our public spaces & ocean. Our beaches are precious and must be protected. Homeless encampments will destroy them. This will also encourage many more to flock to California's beaches. How can this be the first answer to solve homeless? Homelessness solutions must include drug abuse and psychiatric counseling plus job training. Shoving the homeless mentally ill, drug addicted population to our beaches is not even a temporary solution. It takes away the safety and use of the beaches for all Angelenos and visitors. Why hasn't the City Council created a task force to create a permanent solution? How about vertical solutions that would make it possible for multi levels of housing?

Communication from Public

Name: Phil

Date Submitted: 05/26/2021 07:24 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: We know there is a homeless problem, but this proposed solution is absolutely NOT the answer. We live in a world with two very different political parties, yet nearly 100% of residents (both parties) are OPPOSED to this horrendous proposal. Forget the locals that Bonin is supposed to represent, California is a draw for thousands and thousands of tourists, who all will spend some time going to our world renowned beaches. Can you imagine what this would do to our reputation? What this would do to tourism? What it would do to home values in the entire state, not just the immediate vicinity. Do the people who propose this idiotic idea want responsibility for arson? Want responsibility for assaults? For drug use? Do you want responsibility for anything that might happen to a child or teenager who gets accosted? This is an ASININE proposal. Any board or council member that supports this should be recalled IMMEDIATELY. It is NOT the locals' responsibility to find a solution (as suggested by Bonin) but a solution is fairly easy when you look at the THOUSANDS and THOUSANDS of open acreage inland near Barstow, Mojave, Nevada or Arizona borders. Why the beautiful beaches? Why the most valuable land in the state? This is THE MOST IDIOTIC PROPOSAL I have ever heard of in 50 years. WTF are you thinking?

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/26/2021 08:06 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: As a longtime Pacific Palisade resident I strongly oppose the establishment of a homeless encampment at Will Rogers Beach. It would eliminate local access to the beach (a key reason why many moved to this area, and a primary recreational site for most residents), destroy tourist revenue, damage local vendors, dramatically reduce revenues from film permitting, create a significant fire hazard (in just the last few weeks, we've had several fires started by the homeless), and eliminate a key staging area for fighting fires. For the homeless, it would mean exile and isolation between the ocean to the west and PCH hemming them in on the east. They would have to cross a dangerous freeway to get access to the extremely limited food and basic services available in that area (and there aren't many). They would lack easy access to transportation and any potential employment opportunities for those hoping to improve their circumstances. They would also be exposed to very harsh elements, especially in the summer. This proposal is truly a harmful and dangerous lose-lose-lose for the homeless, the Palisades residents and business, and the city.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/26/2021 08:13 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Had the problem of homelessness been addressed years ago we would not find ourselves in this position today. Creating safe sleeping areas in the parks and beaches only delays the placement process and uses more resources. I live on a street with a transition home for homeless youth. We have seen the upheaval this has brought to our neighborhood. Fights, screaming and yelling at all hours, police called multiple times, drugs and alcohol use on our street when there was none before. And this is in a contained home. This type of encampment does not belong in a park. Our children who are unvaccinated need safe places to play and our parks and beaches need to be available to them without worry or fear.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/26/2021 08:32 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: We are vehemently OPPOSED to housing the homeless on city beach parking lots and parks.

Communication from Public

Name: Larry Surratt

Date Submitted: 05/26/2021 09:07 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Misguided to put the homeless at our beach. Drugs, mentally ill, fires. Unsafe No where for family to park. Everyone is in bathing suits and need to feel safe. You have lost your minds and my vote.

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa Locker

Date Submitted: 05/26/2021 10:03 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Please consider other LA City and County owned property to house the homeless. We know that everyone deserve a safe home but Pacific Palisades is an extremely high fire zone which has just experienced two fires started by homeless people. LA City and County own many areas that would be more suitable for this purpose. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/24/2021 12:51 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: This purpose of this email is to oppose the use of beach parking lots and parks for homeless housing—Council File #21-0350 and CD 11 Sheltering Plan (Ex. C to 4/15/21 Quarterly MOU Status Report) AND to support the Pacific Palisades Community Council and Pacific Palisades Task Force for Homeless. For decades, I have lived between the beach and a State Park which we restored. Our residential area shares these public recreational areas with people from all over the world. “Temporary” shelter sites would have an adverse effect on visitors and those of us who live here while not solving the underlying problem. Unfortunately, as proven by news headlines, these shelter sites would attract those with no regard for others. Despite LAPD AND LAFD patrols, the continuing Palisades Fire set by an arsonist has burned over 1,200 acres and caused several hundred home evacuations. I am greatly concerned about my safety and that of my home. Had the winds blown in a different direction, I could be homeless today. Please listen to the voices of our community coming to you personally and through our community organizations.

Communication from Public

Name: Janis Farquhar

Date Submitted: 05/24/2021 04:41 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: The current proposal to use the city parks and beaches to house the city's unhoused is unacceptable. As a long time Westchester resident I'm appalled by the condition of my local parks. The city needs to find unused city commercial property for the unhoused. For example the unused firehouse on Manchester, use of our parks and beaches must be safely available to the taxpayers. As a retired individual (in a high tax bracket) I'm seriously considering leaving the state. The current condition of this city is deplorable. SAVE OUR PARKS AND BEACHES!!!

Communication from Public

Name: mary alice haney
Date Submitted: 05/24/2021 04:41 PM
Council File No: 21-0350
Comments for Public Posting: I oppose this measure

Communication from Public

Name: Brent D Kaviar

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 10:17 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the homeless beach encampments being proposed. Unfortunately beachfront housing for a small number of people will not solve the systematic problems that we face. The recent fires of yesterday and last week also remind all of us that the mentally ill people living in a sensitive area often create life threatening situations for the vast majority of local residents. I was a resident of Venice for 25 plus years and the recent homeless shelters there has not solved the homeless situation in Venice, it has only been made worst since it was installed. It would of been been better to lease that valuable property and raise money to provide 10 times the services that the city provides at the close to the beach lot. Brent Kaviar

Communication from Public

Name: Deanna Staake
Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 10:51 AM
Council File No: 21-0350
Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the measure of allowing a homeless encampment at Will Rogers Beach

Communication from Public

Name: John Bowlin
Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 11:35 AM
Council File No: 21-0350
Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose this measure.

Communication from Public

Name: Bruce Waxman

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 12:51 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: We are against using Will Rogers Beach parking as a place for homeless encampments. While we support and feed the homeless here in Santa Monica and Venice, having the tiny houses and encampments so close to the summer camps that take place in the Palisades from June-Sept.

Communication from Public

Name: Allen Marks

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 12:57 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am a law abiding, tax paying citizen who has the rights to use the streets and parks I paid for, and pay to maintain. We only have ONE park in Westchester. My wife and I play tennis with about 2 dozen other seniors. We play almost 6 days a week. We need our elected politicians to represent us and to protect and maintain safe our cherished and minimal shared resources. What I find in the park is a very unsafe and unsanitary situation that needs to be rectified. Please respect and represent the constituents that have made the park possible.

Communication from Public

Name: Jim Kanan

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:08 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am asking to not allow the homeless encampment to be allowed at Will Rogers Beach just below the Pacific Palisades. This is a frequented beach that is always pack on sunny days servicing all of Los Angeles and beyond for people that want to visit the beach. This area also services the Junior Lifeguard summer camps, many volleyball summer camps, many Volleyball tournaments, services the high school for surf class and the Palisades High surf club, there are two summer day camps within very close proximity, and many more beach activities. This also service the neighborhood and beyond for people exercise (running, riding bikes, and walking) along the pathway. This area also services the Fire department in times of need for a staging area for the very real fire hazards this community deals with regularly including the fire that just happen last week and yesterday (May 2021). This area is also a very dangerous and winding area of PCH that could cause major traffic and life threatening issues if someone walked out onto PCH from the encampment just steps away. There are also no real close areas for the people in the encampment to go if they need food or water in the area. Please do not allow this to happen in a very popular area of our community that services millions throughout the whole Los Angeles region yearly. This is a bad idea to put a bandage on a very serious problem that needs to be solve by working together with all of Los Angeles and the state government beyond.

Communication from Public

Name: Victoria stokdyy

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:19 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not take away the public's acces to Will Rogers State beach by taking over the parking lot for homeless camping. There are other parking lots that should be used

Communication from Public

Name: Michael G Lushing

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:30 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: There are lots of government owned buildings and land in and around Los Angeles to home the homeless. Put a homeless camp in the parking lot of Will Rodgers Beach is a horrible idea. People live in California for the beauty of our state and our beaches are a huge focus for locals and tourists. Why ruin the pristine beauty of the beaches with any sort of encampment homeless or otherwise.

Communication from Public

Name: Jason Winget

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:37 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: May 25, 2021 District 11 Homeowner Nury Martinez Los Angeles City Council President Dear Mrs. Martinez, I am writing to inform you of a very unfortunate event that my son and I experienced a few years ago in the Pacific Palisades Village involving a homeless individual. My hope is you will listen, take this letter to heart, and share it with your colleagues and other elected city council members who vote on Motion 21-0350 calling for temporary housing units for the homeless on L.A. City's parks and beaches. In June of 2016, our eight-year-old son was assaulted by a homeless man in the Pacific Palisades Village. We were walking out of a smoothie store on our way to the recreation center to play baseball. It was a horrific experience for our son and myself. We are grateful our son did not suffer severe bodily injury from the assault. Fortunately, there was no weapon involved. However, our son had to witness his father defend and protect him using measures no child should ever have to witness their father do. We do not promote violence in our family and within minutes our son became a victim and was exposed to two violent acts. To this day it has affected him. Our son has suffered anxiety and emotional stress over this event. He is nervous around homeless individuals and feels their behavior is unpredictable. We have explained that many individuals in these unfortunate positions suffer from mental health issues and have gotten lost in a broken system. They do not know how to help themselves. We teach empathy to all of our children, but they also need to be aware of dangers that lurk in society. As parents, these are difficult tasks. This homeless man, who committed the assault, made his way up the hill via the dirt trails from Will Rogers State Beach to the end of the bluffs in Pacific Palisades. He then took one of the many streets that lead from the bluffs to the village. He had been seen around town for a few days before our incident. He had been witnessed chasing other people and children. Allegedly police had been called and reports had been filed. Unfortunately, nothing had been done to protect the public from this individual and it took our son being assaulted to finally have the man arrested. Once arrested, this individual was found to be mentally incompetent to stand trial. From my understanding, he was then taken away for psychiatric evaluations. He could be on the streets again. I do not know but if he is, I am afraid for others and their

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Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:41 PM

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Name: Michelle Hillyer

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:44 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I have lived in Pacific Palisades raising two kids, working, volunteering and paying taxes for over 20 years. We have noticed over the years the growing homeless problems not just in LA, but Venice and in our previously safe neighborhood. I compassionately propose people be given treatment for drug addiction and mental illness in a hospital setting rather than let them suffer on the streets. The money already being spent on the homeless problem should be going towards finding treatment, not temporary housing. The threat of wild fires here is real and in the past 20 years there have been countless fires started by these people. This community is generous and philanthropic. Through many organizations my children and I have given time, money and hours. What I have learned from our experiences is that nothing we can do is helping. It's just a band aid. I have personally dealt with homeless that are growing increasingly aggressive. They leave litter and hazardous waste that defile our beautiful city. The Palisades is no longer the safe haven. I urge the City Council to take a stand and not allow camping at our public beaches or parks.

Communication from Public

Name: Eileen Cohen

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:18 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: The Homeless should NOT be permitted or encouraged to camp at Will Rogers Beach. I acknowledge that the Homeless problem is enormous, and their needs should be addressed. However, Will Rogers Beach is for all citizens of the community and the beach is enjoyed by children and families, especially during the summer months. I ride my bike several times a week from Will Rogers to Washington Blvd. The homeless encampment along the bike path is a filthy, smelly, eyesore and a poses a serious heath threat to the community at large. My daughter played soccer on the fields at the VA for years. Why not set up areas on the vast VA property for the homeless where their needs can be adequately be met. Housing homeless at the beach is not an acceptable solution to our homeless problem. Eileen Cohen 360 Mesa Rd. Santa Monica, 90402

Communication from Public

Name: Matt Lichtenberg

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:24 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: We are vehemently opposed to creating a temporary housing development for the homeless at Will Rogers State Beach. This is a summer respite enjoyed by families from all over Southern California. There have been countless better alternative proposals to the homeless problem than this particular plan.

Communication from Public

Name: Steven

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:32 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: The proposal for homeless housing in the Palisades at Will Rogers Beach should be unanimously voted down. It is a complex issue, but this is not the solution. CA and its cities have raised hundreds of millions of tax dollars ear marked for homelessness each year, but no one has any idea where that money has gone. Simply moving the homeless to this location is a shortsighted and ineffective solution. It will become very similar to the crisis in Venice.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:46 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: The beaches of Los Angeles and surrounding areas are places everyone should feel comfortable bringing their families because they are outdoors, safe, clean and fun. As can be seen from what has happened in Venice, the beaches are anything but safe, clean and fun; they are overridden by the Homeless who don't care about the people and places around them putting both property and people in danger per evidence from the rise in crime, intentional fires, etc. Please do not allow one of the most prominent hallmarks of Los Angeles to become a wasteland decreasing the value of everything around it driving down real estate prices and the economy inevitably driving down taxes which help fuel our government.

Communication from Public

Name: Julianne Kravitz

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:48 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am opposing Mike Bonin's proposal for the homeless beach encampments. After seeing the mess in Venice and the "protection" he was meant to be enforcing which is non existence. We as taxpayers who have worked really hard to live in a civilized place are having all our rights taken away from us. This is not the answer.

Communication from Public

Name: Adrian Grant

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:56 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I'm opposed to homeless shelters along will Rodgers beach.
Please consider the safety of our families that live close by and
want to visit the beach

Communication from Public

Name: Hank

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:58 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Well word is out about opposition to beach encampments, can't leave a message on a full mailbox. These are people and you can't pretend you're doing them a favor by making them camp on the beach. Put a real roof over their heads and let the public use the beach for its intended use. That's my 2 cents.

Communication from Public

Name: Katherine Irvin

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 03:51 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Dennis P Higgins

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 04:04 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to protest against the plan to do a feasibility study on using our cherished resources, LA beaches, to house the homeless. The entire city uses these beaches. They should not be used to house the homeless.

Communication from Public

Name: cynthia stone

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 04:36 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am commenting on the plan to erect temporary shelters for our homeless population at the Will Rogers State Park Beach and at the Park itself. This is a poor plan that has not been thought through. There are many questions that have not been answered by the City Council to the residents of the communities that are being affected by such a proposal. What services will be provided -- such as treatment for addiction, mental health therapy and medication, employment opportunities. How long will these shelters be permitted-what is the timeline? How will people be selected to be in these shelters? Is there a triage system? Certainly, there is a concern about those with criminal backgrounds. How will this village of tents be policed to make sure the surrounding communities are not adversely impacted? Is there going to be security company that monitors what is taking place? These are just a few items that have not been clarified by the City Council, the Dept of Mental Health, and the Dept of Housing. As taxpayers and residents of the communities affected, we need to know the full scope of this proposal.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 05:46 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to express my utmost objection to this plan - it is the most ludicrous thing I've heard from our city councilmen in a long time - how placing transients in tiny houses in a parking lot of one of our busiest beaches is beyond insane. Please reconsider and go back to your planning board and come up with a better solution that does not put our neighborhood or any other neighborhoods in danger from the scenes we are seeing all over our city - disgraceful and more needs to be done - beach front is certainly NOT the answer temporarily or otherwise - proper services within properly managed facilities is what's needed - not moving people from A to B and back again - not productive and certainly not a way to treat anyone!!! Stop this PLEASE.....

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/12/2021 03:42 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Bonin is not acting in the best interest of the people in Westchester and Playa del Rey! We DESERVE to have our parks and beaches SAFE and free from the mentally ill and drug addicted. Fires, crime, fights, drugs, trash, needles, feces, lawlessness, in our parks and beaches is not safe and not what we pay taxes for! Why are our rights and civil liberties not the priority here? Why do we not have the right to enjoy clean and safe parks and beaches, when WE are paying for them?? There are plenty of vacant places all over LA, why should we be subjected to this dangerous experiment? PLEASE, PLEASE do not allow this homeless free for all in our communities. These encampments threaten our safety, our protected wetlands, the surrounding businesses, the well being of our children and elderly. We deserve better! Please fight on behalf of the people who elected you!

Communication from Public

Name: Teri

Date Submitted: 05/12/2021 12:36 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I voted for Mayor Garcetti and Councilman Mike Bonin. I packed supplies for the homeless with my kids for the last seven years along side Garcetti and Bonin. We packed these supply bags to help the homeless with an Organization called the Giving Spirit. I listened to both of them speak year after year about the housing being built for the homeless and also contributed financially to these efforts. Nothing has happened ...they have ruined Brentwood with the tents, trash, the burned trash not only in Brentwood but on all of our freeways. I am so embarrassed by the trash and filth all over our city that I have to tell friends and relatives which way to drive to my home in hopes they wont see that absolute destruction of our city. I along with many many others that I have spoken to blame Garcetti and Bonin. The recent insanity of Bonin suggesting that homeless encampments should be set up at Will Rogers Beach in the parking lots is the breaking point for me. Instead of suggesting prime real estate along the beach.... what about all of the open land in places like Lancaster? Actually at this point I don't believe anything ...I have waited for 7 years for the housing to come about. I find it so interesting that there are states throughout our United States that have managed this problem. Both Garcetti and Bonin have failed us in the most epic way. Leaving office with this giant faliure will be their legacy.

Communication from Public

Name: Stacey Rosser

Date Submitted: 05/13/2021 09:37 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Devon Greene

Date Submitted: 05/13/2021 10:11 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Mike Bonin has treated Venice as a containment zone and is trying to spread it into other neighborhoods. He tried create a war between activists and homeowners to distract us from the fact that he has done nothing but give money to his donors in the form of government contracts while more and more people camp on the street. Venice has only declined since his "vision" has started to come to life, unless you count our surging crime as growth, and anything spearheaded by him needs to be stopped. I don't need to list examples, every news agency in the country is covering the violent encampments on Venice Beach. Say NO to Bonin's "Vision" for CD11!

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Hamm

Date Submitted: 05/12/2021 06:12 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers: The Brentwood community represents 33,000 residents and 3 business districts covering 15 square miles of the City of Los Angeles. As a resident of Brentwood, I oppose the use of public beaches and parks for the use of homeless housing and oppose 21-0350 unless amended to remove them from any feasibility studies. Public spaces were developed and codified for the recreation and enjoyment of all residents and should not be subject to the extensive environmental, sanitation and safety issues related to placing homeless shelters in those locations. I will add that creating a living space alongside a rehabilitation with social services with a plan for reentry into being a participating citizen again is also of utmost importance. Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Hamm

Communication from Public

Name: Joseph Correia

Date Submitted: 05/12/2021 07:01 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am in opposition of bill 21-0350 temporarily housing homeless at Will Rogers State Beach, Dockweiler Beach and Fisherman's Village in Marina Del Rey. These properties are enjoyed by all Los Angeles County taxpayers and visitors from outside of the vicinity. Mike Bonin has failed to provide for residents and homeless in Venice, Brentwood, Mar Vista and Ballona Creek. His temporary plan will not work. It is time the State or Federal Government take over this crisis. Homelessness has no boundaries they flow to where the free services are provided and where they are not harassed by law enforcement.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/12/2021 07:02 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Accommodations for homeless people next to the attractions such as libraries, beaches, state and city parks, etc. create public health hazard. Many of those residents are mentally ill or unfit not to mention that they are not regularly screened for infectious diseases such as tuberculosis, hepatitis D, etc. Some of them may approach citizens with different requests or express anger and scare minors, children and elderly. Citizens who support those facilities with their taxes should be free of fear to be attacked, approached by aggressive strangers or contracting infectious disease when visiting those places. Building homeless shelters in the proximity to the places heavily used by others is UNFAIR to citizens who work, pay taxes and support infrastructure. This approach needs to be reconsidered!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Robin Page

Date Submitted: 05/12/2021 07:50 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Clerk, We would like to state our opposition to the idea of having homeless temporary housing at Will Rogers beach or any public parks. We need permanent solutions for the homeless that are regional, or at least county wide, not just city wide. If certain parts of the county enforce vagrancy laws, and we open up beach shelters etc, it puts a heavier burden on the more tolerant communities, and that's unfair. If every city in LA would take on their fair share of responsibility, that would be one thing, but communities like Santa Clarita and Beverly Hills and Calabasas have zero tolerance, which puts the brunt of the responsibility on the other communities. Venice is overrun with the homeless now. In its inception, that situation was supposed to be "temporary". We are worried about fires and the environment. We are also worried that the HOUSED will not feel safe anymore to use these beautiful public spaces. Just because we are homeowners, does not mean that we should lose the best parts of our neighborhoods. It's absurd and unrealistic to pretend that the homeless don't bring crime and filth and trash and danger to a neighborhood. Since temporary housing doesn't solve homelessness, we don't want it here. We need to work toward a PERMANENT solution, not one that is temporary, destructive, and undermines the safety of homeowners and taxpayers. We support paying our taxes toward a permanent solution, but not losing our tourism revenue, our safe public spaces, and the beauty of our beaches and public parks. Since we've allowed RV's to line up on PCH (due to COVID), we no longer have enough free parking for residents. It's not okay. I drove down Topanga Canyon Boulevard two days ago and saw a family of three setting up a mattress and a GRILL. What do you think will happen to our community if there is an accident with that grill? Every house in our neighborhood has a propane tank. There is only one way in and one way out. Also, the cars lined up take away our shoulders and sidewalks, which is unsafe to drivers and pedestrians. Again, I feel sympathy for the people who are unhoused, but this will not solve anything. It will just create an unsafe and unclean environment for everyone. Please vote against this horrible idea. Ask yourself if you would welcome this idea into your neighborhood. Be honest. Don't dump it on us.

Communication from Public

Name: Melanie Wise

Date Submitted: 05/12/2021 09:21 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: This reminds me of what Nancy Pelosi has inspired in San Francisco. In case any on the council have forgotten, San Francisco now kindly offers their homeless constituents open stand pipes so that they may bathe in broad daylight, has people urinating and defecating in the streets, and now has a defecation map of the city. San Francisco has not pushed the needle on solving homelessness, they've only made it more acceptable and common for these people to remain living in their streets. Shuffling homeless people from one place to the next does NOTHING to actually solve any problems, and ONLY causes innumerable problems for those who live, work or recreate in the proposed areas. Do you really think providing encampments sends the message that you actually care about the health and well being of your homeless constituents? Do you think it sends the message that you actually care about your constituents who live, work and/or play in the neighborhoods of those proposed sites? Let me help you out here - it communicates clearly that you DO NOT care about either. I have lived near homeless encampments for quite some time - they are disruptive, messy, unsanitary, to name but a few qualities, and most sadly, high crime areas. A day at the beach is a 'great equalizer' in this city - everyone may go if they choose. In an time of endless virtue signalling, I'm shocked that not one of you identified that the people who will suffer the most are the less enfranchised - you will further disenfranchise them by making it more difficult to reach the beach. This is not a solution. Based on all the negative feedback coming in on this proposed measure, it seems clear that the people (WHO YOU SERVE!) do not want this measure. The City Council of the Mar Vista representative (Mike Bonin) proposing this idiocy do not want homeless encampments in their own city. We THE PEOPLE seek a reasonable, doable, well-thought out option that actually serves to decrease the numbers of homeless. Anything less is hyperbole designed to leave the problem ever increasing, AND has overwhelming consequences to those that live, work, play in any area overtaken by these encampments. I strongly OPPOSE this measure.

Communication from Public

Name: Linda Jones

Date Submitted: 05/12/2021 10:26 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Allowing the unhoused to live in public parks, beaches etc would be unfair to the general public because it interferes with general public access to said areas. There are many, many vacant city and county owned buildings that can be made ready for homeless shelters/ apartments. This was stated by Controller Ron Galpern. Also there are many privately owned buildings that can be rented and made into homeless shelters/apartments. See giant vacant Food For Less on Palms Bl and Sepulveda Bl.

Communication from Public

Name: AE

Date Submitted: 05/13/2021 06:59 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not let homeless people camp on or near the beach. It is not safe for them or for us. Do not take away the few free or low cost places for children and others to recreate healthily in LA. Please don't. Please.

Communication from Public

Name: Susan Fitzgerald

Date Submitted: 05/13/2021 07:27 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Erin McParland

Date Submitted: 05/13/2021 08:11 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Mar Vista, I no longer feel safe in my community. Simply put, Mike Bonin has a proven failed track record and if allowed to move forward with his proposals, our community will be destroyed. For me, this is about 1. safety 2. using our resources effectively 3. helping the vulnerable 4. preserving our community. Homelessness has escalated out of control under Mike Bonin's watch and as a direct result, our neighborhoods are no longer safe. If he is allowed to continue as he pleases, things will become much worse. As someone who was once homeless and struggles with addiction, there is no doubt that he is biased around the issues around homelessness and law enforcement. He willfully turns a blind eye to his direct role in the escalation in crime due to unsupported homelessness (Venice Beach as an example) and is unwilling to acknowledge the valid/growing concerns of citizens who have been victims of sky rocketing crime rates. He has proven himself to be an incapable leader who enables crime and lawlessness. During the riot filled summer of 2020, Bonin posted a "fuck the federal police" meme on his social media. This said, Captain Paul Vernon, who heads LAPD's Compstat division, said the increase in crime (Venice Beach) was no surprise given the large homeless population who were allowed to take over. According to Vernon, police stops were down 26% in 2020. He said this was "a consequence of a lack of police presence, which results in a reduction of persons' concerns over being stopped by police, is a rise in criminal activity." Bonin views himself as an hero/advocate for homeless, when in reality, he is directly responsible for the 2020 spike in homeless on homeless crime (Venice: up 89% in 2020). Under Bonin's protection, homeless who are mentally disturbed and openly abusing drugs have been free to overtake Venice and other areas in district 11. No only is Bonin not helping the homeless, he is making matters worse for all walks of life in our community. Bottom line: Bonin doesn't get it. He is an ineffective politician who, if allowed to stay in his current role, will be the downfall of our district. In the last year, I have personally witnessed and experienced this spike in crime. I have been subjected to three counts of indecent exposure (all appeared to be homeless, two of the three incidents were men masturbating to me), witnessed car theft, witnessed open drug use (via needles), and I've been

attacked by men having psychotic breaks. I once had to run through a red light because a man was attacking my car. I now carry a taser with me at all times. I am a single female and live on the first floor. Although I've taken many safety measures, it's just not good enough. Before 2020, I had not experienced any harassment on the streets. Perhaps lucky, but there is undoubtedly a connection. Bonin is proposing homeless be housed on beaches and in recreational parks. Although I agree that people need to be housed in safe spaces, off the streets, there is no doubt that this can only be successful if this housing comes with security and services (medical, mental health, addiction, etc). Data shows that housing alone isn't enough and that in order for people to get back on their feet, they need support in other ways. Bonin mentions offering support but despite my research, I have not been able to locate any specific proposals on what that means. Given his track record, I have no faith that he will provide such services or provide security (aside from cameras, perhaps) or support a police presence. To state the obvious, if homeless are brought to the beaches/parks, it will create a vacuum for homeless/troubled people (who wouldn't want to live at the beach) and we our community will become even more of a disaster than it already is. Safety is not a priority, but needs to be. Homeless need help they aren't getting and based on past actions, Bonin has proven himself to be destructive to our community. I hope people get what they need, but not at the expense of other citizens. Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns.

Communication from Public

Name: Tricia

Date Submitted: 05/13/2021 08:21 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: No homeless at will Rogers please let's keep our beach for the children. Let think of another place

Communication from Public

Name: Azizah

Date Submitted: 05/13/2021 08:22 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: We have two young children that frequent the beach this is a family community. The homeless crisis needs a viable solution and putting tents on our beach is NOT one. We vehemently oppose this idea!

Communication from Public

Name: Jacqueline Elkins

Date Submitted: 05/01/2021 01:24 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: We hope you will vote “NO” on Councilman Bonin’s motion CF #21-0350 to let the homeless live indefinitely on LA’s parks and beaches, as opposed to actually addressing the root causes of homelessness, protecting public safety by fixing legislation to empower law enforcement, creating rehab and wellness treatment centers for the addicted and mentally ill, and keeping criminals in jail.

Communication from Public

Name: Jaclyn Greenberg

Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 06:46 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I support the designated area at Will Rogers beach to be dedicated to supporting the homeless.

Communication from Public

Name: max ancar

Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 11:28 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

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Name:

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

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Comments for Public Posting: I acknowledge the severity and urgency of the homeless problem in Los Angeles. However there are also millions more low income and middles class families barely holding on. These families are working two jobs, often at or below minimum wage and they do not have the funds to take “vacations” or have 2nd homes to avoid heat waves and spend valuable, low cost time together — where do they go? To our public beaches and state parks. I am extremely concerned by this idea of mixing one problem with another. I cannot see the rationale of turning already PACKED lots at the beach — be it Will Rogers, Dockweiler or the other beaches mentioned in Mr Bonin’s Motion #21-035 — into shelters. These and other beaches that are used DAILY by families with young children cannot safely accommodate a site for "safe camping" and "tiny homes” much less share public access & facilities with the many homeless who are mentally ill, often have drug paraphernalia and are often abusive to strangers? And, has anyone also considered, that for example, Will Rogers is the evacuation site for Eastern Malibu and the Palisades in the event of wildfires? I am in disbelief that anyone thinks this is a good idea. I acknowledge that we must work hard to find solutions for the homeless epidemic but I feel this solution is a recipe for disaster, not only for public safety for our lower income families but also traffic safety concerns but for the safety of ALL the public, particularly children. Thank you for listening.

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Comments for Public Posting: Dismiss motion to build homeless villages or encampments in Marina del Rey or Venice.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/12/2021 08:34 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Will Rodgers Beach and Parking Lot have always been used as a Family Beach Kids Summer Camp and Work out area for many Years The Parking Lot is also An Evacuation Area for a large portion of Malibu in an event of a Wild Fire Earthquake etc I strongly disagree with any Development in this area for the new homeless Shelters The lack of facilities are also my concern!!

Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I disapprove of this motion

Communication from Public

Name: randie chaine

Date Submitted: 05/11/2021 10:24 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Hello I am writing in opposition to allow camping at Westchester Park and parking lot. I feel strongly that this environment is not safe for the people who are camping there and the community members who would like to use the park. I was a frequent visitor to the public library prior to COVID, and I recently checked out and returned a book there. I did not feel safe, and asked my husband to accompany me. I was surprised and saddened by the amount of trash in the parking lot from the people who are living in their cars and the trash around the tents that are up against the senior center. I know that there are services available to assist the homeless and mentally ill. I feel that they would be much safer inside a building that would provide them with running water and other social services. I would like to see those services provided to the people who have come to the park. Thank you Randie Chaine

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/11/2021 12:58 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: By providing housing for the homeless all you are creating is an opportunity for an influx of other homeless people from other states. We are the constituents of this area and pay high property taxes. I am sympathetic to the homeless situation, however you are creating a welfare city and state. There are three categories for homeless;: 1) Mentally challenged who need mental health housing and services. 2) Drug addicts who need rehab facilities and counseling. 3) people that are homeless due to financial difficulties and joblessness who need help to become independent. The city and the state should focus on these categories and provide help and support accordingly. Your proposal to provide them with our tax payer dollars and crowding our beaches and parks is not a permanent solution. This proposal is a band aid and will make the taxpayers stay away from these proposed locations.

Communication from Public

Name: Brenna Vincent

Date Submitted: 05/11/2021 01:08 PM

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/11/2021 02:17 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Venice Beach, I oppose the building plan as proposed of housing within our district. Vote to "dismiss" in order to work with residents on our concerns.

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Michalak

Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 03:37 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Tim & Diane

Date Submitted: 05/11/2021 09:15 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, We oppose this motion: All over the City of Los Angeles we need, and are able to create, safe large 'campuses' of homes for those who are homeless. These areas must not only be safe, they must have correct services, including for those with drug, alcohol and mental challenges. Obviously, a BEACH PARKING LOT DOES NOT QUALIFY. Clearly, a beach parking lot right next to the fast moving Pacific Coast Highway and the bluffs, where there is incredible FIRE DANGER, is NOT the proper place to house homeless, even temporarily. There are other areas in our great, vast City that do, and will continue to qualify for solutions to the problem. But let's not waste money on doing something that will take away a special and incredibly important part of the way our citizens from all over the City come to rest and relax, our beaches and the parking lots they use so they can go to the beach. That just does not make sense and will BITE US BIG TIME in the future if we allow it to be done. Instead, let's find places that are correct and will not need to be only temporary.

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Name: Michelle Jones

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Communication from Public

Name: Kara Boccella
Date Submitted: 05/10/2021 10:31 PM
Council File No: 21-0350
Comments for Public Posting: I oppose this decision!

Communication from Public

Name: Jan Haagen

Date Submitted: 05/11/2021 07:21 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: We oppose the motion. Businesses are experiencing thefts & vandalism by the homeless. Some businesses are adjacent to Westchester Park. City services & shelter have been offered many times but the homeless refuse to accept it. The police arrest them. They come back. What are we to do? Bonin has reneged on his promise to keep a safe zone around the Venice shelter. Bonin said "A dedicated LAPD foot beat detail will be assigned to the Special Enforcement zone around the Bridge Home site". No LAPD. Crime/encampments have increased in this area. He has proven he cannot keep the community safe. Please vote No.



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