

Communication from Public

Name: Eric Anderson

Date Submitted: 05/12/2021 01:10 PM

Council File No: 17-0090

Comments for Public Posting: We have a homeless problem that is not being solved, on a daily basis our overall quality of life is getting worse. When politicians strive to lump all homeless people together and plant them in our neighborhoods, shopping parking lots, and recreational areas they hurt everyone. It would seem the powers that be are looking for a "one size that fits all" short-term homeless solution. That will not work. We have more and more homeless people coming in from out of town and out of state because of the homeless lifestyle, we cultivate/provide/tolerate in our neighborhoods. There's a big difference between homeless people who want to work, and homeless people who just want to live outside our society with all its responsibilities and not work, and homeless people who are addicted to drugs/alcohol and have mental problems and need to be institutionalized to help. The current solutions do not acknowledge this and are failing. Our politicians are endangering the lives of both citizens (my neighbor was attacked by a homeless man and ended up in the hospital) and the homeless (there was a murder in the San Vicente tent slum). Creating a "one size fits all" solution and lumping all homeless people together in our neighborhoods-recreational areas-shopping parking lots, not a solution. It's creating a homeless lifestyle that in the long run will waste taxpayers' dollars and bring down the quality of life for everyone. Elections will come, and I hope along with them, some common sense as well...E

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Name: Michael H. Leifer

Date Submitted: 05/12/2021 02:34 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: See attached for inclusion in 5/12/2021 Housing Committee Meeting, Agenda Items 4 and 5 (there is no council file associated with these items on the agenda).

May 12, 2021

VIA E-MAIL

City of Los Angeles
Housing Committee
c/o Keyonna Kidd - Legislative Assistant
Keyonna.Kidd@lacity.org

Re: Housing Committee Meeting - 5/12/21

Item Number 4:

Verbal report from HCID regarding immediate rent freeze on residential units with expired or soon to expire affordability covenants Motion (Cedillo - Raman)

Item Number 5:

Verbal report relative to acquisition of Hillside Villa Apartments for affordable public housing (Scheduled pursuant to Council action on February 10, 2021)

Dear Housing Committee Members:

This office represents the owner of 636 N. Hill Place, commonly referred to as the Hillside Villa Apartments ("HVA").

The City is improperly continuing its forced taking campaign relating to this property while continuing to ignore the ownership's requests for information and to discuss matters. Neither this Committee's nor the City's ends justify the means undertaken. The City's conduct is not consistent with good, or at least fair, governance. The City's forced taking campaign is causing damage.

Item 5: The owner of 636 N. Hill Place again reiterates to this Committee that the forced taking of the Hillside Villa Apartments is not needed and is not necessary. The City has made unsupported and incorrect assumptions to predicate the forced taking campaign. The City's actions have violated federal, state and local law including the City's requirements and procedures and the Eminent Domain Law. The ownership of HVA opposes the taking of its property.

Item 4: Little information has been provided relative to the prior motion by Councilmember Cedillo. The fact that HCID is only providing a verbal report—and no written report that can be reviewed and commented upon—is improper and prevents the public from the ability to properly participate in this meeting. To the extent that the motion purports to apply

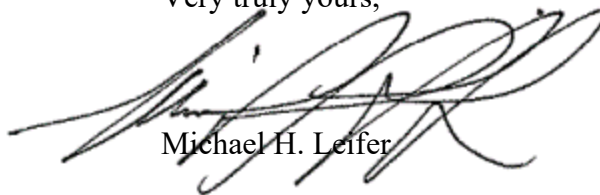
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retroactively to affordability covenants that have long expired, any such action is improper, without justification and without legal support. No such action (or any action relating to rent freezes relating to affordability covenants) should be taken.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael H. Leifer", written over a horizontal line.

Michael H. Leifer

MHL:mp

cc: City Clerk - CityClerk@lacity.org

Communication from Public

Name: CONOR J MCCAIN

Date Submitted: 05/12/2021 03:57 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”, nor have boats in the harbors to avoid heatwaves, nor have many places to 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 of Mr Bonin’s which may exacerbate the issues of low income families already on the edge or in crisis but not yet homeless. 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 of our lower income families but also traffic safety concerns but also for the safety of ALL the public, particularly children. Thank you for listening.

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Name: Joe C.

Date Submitted: 05/13/2021 07:59 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Most of these homeless encampments are nothing but organized crime groups. There are plenty of homeless shelters that offer a bed and food, but require to drugs, crime or debauchery. Communes should be built by able bodied homeless. Train others to work in the communes. Analyze and treat mentally ill and addicts. And incarcerate the thieves, criminals and bad apples. Those who are reformable and trainable to be a productive member of society can thrn leave the communes. Locate communes away from schools, parks, etc to kerp deviants away from children and elders who may be prey.

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Name: Robert Mallory

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

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Comments for Public Posting: I have supported for many years - with both my time and financial gifts - efforts to contain and reverse the homeless problem in LA. And I am a taxpayer who contributes a full share to maintaining public spaces in our city - which is overcrowded and depends on safe spaces for recreation and raising families in safe environments. Creating tent and small home encampments in our very limited public open space is a seriously flawed idea which ignores individuals and families trying to recreate in and enjoy our parks, beaches and adjacent parking lots. The crime and violence in relatively peaceful Playa del Rey is destroying confidence in our public officials and will soon create decay as residents give up hope in preserving limited safe spaces for taxpayer use. Vote NO on this bad policy.

Communication from Public

Name: Judith Deutsch

Date Submitted: 05/13/2021 01:49 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I spent 38 years as a fundraising executive, providing excellent healthcare and cultural preservation for our underserved friends and neighbors in Los Angeles and worldwide. I worked practically 24/7 and trained and supervised large professional staffs to serve our communities. I also chose one family who is no longer homeless, is local, and needs additional support, to assist each week. I have saved and sacrificed to purchase a condo in beautiful Mar Vista, and now find my health, activities, enjoyment, and safety threatened by huge numbers of homeless flocking to Los Angeles from other states to take advantage of our leniency and climate. Destroying the enjoyment of our parks and beaches is criminal, and the majority of my close friends have left Los Angeles and the State in response to the invasion of our homes and communities. Our children are not returning to California after college elsewhere and we will lose our wealthier baby boomers. I am driving cross-country with friends this Fall to scout out new places to live for many of us looking to move. I would suggest State officials look for an area inland that is conducive to founding a new town, and provide housing, medical, social, and public services, schools, and job training and opportunities using retirement communities as a model. They will be permanent and attractive. This is much more preferable than setting up encampments. No one thrives in an encampment. We need to get our act together. After WWII, the new nation of Israel had to deal with many exiled, homeless, broken people. In short order they established communal living in kibbutzim and communal farming villages. They thrived and raised their children. The strong supported the frail as they overcame mental illnesses, starvation, disease, and loneliness. I strongly believe this is the answer to our homeless explosion. And we must also send people back to their home states, as well.

Communication from Public

Name: Bonnie

Date Submitted: 05/15/2021 11:36 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a Pacific Palisades resident and deeply concerned about the homeless situation all over Los Angeles County. I happen to also be a Clinical Psychologist and have worked closely with the homeless both in the LA County Jail System (TTCF) and have also volunteered to directly assist with this population in the past. Since the dramatic worsening of the homeless situation in 2020, I have myself been truly disheartened by what we are witnessing. As a native Los Angeleno, I'm very connected to this city and have a deep love for the diversity and resilience of it. The homeless situation is obviously a deeply complex one. The solution clearly needs to be multifaceted; housing, health care/mental health, and job training are some of the biggest concerns from my perspective. Housing is indeed a primary area of concern and placing the homeless in the beach communities just spreads the homelessness out farther and farther West, but is no real solution. The homeless, due to real struggles getting their basic needs met consistently, have created dangers on the freeways with trash and furniture falling in lanes and even falling over overpasses. The belongings of the homeless are now all over the streets on LA - a city which is now unrecognizable to me. Now so you want to take this real societal problem, and environmental concern, and spread these issues to the shores of our beaches and to our oceans? Now beaches and the the marine life that reside on our shorelines cannot thrive, much less survive, when trash and litter that will be a natural result of moving the homeless encampments there. These marine animals don't know what and what not to consume...The beaches are a blessing to all who reside in California and they should be deemed sacred and protected from all. This doesn't even touch on the significant increase in fires in areas where there are homeless encampments....By the way, 5 fires have been set in the last 2 days in the Palisades/Topanga area. As you are aware, a known homeless man who is a serial arsonist is now suspected for setting these fires and has still not been apprehended. The homeless need assistance. This is a given and they need solutions now. But the real solutions cannot be bandaids; we shouldn't do what LA County has done for years- transfer the problem from one place to the next, so then no one really deals with it or effects change. I worked as a Psychologist for years in LA County and this is the

game that has always been played with this institution. But please don't play this game with our beautiful and sacred beaches! Don't make a mistake that you may never be able to repair. Think long term solutions because the healing of Los Angeles depends on it. With much gratitude and appreciation for taking the time to read this letter, Bonnie Levitsky

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/16/2021 04:25 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: May the money be spent on housing the homeless. Three-four homeless die every day in LA. Since the pandemic, the working (homeless living in cars) haven't been able to take a shower at 24-Hr Fitness. When you can't afford gas, you then have to walk 26 miles round-trip in triple-digit heat to the nearest Food Pantry open that day, but you won't make it because you must begin walking in the dark & Food pantries are open only in the early AM.