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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(14) Nay(1) Abstain(6) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

Date: 04/30/2021

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Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 20-1376

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Summary: West Hills Neighborhood Council strongly opposes this callous and counterproductive attempt to displace and criminalize our unhoused neighbors. As the homelessness crisis continues to worsen, exacerbated by a deadly pandemic, the City Council should be putting forward real solutions. Instead, this motion will only make matters worse, accomplishing nothing more than forcibly moving unhoused Angelenos from one part of the city to another, disrupting their lives and increasing their interactions with law enforcement and the criminal legal system. The ordinance proposed by this motion would make illegal the basic activities of unhoused people's daily lives across broad swaths of our city, despite the fact that there are not enough available shelter beds for them. This would not only be inhumane, it would also open up the City to further litigation, which our taxpayer funds will be spent defending. Displacing unhoused people would disrupt their relationships with outreach workers and could result in the loss of valued property and documents like IDs that are often needed to obtain assistance. Furthermore, the citations, arrests, and fees that would result from the proposed ordinance would create additional impediments to obtaining employment and housing. To make matters worse, the City would be taking these counterproductive measures in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, endangering the lives of unhoused and housed Angelenos alike by forcing thousands of unhoused people into smaller areas or into jails, in the face of CDC guidance, and increasing the virus' potential spread. We understand the desire for clean streets and unobstructed sidewalks. But this is not the way to get there. Improve service delivery. Increase the number of shelter beds. Invest in affordable and supportive housing. Do not waste time and resources on this short-sighted motion.