

Communication from Public

Name: Donggun Hwang

Date Submitted: 10/25/2021 10:15 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I live right next to the Shatto Recreational Park. There have been dozens of homeless encampments on the other side of the park for years. It is a residential area so that there are a lot of passers-by walking to the markets on Vermont: Ralphs, Vons, Galleria, and RiteAid. The problem is those encampments are completely blocking the passages with piles of trashes and broken things. The residents have to go around and deal with the risk of entering the lane. Shatto Park is a resting place for everyone that it should not be ill-used or trashed by even people with issues. The homeless are mostly not dangerous, but the condition they make is too toxic for residents to endure.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 10/27/2021 07:45 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a parent of a student from Vine Street Elementary and I'm in support of the resolution in CD 13. I've seen bottles of liquor on the sidewalk, people smoking, and public indecency. I am concerned for my child's safety.

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Name: Sherin Varghese

Date Submitted: 10/27/2021 11:07 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I live near and frequent the park. The park is still heavily used by families and community groups who don't fear people who are just trying to survive. I've done regular weekly outreach providing food, hygiene items, clothes and other items for my neighbors who live in this area. We've had LA-HOP requests returned with notices that LAHSA has been engaged in regular outreach at this location-but caseworkers have told us there are no beds for people to go into, and that there's no housing to transition people into from interim solutions. After the recent sweep, we helped refer a person to bridge housing a half hour away-she hadn't been offered it before. But after being displaced by the sweep, she hasn't been reachable to get her to an intake. It took over a week to match one person to a bed: where are people supposed to go? The Lafayette ABH is completely full. Prior to the sweep, sanitation completed a trash pickup and street sweeping. That's the kind of street level service that everyone appreciates and what we should see more of. The sweep saw tents, clothes, and survival items bulldozed, forklifted into trash trucks. People had to start again from scratch. They weren't offered shelter, they weren't offered housing, they weren't offered services. Where can they go? Displacing people without offering them a better option, offering them a closed shelter, or a temporary solution with no end in sight, no hope or chance at a permanent result sees the same result: people will move a few blocks away, or come back a few hours later, less prepared for the harsh realities of living on the street. We have tried this route before. We know it fails. It has before and will again. Please vote no.

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a homeowner and resident in the Shatto Park neighborhood. The homeless encampment in our beautiful Shatto Park area continues to worsen. While I am saddened and sympathetic to the unhoused community, in addition to the drug paraphernalia, trash, human waste, and collection of personal items continue to fill the sidewalks and streets that are supposed to be for public use, it is very unsafe to drive on 4th street. On 4th and Westmoreland, the tents block the view of cars driving east on 4th when I am trying going north on Westmoreland and turning Left to head west on 4th. Pedestrians, both the house and unhoused, walk in the middle of the street on 4th and I have nearly hit pedestrians walking the dimly lit areas because they cannot walk on the sidewalks. I had to stop walking to my job because I no longer felt safe to walk even half a mile. I can no longer walk 2-3 blocks to go grocery shopping or support the local restaurants and businesses. I urge that Shatto Park be listed as a permanent cleanup site of the Anti-Camping Ordinance (48.18) for the safety of everyone.

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Name: T. Wiscombe

Date Submitted: 10/27/2021 07:43 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support 48.18 and CM O'Farrell's amendment to include Shatto Park as a sensitive use site. I have lived in this areas for 13 years, and am speechless about how bad life has gotten here due to the crime, drugs, and total mayhem that accompany the homeless encampments here. I have witnessed fires, prostitution, drug dealing, elderly and disabled residents forced to walk in the middle of the street, constant noise, huge piles of trash, bicycle chop-shops, car chop-shops, and other illicit behavior. My girlfriend and her daughter have been threatened by homeless people armed with golf clubs and metal spikes. I have had many break-ins to my property including to steal water, electricity, take showers, and destruction of my real property and landscape. It is so out of hand I literally can't even explain it to people who do not live here. The only comparison I have is to Skid Row, which is a manufacturing district. Ours is a residential neighborhood and we as a community do not think it is too much to ask for basic public safety, control of crime, and access through the PROW as protected by Title III of the American with disabilities act in residential neighborhoods. I also want to note my support for the process that CM O'Farrell's office has undertaken to partner with LAHSA, Urban Alchemy, and other outreach organizations to offer people in need shelter and services. I know they have made such offers repeatedly to our unhoused residents, and some have agreed. I also appreciate their work to build more safe sleep sites, tiny home villages, and other fast solutions for caring for the unhoused. We need action, and enforcing 48.18 is the first step in the process of taking the situation seriously. Thank you.

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Name: Angela Joo

Date Submitted: 10/27/2021 07:53 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am in support for 41.18c for Shatto Recreation Park. Please with a resounding "YES" support this motion. I am the President of the Virgil Courts Homeowner Association on 435 S. Virgil. I have been a resident and a homeowner for nearly 10 years ago. Our building has 90 households that live here. Due to the encampments on Shatto, Westmoreland and 4th street, our residents and community suffered tremendously the last 3 years. We had car break ins; our lobby door was broken into; we have drugged people banging our lobby door at 11 pm to 2 am in the morning especially on weekends. Our mail man got assaulted. Because of so much violence, we had to hire security guard all through the week and raise all the homeowner's HOA fees. This is not right. Please approve this motion immediately. We suffered enough as a community. And of course, we don't feel safe walking on the streets anymore. People no longer feel safe here. Make sure that this ordinance covers 500 feet from Shatto Park. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: John Cha

Date Submitted: 10/27/2021 08:58 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I live near Shatto Recreation Center and lived here for about seven years. Thank you very, very much for enacting the new anti-camping ordinance, Municipal Code 41.18, restricting homeless encampments. We deeply appreciate it and gives us tremendous hope for our neighborhood to return to its previous state, which was a very nice, quality area, quiet and clean. I'm writing to plead strongly and earnestly to designate our neighborhood for relief under the new ordinance. Presently this neighborhood probably has the worst homeless encampments in all of Koreatown and is an absolute debacle and completely untenable. It's so bad that one of the residents of my building sent me a video someone posted on instagram; the video shows numerous homeless encampments stretching for two blocks along W. 4th St. between S. Westmoreland Ave. and S. Vermont Ave. The encampments violate the new ordinance for multiple reasons, including but not limited to being located too close the park of Shatto Recreation Center, driveways and fire hydrants as well as because they've completely blocked sidewalks making them impassable. In fact, most pedestrians don't even use the sidewalks any longer and, rather, walk on the street. The encampments have been horrendous for about three years, and it's more than time to clean the area and remove all encampments. Living here for seven years, I, alas, have first hand experience and knowledge of the homeless people's illegal, deleterious behavior and impact on us. I have so many anecdotes I could share with you, three years' worth! Will share just some. Very recently I was driving into my building and there was a homeless male defecating immediately in front of the entrance to my building in broad light. He had no shame! He could have at least done this over at the side of my building but instead did it right in front of our front door in broad light around 12 PM. Another occasion I found a homeless man masturbating at the side of my building visible from our lobby. I told him to stop and leave, but he didn't and kept masturbating right in front of us. Earlier this year I found a loaded handgun on my property no doubt belonging to a criminal homeless person. There used to be a homeless Korean man camping near my building, and he was one of the worst. He was a heroin addict and drug dealer who had a tent on the sidewalk near my building and broke into a light on my property to run a wire to it from his tent

to steal electricity. He finally moved away after I almost had him arrested for breaking the light and stealing electricity, and I had to clean up the many used syringe needles he left behind on the sidewalk. My anecdotes can go on and on, three years' worth. Every day I worry an encampment being built in front of my building, and over the years I've managed to prod many of them to move away. Every day one of the first things I do waking up and going to bed as well as throughout the day is to check our security cameras to make sure homeless aren't on our property or setting up in front of our building. Pretty much every week, sometimes multiple times a week, I hear an LAPD helicopter over our neighborhood no doubt because of the homeless; this almost never occurred before the homeless arrived. Please understand how we're suffering and please help us. Designate this neighborhood for relief under the new anti-camping ordinance. Thank you very, very much! Lastly, LAPD has been a tremendous help to us. They are heroes and deserve support and not defunding – they deserve a raise!

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Name: Chantell C.

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Comments for Public Posting: Please, please enforce Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.18 for the Shatto Recreation Center area. The state of this area is beyond terrible. It's very dangerous, filthy and sidewalks are completely impassable. Thank you.

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Name: Shannon Yu

Date Submitted: 10/27/2021 07:12 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: To LA City Council of LA. I am a resident of Shatto Park neighborhood. This happened last Monday October 18, approximately 5:30 pm. I was walking in my neighborhood (in front of 500 Shatto Pl). A homeless (white man) started yelling at me. He approached me yelling racist comments & started lunging toward me w/ his fist. I froze for few seconds, pulled back & pulled out my camera pointed right at him- he backed off briefly. I saw people watching across the street so I ran over. He saw there were people & didn't follow me. I took pictures and called the police. Also wrote to the FBI. I spoke with Veronica Polance from the Mayor's office on 10/19/21. And I called Councilman Mitch O'Farrell's office on 10/19/21. The person on the phone said he will give my message to Juan Fregoso. I have not heard from him. The situation in my neighborhood has become very dangerous. I would like the Council to implement the Anti-Camping Ordinance. Please provide more safety and protection for my neighborhood. Thank you, Shannon

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Name: Shantilly Tuazon

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Comments for Public Posting: I am against this measure passing. It's unnecessarily cruel to do to unhoused people in the middle of winter and the assistance that is being offered is subpar. After the last sweep residents were left without their items and belongings right before winter. It was claimed y'all have tents but the folks I spoke to never received any.