

Communication from Public

Name: Maggie Lange
Date Submitted: 10/28/2021 08:44 PM
Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Koreatown who shops near the Shatto encampment. I have also done weekly outreach to the individuals at the encampment. Designating this area an enforcement zone under 41.18 will not help move residents of the encampment into housing that respects human dignity. There is simply insufficient publicly available housing in the City of Los Angeles at this time. The result of the Echo Park displacement several months ago reflects this fact: only 3 out of 183 people living in the park were successfully placed in permanent housing.
(<https://laist.com/news/housing-homelessness/what-happened-to-the-unhoused-residents-of-echo-park-following-the-march-sweep>)
For the vast majority of Shatto residents, establishing an enforcement zone will destroy their property and send them, at best, to interim housing. Long term it will scatter them to other places in the city where they will have to start over, still unhoused. Until the city of Los Angeles credibly commits to placing the unhoused in non-carceral permanent housing, establishing these enforcement zones is ineffective and violates human rights.

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Name: Dylan Cheely

Date Submitted: 10/28/2021 08:58 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am live adjacent to Shatto Park, on Westmoreland Avenue, and I strongly oppose the city's efforts to further terrorize our homeless neighbors who reside in and around the park. What exactly will be solved by banning homeless people from this area? In the long term, absolutely nothing. In the short term, you'll be further victimizing our society's most vulnerable residents and satisfying those who would like to paint them as a plague that are the cause of (and not a symptom of) several of this city's most pressing crises. What is the point of uprooting people if you're not going to put any more than a token effort into providing them with even short-term housing? Comments made by council members and residents claiming that housing has been offered and subsequently turned down by occupants of the Shatto Park encampment are at worst lying or at best naive about the realities of this city's meagre attempts to provide shelter for homeless residents. As it stands, destroying the Shatto homeless encampment and then banning its residents from returning will not get them any closer to attaining permanent or semi-permanent indoor residency. Instead, they will simply move on and create new encampments elsewhere (their only realistic option), or (as has been frequently seen) simply return to Shatto, regardless of the risk of arrest. This is the reality of the homeless crisis in Los Angeles: local officials attempt time and time again to sweep problems such as large encampments under the rug long enough for housed residents to stop complaining. As a resident of this district I simply ask that my representative show some degree of critical thinking towards how we can end the homeless crisis in our district for good, rather than opt for temporary non-solutions that do nothing but further traumatize the homeless, destroy what little property they have, and damage city officials' credibility with voters and activists who are sick of empty promises and wanton cruelty.

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Name: Mia

Date Submitted: 10/28/2021 10:16 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am in support of city council municipal code 48.18 for Shatto Park due to the increase of crime. I don't feel safe walking with my young children. Walking through, my children are exposed to all kinds of unnecessary criminal behaviorS

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Name: Carlos

Date Submitted: 10/28/2021 10:21 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am in support of city council resolution 48.18 for Shatto Park because of all the recent criminal activities. My wife and I are elderly and do not feel safe. There needs to be change!

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Name: Joanne

Date Submitted: 10/28/2021 10:24 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I absolutely support city council resolution 48.18 for Shatto Park. There are many dangerous people here that are committing crimes. I no longer can walk and feel comfortable in my own neighborhood.

Communication from Public

Name: Denise

Date Submitted: 10/28/2021 10:34 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am in support for 41.18c for Shatto Recreation Park and support this motion. I am the President of the Element 436 Homeowner Association on 436 S. Virgil. I have been a resident and a homeowner for nearly 10 years. Our building has 74 households that live here. Due to the encampments on Shatto, Westmoreland and 4th street, our residents and community have had car break in's, drugged transients breaking into our building, our mail man even got assaulted. I no longer feel safe going on a run or enjoying walks with my dogs like I did just a couple years ago. Please approve this motion immediately. We suffered enough as a community. People no longer feel safe here. Make sure that this ordinance covers 500 feet from Shatto Park. Thank you.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 10/28/2021 01:43 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear members of the City Council, I would like to respectfully urge the enforcing of Municipal Code 48.18 for the Shatto Park Recreation Area. Thank you, Jason

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Name:

Date Submitted: 10/28/2021 04:23 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: There are a lot of homeless and some abandoned trucks on Virgil and 4th street, and Virgil and 5th street. They bring a lot of rats around, I can't even walk around my own neighborhood without seeing rats

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Name: Karen LaCroix

Date Submitted: 10/28/2021 12:04 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am a senior who participates in programs at Las Palmas Senior Center. I am 72 years old and I also live at the Montecito Senior Apartments. I cannot use the sidewalk because the encampment prevents me from walking safely to Las Palmas. I have to walk in the street to go around the encampment and it is unsafe for me. I have mobility issues as well. Sometimes, I cross the street on the corner of Franklin and Las Palmas and walk on the other side of the street to avoid the encampments but then I have to cross back to the sidewalk closer to Las Palmas Senior Center and there is not a crosswalk there. Traffic is very busy on this street and I am afraid I will get hit by a car when I cross the street. I am in support of Councilmember O'Farrell's resolution and I ask the other council members to please vote in support of the motion to remove encampments from the sidewalk in front of Las Palmas Senior Center. Thank You

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Name: Richard Shirer

Date Submitted: 10/28/2021 12:08 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Richard Shirer and I am a senior who is 64 years old. I live at the Montecito Senior Apartments next to Las Palmas Senior Center. I am afraid to cross the street because of busy traffic and I really need the encampments to be removed so I can walk on that side of the street to get to Las Palmas Senior Center to participate in the programs. I am in support of Council member O'Farrell's resolution and ask for other members of the council to vote to support this motion to clean up the encampments.

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Name: Steven Sambol

Date Submitted: 10/28/2021 12:17 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Steven Sambol and I am a senior who is 72 years old. I live in the Montecito Senior apartments that is next to Las Palmas Senior Center. I walk to the senior center and the sidewalk right of way is totally obstructed due to the encampments. I have to walk in the street which is dangerous. But also, I have balance issues so stepping on and off a curb is difficult for someone with balance issues. I support Council member Ofarrell's motion to clean up the encampments in front of the senior center on Las Palmas Ave. I urge other council members to support this motion as well. Thank you very much

Communication from Public

Name: Richard Bardwell

Date Submitted: 10/28/2021 12:37 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Richard Bardwell. I am a senior who is 79 years old. I cannot get to the senior center because I need to walk on the sidewalk and the encampments are blocking the sidewalk. My knee is missing cartilage underneath the knee cap. This injury prevents me from smoothly transitioning down the sidewalk. I am afraid I will fall if I have to go around the encampments and there is trash in front of the encampments on the sidewalk. I may slip or trip on the trash. I have to walk in the street to avoid the encampments. This is a traffic hazard and may cause injuries to passersby because the cars may hit them. The encampments are also unsanitary because the people living there leave trash on the sidewalk, using the grass area inside the senior center to urinate. Therefore, I support Council member O Farrell's motion to clean up the encampments in front of the senior center. I want to strongly encourage and urge the other council members to vote in support of the motion.

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Name: Alex G

Date Submitted: 10/28/2021 01:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I need you people to enforce Municipal Code 48.18 for Shatto Park Recreation area. This city needs to start doing their job especially with how much we pay in property taxes

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Name:

Date Submitted: 10/28/2021 07:46 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 homeless talk to themselves half undressed. They litter the sidewalk. They have insulted me in the past as well.

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Name: Cynthia Z

Date Submitted: 10/28/2021 01:18 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Criminalizing access to public space is in no way going to help reduce the prevalence of homelessness in Los Angeles; instead, it will only harm our most vulnerable neighbors. Real change does not punish citizens for their circumstances, but aims at structural change. This item is poorly conceived and must be rejected.

Communication from Public

Name: Esther Suk

Date Submitted: 10/28/2021 08:38 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello I'm resident and also manager who lives on the 400 S Westmoreland Ave Los Angeles Ca 90020 address. Our building is across from Shatto recreation center. Our neighbor has been evaded by homeless encampment for more than 3 years now. It has become unsafe and dangerous to walk around on the streets. We can not go to parks or recreation center and enjoy any more due to this problems. So many crimes and incidents has occurred , yet no one is doing anything about it. Many of my tenants and our neighborhood residents experience attack by these homeless people. We were so happy now law has passed that from recreation center 500 feet, no one can camp tents or sleep. Please add our neighborhood for the removing the homeless encampment ASAP. I don't know why our address is not added to this ordinance code 48.18. It is critical to add our location. Many of these homeless people carry weapons and drugs causing everyone is danger every day and night. Also they are very dirty causing more rats and all kinds of disease can come out from this area. As you know they have no sanitation area to take care of personal issue, end up doing on the streets next to our buildings. Is it our job to clean their mess after?? Do you think this is fair for normal hard working residents to go through hardship due to what these homeless people are doing what ever they want on the streets? Law must change. No one should be allowed to make home on the streets. Please protect the hardworking residents who is living in this area. Thank you Sincerely Esther Suk.

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Name: Min Kyeong Lee

Date Submitted: 10/28/2021 08:54 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please enforce Municipal Code 48.18 for Shatto Recreation area. Residents in this area have been suffering from the dangerous environment created by homeless encampments for a long time. Sidewalks have been literally blocked by these tents essentially making it impossible to not only walk on but also to park in the neighboring street parking spots.

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Name: Johanna Aguirre

Date Submitted: 10/28/2021 09:25 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am the property manager for a condominium called Element 436 located on Virgil and 5th street. I approve the motion for 41.14c for Shatto recreation park. I hear the concerns of all our homeowners who would like for the homeless encampment to be relocated somewhere safe.

Communication from Public

Name: Paula Dailey

Date Submitted: 10/28/2021 09:44 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: 10/28/2021 City Council of Los Angeles, Please enforce the anti-camping ordinance law for Shatto Park on 4th St. in Los Angeles. I reside on Virgil Ave. between 4th St & 5th Street. The disgraceful site that has invaded our neighborhood has left me angry and baffled at the city officials. How can we let this happen? Do we not show pride in the environment within our city? We are allowing trash to accumulate, urine to stain our streets, tents to block our sidewalks and parks. This health hazard in our neighborhood is attracting rodents, disease and crime. This not only is a health concern but a fire safety issue. I am a grandmother who frequently entertains my four grandchildren. They live in Anaheim Hills where their sidewalks are clean, safe and accessible. It is extremely embarrassing when they visit. We cannot walk to Shatto Park to enjoy the tennis courts, basketball courts or the park area. We cannot walk to Rite Aid via 4th street for an ice cream cone. The sidewalk is impassible. The air reeks with urine, the environment is in dismay and the remarks made to pedestrians are unsuitable for the children's ears. Our guest that drive through this encampment and throughout our neighborhood, question our safety along with their own. Council Members, I urge you to clean up Shatto Park. Enforce the laws that you have created. Keep our park safe, our neighborhoods clean, our attitudes positive. Clean up our streets and parks. And please enforce the anti-camping law at Shatto Park. Sincerely, Paula Dailey Paula Dailey