

Communication from Public

Name: Kira

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 09:53 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: These resolutions are incredibly dangerous for unhoused people. We need City Council to shift the focus of their homelessness solutions to housing and services, not banning people for existing in public space. Where are the dedicated outreach and engagement strategies that you promised to implement when you passed this ordinance? Why are you putting up signs telling people where they can't be before you have done the work to give them a place to go? The power to banish unhoused people from spaces is clearly being used politically to wield power over and terrorize poor people who are simply trying to survive. The lack of affordable housing in Los Angeles is the REAL threat to public safety, not unhoused people. Stop trying to distract from your own failure to house people and offer shelter and services by passing a law that will further incite violence on the unhoused, NOT help them. Moving unhoused people around does not solve the crisis of homelessness. Do better.

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Name: Joanne Preece, Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County (CCALAC)

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 05:00 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of the Community Clinic Association of LA County (CCALAC), we ask the Council to fully fund and implement the Street Engagement Strategy that was passed in September. We are concerned to see the introduction and voting on new 41.18 resolutions moving forward before the Council fully implements the Street Engagement Strategy. CCALAC believes the Street Engagement Strategy will help ensure that any enforcement efforts are preceded by outreach and engagement by trained service providers who can assess people's needs and connect them to appropriate services and housing options. Without a strategy in place, Section 41.18 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code could disconnect people experiencing homelessness from the health care services they are currently receiving and make it difficult to re-engage this population if individuals are relocated without communication among those doing the placement and local service providers. The Street Engagement Strategy will assist in preventing the disruption of the care health centers provide to people experiencing homelessness, especially those who are served through clinics' street medicine programs. Thank you

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Name: Rachel Kassenbrock

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello. My name is Rachel Kassenbrock, and I am writing on behalf of LA Family Housing on item 4. We ask that the City Council finishes the job they started and fully fund and implement the Street Engagement Strategy that was passed by Council in September. Recent Encampment to Home projects show that, given proper time and resources, this process can successfully put people on the path to permanent homes. LA recently passed a comprehensive Street Engagement Strategy, which would ensure efforts to clear out encampments are accompanied by housing-focused outreach that connects people with services and a path to safe, permanent homes. At LA Family Housing, we see how effective this type of outreach is in ending homelessness in people's lives in our work every day. The introduction of new 41.18 resolutions and voting on any that have been submitted should be halted until we fully implement the Street Engagement Strategy. Thus far, nine councilmembers have introduced over 300 sites for 41.18 enforcement, including Councilmember Buscaino, who alone has introduced 172 sites. It is impossible for LAHSA, service providers, and the city departments to cover this scale of engagement, especially within the 30-day limit that the CLA's protocols established. It is impossible for LAHSA, service providers, and the city departments to cover this scale of engagement, especially within the 30-day limit that the CLA's protocols established. Council should ask the CLA to extend the hearing requirement to at least 90 days to allow LAHSA and the CAO to complete the steps outlined in the council's Street Engagement Strategy and not allow voting on resolutions until the outreach and engagement are completed and encampment residents have been linked with a real next step. Item 4 should be amended so as to fully fund proposed new positions and HET Teams as well as existing HET teams - as recommended in the Outreach Engagement Framework. As written, this item only recommends funding for new positions and teams. All the outreach resources outlined in the framework must be funded to ensure proper outreach is accomplished. In addition, we ask that as the new chair of the Homelessness and Poverty Committee, Councilmember De Leon call for special meetings of the Committee to advance all of the crucial motions before it, in particular the motion by Councilmembers Raman and Bonin to

amend the Street Engagement Strategy. Thank you so much,
Rachel

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Name: Dr. Va Lecia Adams Kellum

Date Submitted: 11/04/2021 02:31 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am Dr. Va Lecia Adams Kellum, writing on behalf of St. Joseph Center. We urge the Council to delay consideration of this 41.18 enforcement resolution until the Street Engagement Strategy discussed and approved by this Council has been fully implemented. The rushed approach embodied by acting on this item today will do nothing to end homelessness in this Council District or to help people experiencing homelessness in this area. To make progress toward ending homelessness, you must provide the time and resources for a full implementation of the Street Engagement Strategy before adopting any 41.18 enforcement resolutions. It is also vital that the motion by Councilmembers Bonin and Raman to amend the Street Engagement Strategy be heard immediately. Councilmember De Leon, in his capacity as the new chair of the Homelessness and Poverty Committee, must call for special meetings of the Committee to advance this motion along with other crucial but currently pending motions. Only after these actions are taken should the Council begin to consider resolutions designating locations for 41.18 enforcement.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Rubinstein

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Comments for Public Posting: Council must finish the job it started and fully fund and implement the Street Engagement Strategy that was passed by Council in September. Recent Encampment to Home projects show that, given proper time and resources, this process can successfully bring people inside. The introduction of new 41.18 resolutions and voting on any that have been submitted should be halted until we fully implement the Street Engagement Strategy. Thus far, nine councilmembers have introduced over 300 sites for 41.18 enforcement, including Councilmember Buscaino, who alone has introduced 172 sites. This is not the leadership that our city needs and is not what will end homelessness. It is impossible for LAHSA, service providers, and the city departments to cover this scale of engagement, especially within the 30-day limit that the CLA's protocols established. Council should ask the CLA to extend the hearing requirement to at least 90 days to allow LAHSA and the CAO to complete the steps outlined in the council's Street Engagement Strategy and not allow voting on resolutions until the outreach and engagement are completed and encampment residents have been linked with a real next step. In addition, the new chair of the Homelessness and Poverty Committee, Councilmember De Leon, should call for special meetings of the Committee to advance all of the crucial motions before it, in particular the motion by Councilmembers Raman and Bonin to amend the Street Engagement Strategy.