

Communication from Public

Name: Alex Clarke

Date Submitted: 11/11/2021 09:26 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: In the SAME WEEK, city council is trying to give guns to park rangers and move to empower LA Sanitation to issue ACE citations. This targeted harassment of “quality of life infractions” that Broken Windows Policing sees as “revitalization” or “improvement” will only grow as Sanitation is given the power to not pick up trash or help people access public health resources, but write *tickets* We know that LAPD has given 63% of its citations for “loitering” to Black residents in recent years, despite Black folks making up just 7% of the LA City population. It doesn’t matter if LASAN writes the ticket instead—the same systemic racism will hit our unhoused Black, brown, Indigenous folks hardest. People don’t need fines and enforcement—they need housing and healthcare. This enforces a punitive power dynamic when Sanitation could be actually helping folks with urgent public health needs. Thank you for your time

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Name: Justin

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge this city council to reject the proposed measure providing the Bureau of Sanitation with additional powers to implement fines upon the public. Sanitation is not sufficiently trained or versed in the law to issue fines. These fines will target unhoused individuals who lack resources for either avoidance or successful contestation. This city council has now pushed past the boundaries of committing humanitarian offenses, unthinkable acts, in its targeting of unhoused populations who have nowhere to successfully dwell and disproportionately become affected by the laws which are imposed. The expectation of your proposed actions from i.) turning Bureau of Sanitation Workers into street cops (e.g. the right to punish through the imposition of fines), ii.) arming park rangers (the right to decide to kill based on circumstances at hand conjoined with the inevitable flaws in human judgment), and iii.) the banishment of unhoused populations from shaded areas (the right to exile, the right to impose heatstroke, the rights to impose barriers to self-care and survival) will be the targeted extinguishment and cremation of human life potential. At least 1,383 LA County unhoused died in 2020 according to USC, 3 times the amount in 2013 in which only 458 deaths occurred (<https://annenberg.usc.edu/news/research-and-impact/they-were-homeless-now-theyre-dead>). It seems like you're not finished burning bodies. In the Banality of Evil, Hannah Arendt writes of Adolf Eichmann, put on trial for orchestrating the extermination of Jews in WWII, "The trouble with Eichmann was precisely that so many were like him, and that the many were neither perverted nor sadistic, that they were, and still are, terribly and terrifyingly normal. From the viewpoint of our legal institutions and of our moral standards of judgment, this normality was much more terrifying than all the atrocities put together, for it implied - as had been said at Nuremberg over and over again by the defendants and their counsels -that this new type of criminal, who is in actual fact hostis generis humani, commits his crimes under circumstances that make it well-nigh impossible for him to know or to feel that he is doing wrong." (p. 276) With hopes, there can be a process of learning and understanding whereby this Los Angeles City Council ceases its harmful and for many, life-ending actions.

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Name: Steven Chun

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Steven Chun and I am a resident of CD5. I am writing to OPPOSE yet another garbage motion put forth by City Council that will, as always, target the most vulnerable members of our communities. Giving LA Sanitation the power to write citations/tickets only serves to further systemic racism and the systemic oppression of Unhoused people whose lives are already made impossibly difficult by the current actions of LA City Council. Stop listening to your billionaire donors. Stop listening to the rabid, violent, racist anti-Unhoused voices of your wealthiest constituents. Stop worsening the humanitarian crisis that is Los Angeles homelessness. Do your job. You can't cite or sweep the homelessness crisis away. It has been tried. You all have been trying it for decades. The only solution is services and permanent housing. It's not hard.

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Name: Linden Willis

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Comments for Public Posting: Please Vote NO on item 14 for giving sanitation workers citation powers. What is going on with city council right now? Why are you introducing motions to arm park rangers and give sanitation workers the ability to issue tickets? Why do I have to write and call into city council meetings multiple times weekly to ask you to not expand the policing of our residents in an era when the overwhelming public message is to reform community safety and rethink policing? I read every single comment left on the parks committee motion yesterday to arm park rangers, and a whopping 2 messages were in favor when 100+ other messages were against it. In addition, of the several dozen people who called into the meeting, only 3 were for the motion. Two of those people, un-coincidentally, I think, specifically mentioned "transients" and other flattering names for homeless people. It seems to me like these absurd motions are, as these citizens are asking for, specifically meant to target homeless people. You'd rather disregard all of the causes and programs that citizens are organizing and trying to move through city council that would actually provide housing for people- which would get them off the street, if that is your primary concern- and instead push motions to punish people for being homeless. I don't even think you believe the lies you spout that guns and fines will clean the city of homeless people. You know that people will always experience homelessness in LA while our rent prices are this high and community services so under-funded. You're okay with fining and gunning homeless people to death instead of helping them find housing. That's the message I'm getting from these barbaric motions.