

Communication from Public

Name: Chris Tilly

Date Submitted: 12/01/2021 11:23 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S16

Comments for Public Posting: (This also speaks to 21-4118 S18 and S19) I am a 12-year Venice homeowner and a Professor of Urban Planning at UCLA. I oppose 21-4118 S16, S18, and S19. Criminalization of homelessness is not a solution. More people will continue to become homeless, and unless the City is prepared to imprison them all--an inhuman option that I don't think anyone wants--all these enforcement zones will do is push unhoused people around the city, making their lives even harder and pushing even more over the edge to substance abuse or mental illness. The only way to solve this problem is to provide sufficient temporary AND PERMANENT housing, and to relocate people in a humane way. Until adequate temporary and permanent housing for homeless folks is available, the criminalization envisioned by these motions is not a policy solution, but a human rights violation that doesn't solve our homelessness problem and in fact is likely to make it worse.

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Name: Mia Lopez-Zubiri

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose Motions 26, 27, and 28, which represent an effort to further criminalize homelessness. The City must prioritize preserving and building affordable and supportive housing rather than continuing to spend money on costly, ineffective, and cruel attempts to ban unhoused people from public spaces. Please reject this latest proposal to clear sidewalks without adequate housing and social services.

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Name: Erika Lee

Date Submitted: 12/01/2021 10:05 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of CD11 and staff member of Venice Community Housing. I am writing to strongly oppose both Agenda Items 26 and 27, which criminalize unhoused members of our community. People should not be forcibly displaced, moved, or banned from areas without adequate housing. These motions further exacerbate problems for our communities, displace people and cut their community ties and actually make neighborhoods less safe. Rather than focusing on banning people from areas, our elected officials should be working to develop adequate resources and much needed housing.