

Communication from Public

Name: Pacific Palisades Community Council
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Council File No: 22-0158
Comments for Public Posting: Please see attached letter from Pacific Palisades Community Council -- opposed to the Council File but request consideration of certain factors if this matter moves forward in Council.
Christina Spitz, Secretary, PPCC



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

May 9, 2022

Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Chair, City Council Planning & Land Use Management Committee (PLUM)

Hon. Gilbert A. Cedillo, Vice-Chair, PLUM

Hon. Bob Blumenfield, Hon. John S. Lee, Hon. Monica Rodriguez, members, PLUM

Via email and submission to City Clerk filing portal

Re: Council File 22-0158 (scheduled for hearing by PLUM on 5/10/22); oppose and request consideration of certain factors and adverse consequences

Dear Councilmembers:

Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) has been the most broad-based community organization and voice of Pacific Palisades since 1973.

At its regularly scheduled Board meeting on April 28, 2022, after full public discussion, the PPCC Board passed the following motion unanimously by all members voting:

“Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) agrees that there is and has been for many years a crisis of homelessness in Los Angeles. We support reasonable and effective measures and policies to address the crisis, including the successful measures and policies adopted by the respected Pacific Palisades Task Force on Homelessness: <https://www.pptfh.org>. We believe that City-owned property (but not sensitive sites such as parks, libraries, schools or daycares) should be the first priority for placement of temporary homeless shelters, and that if any property, including property owned by faith-based institutions, is to be utilized for this purpose, this should only occur after an appropriate review, advance notice to and opportunity for comment by the relevant, affected community. We strongly believe that current zoning protections, including State-mandated reviews and studies, should not be relaxed or overridden, or, if for "emergency" reasons relaxation of these protections is contemplated, a specific time frame should be imposed for any temporary shelters, with clear provisions for removal of such shelters after the time frame expires.

“PPCC opposes the motion in CF 22-0158, for the reasons stated in our letter of February 21, 2022: <http://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/PPCC-Letter-CF22-0158.pdf>. However, should the motion move forward in City Council, we support consideration by City officials, including full consideration of any adverse consequences, of the following:

- Consideration of automatically including LAMC 41.18 protections on any location providing a homeless shelter and authorized pursuant to a declared shelter emergency, including full consideration of adverse consequences if such protections are not included;
- Consideration of mandatory CEQA compliance, including full consideration of adverse consequences if CEQA compliance is not required;

- Consideration of consequences, including full consideration of adverse consequences, of “Cutting red tape,” by removing the public’s right to a transparent approval process including right to notification and the opportunity for public comment, including early notification to NCs and recognized CCs;
- Consideration of the differences and effects of allowing shelters in R1 zones as proposed versus the existing ordinances allowing them in R2 & R3 zones, including full consideration of adverse consequences of such differences and effects;
- Consideration of the effects of limiting shelters within a reasonable radius of sensitive sites such as parks, libraries, schools and daycares, including full consideration of adverse consequences if such limits are not imposed.”

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

David Card

David Card
Chair
Pacific Palisades Community Council

cc (via email):
Hon. Mike Bonin, CD 11
Hon. Nithya Raman, CD 4