

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Para Los Niños

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Council President Nury Martinez – On behalf of Para Los Ninos, I would like to offer our support for the recent move by the council barring homeless encampments within 500 feet of schools and daycare centers. Para Los Niños places education at the core of our mission to ensure our children, youth, and families can thrive. We operate seven Head Start preschool centers and three Charter Schools serving 1,100 low-income children (ages 6 weeks to 14 years), and we prepare another 2,000 youth (ages 14-24) annually for success in post-secondary education and the workforce with a focus on drop-out recovery and prevention. As we also emphasize the importance of strong family and community relationships, we offer a range of support services and community engagement opportunities to our children, youth and families. By addressing these factors of intellectual development and supportive environments, we build a strong foundation for children's success in school and in life. We understand the increase in the needs of services our current homeless population need in Los Angeles and have tried to work directly with your fellow councilmembers to alleviate some of the concerns we have directly experienced as well. However, given the large ambiguity that currently exists within the ordinance, it has been extremely difficult to provide enforcement at some of our early childhood education sites and charter schools. Our students, parents, and staff have experienced ongoing verbal abuse at one of our schools due to an encampment being across the street, but within 500 feet, of our campus. In clarifying and including the required enforcement expansion of the ordinance, we will now be able to provide the necessary safe space that our students, parents, and staff deserve. I commend you for leading these efforts at this specific time in our city. I look forward to continuing working with our local councilmembers in finding holistic solution to our homeless population that is centered on meeting their mental health needs. If you would ever be interested in visiting one of our sites, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly. Thank you for putting the needs of our community residents first. Sincerely, Drew Furedi President & CEO Para Los Niños

Para los niños  
for the children

June 3, 2022

Honorable Los Angeles City Council President Nury Martinez  
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

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