

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andy P.

**Date Submitted:** 06/13/2022 08:53 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hey: This is absolutely a terrible proposal. Let people have bikes. Otherwise the overreach is going to be atrocious, and it's clear that the actual enforcement will be specious, to not inconvenience the most privileged bikers in the city--who don't need this nearly as much and probably choke our skies with smog if it becomes too inconvenient. Seriously just do not even this.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lorenzo M.

**Date Submitted:** 06/13/2022 10:27 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** Policies like this do nothing to stem bike theft and are really about making the lives of unhoused people worse. You spend time and effort on policies like this instead of putting even more effort on building affordable housing and public housing, keeping housing affordable, and reforming the zoning code to increase supply. I don't want my tax dollars going to abusing people like this.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Concerned American

**Date Submitted:** 06/13/2022 10:29 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** What you are doing to the homeless community is just cruel. You are punishing people who are already struggling instead of trying to find solutions to their homelessness. Not everyone who is homeless is jobless. You are now ripping away their only mode of transportation. You public officials don't just represent people with addresses and those who vote for them. Shame on all of you for caring more about abusing your power than empowering the people you are called to serve.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/13/2022 11:05 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is outrageous to restrict the use of bicycles in public spaces. This policy is punitive and pointless. Please oppose and leave bicycle owners alone.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/13/2022 11:16 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** Oppose this ordinance that would criminalize repairing and selling bikes on public property. Many unhoused Angelenos rely on bike repair to make a living. Criminalizing their livelihood will make it even harder for them to exit homelessness. Many unhoused people rely on bikes as a means of transportation and to bypass public transportation systems that are punitive to those who can't afford it. There are already laws in place to allow for disability access to make the sidewalks passable. Making this illegal is based solely on their housing status and is discrimination. Bikes are a primary mode of transportation for many unhoused people. Repairing a flat tire or adjusting your gears would be deemed criminal for Unhoused people. When a city fails to create affordable housing for decades, you cannot discriminate to block the few business choices available to those living on the street. Our laws force unhoused people to stay near their belongings and this is one of the few business endeavors that can be done from a sidewalk. This the same type of discriminatory practice that created the lawsuit *García v LA*. Does the city need to spend millions of dollars on another discriminatory practice?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michelle

**Date Submitted:** 06/13/2022 11:31 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** I vehemently oppose this ordinance which criminalizes repairing and selling bikes on public property. Many unhoused Angelenos rely on bike repair to make a living. Criminalizing their livelihood will make it even harder for them to exit homelessness. Most unhoused people I know in CD15 rely on bikes as a means of transportation. It also allows them to bypass inconsistent public transportation systems that are punitive to those who can't afford it. There are already laws in place to allow for disability access to make the sidewalks passable. Making street bike repair illegal is based solely on folks housing status and is discriminatory. As mentioned above, bikes are a primary mode of transportation for many unhoused people. Repairing a flat tire or adjusting your gears would be deemed criminal for unhoused folks. When the city fails to create affordable housing for decades, it cannot discriminatorily block the few business choices available to those living on the street. Our current laws force unhoused people to stay near their belongings and this is one of the few business endeavors that can be done from a sidewalk. This the same type of discriminatory practice that created the lawsuit *García v LA*. Stop spending millions of dollars on discriminatory practices!

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/13/2022 11:33 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** Instead of criminalizing poverty, why don't you enact policies that actually help the unhoused and unsheltered? The proverb is: a rising tide lifts all boats, not; We float on the backs of the struggling.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/13/2022 11:53 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** Highly upsetting to learn that members of LA City Council are voting to criminalize the unhoused community + low-income communities by approving Agenda Items 18, 19, and 20. Restricting public areas and removing homeless people from particular areas is anti-homeless legislation and plainly cruel; you must not allow Items 18, 19, and 20 to pass.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Joanne G. Murphy

**Date Submitted:** 06/13/2022 11:58 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** This is surely the most idiotic idea I ever heard. Pray tell: what would be the incentive to obey this law? The threat of a fine? What would a homeless person do for money to pay it? Jail time? If you're asking the taxpayers to house the person in jail, why not just house him to begin with? Then he could fix his bike in his home and wouldn't be breaking the law, right? Laws like this create contempt and disrespect for the law!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Anna

**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2022 12:42 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly oppose the addition of Section 56.15.3 to the LAMC and urge council members to reject the ordinance. Bicycles are an important tool for both individual and community health, providing a mode of transportation that is more economically-accessible and environmentally-sustainable than cars. The ordinance as written is vague and will do little, if any, good in addressing the problem of bicycle theft that it speciously claims as its justification. Instead, it stands to further criminalize and punish poverty (and to add additional roadblocks for all bike-riders). Please reject Item 1 during the June 14 city council meeting.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Natalie

**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2022 01:21 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** This is heavily opposed and will disproportionately impact constituents that find themselves already in precarious situations. The way this legislation impacts those who are already severely marginalized and underrepresented does not go unnoticed. It is time that you stop further criminalizing poverty and look towards solutions that prioritize the safety and well being of ALL Los Angeles residents. If we are to better the material conditions for all residents of Los Angeles, it is important that we prioritize solutions that aim to improve people's lives while also minimizing harmful consequences. Not seeking to address root issues of poverty that impact crime levels, while further penalizing other areas excluding the crime itself is ineffective and quite asinine.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** MN

**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2022 02:24 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** To become a member of the LA city council, it should be a requirement that you have spent 1 month sleeping on the streets of LA with no social support. This would stymie this endless flow of monstrous "solutions" that are just more excuses to send the poor to die in jails and fields.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Max Wong

**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2022 03:44 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** You know when my bicycle breaks down, it's always in the privacy of my dining room & never on public property like a city street. Same thing with my car. It is outrageous that bike owners think they can just park their bike on freeway embankments, on parkways, & on city sidewalks, when the city of LA has made it very clear, time & time again, that those areas are reserved as dumping grounds for abandoned Bird & Lime Scooters only. It's also completely wild to think that an increase in the number of urban cyclists would result in more bike theft. One only has to look at the top selling video game series Grand Theft Bicycle: Amsterdam & its wildly successful sequel Grand Theft Recumbent: Portland to see that excellent cycling infrastructure leads to degeneracy. Do we want Los Angeles to look like that Hellscape Copenhagen &/or have the bike theft stats (Ladri di Biciclette) of Rome? No. We do not. Finally, Los Angeles is famous for its smog & its traffic. To preserve our city's image we must do everything possible to keep the air dirty & the streets mean.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2022 04:57 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** What a disgrace to pass such a cruel law. Bikes are the lifeline to a more eco friendly city we should encourage people to use bikes not criminalizing it. It really goes to show that city council are a bunch of rich sellouts that only protects the interest of corporations lost all my faith in these council losers.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Harley Phillips

**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2022 05:16 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** How is it that a council of people who aren't even cyclists have any say over how the public uses PUBLIC spaces to cycle? There isn't even adequate infrastructure for cyclists to begin with (bike lanes, sufficient/secure bike parking, etc.) all the while the expansion of car dominant public spaces increases and in turn cycling deaths has INCREASED. This motion to further criminalize cycling is reckless, dangerous and a complete detriment to the health and safety of cyclists. The local Los Angeles government, in whole, should be ashamed of themselves. It seems to me that no matter what you do to try and be a little more eco friendly, nothing can stop the corporate and political machines from the expansion of petrol consumption. Anyone who sees this as a positive for society is completely oblivious to how our ACTUAL communities (not corporate sponsored politicians) would feel on this matter and I urge them to actually connect with their community as they are so far distanced from us it is disgusting. Overall, if this motion passes, it will bring nothing but danger and further hardships for cyclists and our unhoused neighbors. Why didn't the public get to vote on this?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Hannah Bowman

**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2022 07:44 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** This proposed ordinance is cruel and unjust. I, a homeowner in the West Valley, strongly oppose this ordinance that would criminalize repairing and selling bikes on public property. Many unhoused people need bicycles as their only form of transportation. Many rely on bikes to bypass public transportation systems that are punitive to those who can't afford it, especially now that Metro is charging fares again. To disallow their storage is a horrifying attempt to criminalize poverty. Many unhoused Angelenos rely on bike repair to make a living. Criminalizing their livelihood will make it even harder for them to exit homelessness. There are already laws in place to allow for disability access to make the sidewalks passable. Making bicycle storage and repair illegal is based solely on their housing status and is discrimination. Repairing a flat tire or adjusting your gears would be deemed criminal for unhoused people under this ordinance. When a city fails to create affordable housing for decades, you cannot discriminate to block the few business choices available to those living on the street. Our laws force unhoused people to stay near their belongings and this is one of the few business endeavors that can be done from a sidewalk. This the same type of discriminatory practice that created the lawsuit *García v LA*. Does the city need to spend millions of dollars on another discriminatory practice? I am shocked by the depths to which our city will go to criminalize, punish, and terrorize people simply for not being able to afford housing, in the midst of a housing crisis. This is one more attempt to make life unlivable for unhoused people, under the veil of "safety from crime" for housed people. It is cruel and immoral and it must not pass. Hannah Bowman



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tom Booth

**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2022 07:51 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please vote NO on this CF that perpetuates the criminalization of homelessness and poverty. As if storing and selling bicycles should be considered a crime. And who's going to enforce these new draconian laws? We need less interaction with law enforcement and unhoused folks, not more interaction that costs the taxpayer money and ultimately increases homelessness. Stop blaming people for being in poverty and create policies that actually solves homelessness, ie increasing affordable permanent housing, social services that will help to stabilize people and lift them out of poverty. This CF misses the mark at so many levels, it's disappointing that this is actually even being discussed. The City Council should be investing their energy into finding solutions to end homelessness not wasting our tax dollars on harmful interventions that only increases the criminalization of Angelenos who live in abject poverty. This CF only adds to the daily burden of those who need our help. Please do not support this CF.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael Charboneau

**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2022 08:05 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to urge the City Council to vote NO on Council File: 21-1115, which would criminalize fixing bicycles on public property. This is a ridiculous proposed rule that is simply a new way to criminalize homelessness. It is already illegal to block the public right-of-way and illegal to steal bikes—the only real issues here have already been addressed. This proposed law is totally unnecessary. I urge the council to stop wasting time on petty, unhelpful rules that do nothing to solve homelessness and only make life more miserable for our most vulnerable neighbors. Build more bike lanes and build more housing instead.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Bryan J Blumberg

**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2022 08:07 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please vote NO on the ban of bike sales or repairs on public property. Bike theft is already illegal. I am opposed to any laws which have the effect of criminalizing being poor or homeless.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andrew Werner  
**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2022 08:10 AM  
**Council File No:** 21-1115  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Do not criminalize bike repairs on public property. Enforce the laws that exist regarding criminal behavior rather than a distraction targeting the unhoused.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nicolas

**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2022 08:20 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** Oppose this. It will only further criminalize the unhoused and poor. Yet another case in which a service based alternative would be much more effective. Endlessly criminalizing will leave all of us for the worse, but in this case most immediately the unhoused and poor people who live in our city. Illegalizing public bike storage and bike work to this level leaves huge populations prosecutable for no benefit. Is this the city any of us want to live in? I don't.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Grace

**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2022 08:26 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** Stealing bikes is already illegal. Possessing bike parts as if they are a lethal weapon is fascistic and outrageous. Bike crime is not an epidemic. This will obviously affect the poor and not the wealthy.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Allon Percus

**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2022 08:27 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge you to vote NO on item 1. I understand the need to combat bicycle theft, but criminalizing the mere possession of bicycle parts in public seems a terribly ill-advised way of doing this. The draft ordinance, as written, would have the unintended consequences of: a) prohibiting "good samaritan" bicycle repair workshops that take place in public locations, such as during Cyclavia events, and b) preventing some of our most vulnerable fellow citizens, who may not have access to private spaces, from repairing bicycles or having their own bicycles repaired. Please let's avoid further attempts at criminalizing indigence. There are quite enough of those already. Instead, let's start thinking of effective means of enable people in our community to bike safely.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Heather

**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2022 08:30 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** This ordinance is pretty obviously just an attempt to further criminalize the homeless with the added bonus of being an additional excuse for pretextual stops of black and brown teens who may be fixing their bikes on the street. As a cyclist, as a human being with a soul... you know this is ridiculous, right? It's far past the time to treat the disease, not merely the symptoms.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mia Grindon

**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2022 08:36 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** Why are we criminalizing bike ownership and maintenance? We should be encouraging the use of bikes and discouraging non-sensical criminalization of harmless activity. Public space is public space for a reason, and people should be free to go about their business to repair bikes in public spaces just like others get to enjoy public spaces for other activities of their choosing. This unfairly targets those who don't have access to private property and this is definitely the wrong way to go.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lionel MareS

**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2022 08:41 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council, Hello, I am writing to you about an issue that has drawn a lot of social media attention on Twitter. Many people have expressed outrage over the fact that you, the city council, are targeting the homeless community. There are laws already in place that criminalizes bicycle-theft. I believe that the city council should reconsider its approach. Please vote NO on Item 1 (Council File: 21-1115). This ordinance will make it harder to fix bikes in public for all riders, and will further criminalize homelessness and poverty in public spaces. As written, simply possessing a few bicycle parts on a sidewalk will be illegal. Bicycle theft and blocking the right of way is already criminal, instead of passing laws targeting our most vulnerable neighbors we should be working to make it easier to bike, fix bikes, and park bikes safely across the City of LA. Respectfully, Lionel Mares, MPA 91352

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2022 08:44 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please make this illegal, we have enough issues with the homeless stealing bikes. Please confiscate all the bikes on the street and fine those doing this. Keep our city and streets clean!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Danielle Dirksen

**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2022 08:47 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please vote against item #1. We've already criminalized public space to such a substantial extent. This ordinance amendment will only further hurt the poor, the unhoused, and Black and brown people. I thought we wanted to make LA more bikable and walkable - how does voting for this not sit on your conscience as something cruel and regressive to do? You know exactly who this ordinance will punish. Don't do it.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael E Peck

**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2022 08:50 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council, Please vote NO on Item 1 (Council File: 21-1115). This ordinance will make it harder to fix bikes in public for all riders, and will further criminalize homelessness and poverty in public spaces. As written, simply possessing a few bicycle parts on a sidewalk will be illegal. Bicycle theft and blocking the right of way is already criminal, instead of passing laws targeting our most vulnerable neighbors we should be working to make it easier to bike, fix bikes, and park bikes safely across the City of LA. Mobility is a critically important way to unlock financial opportunity and stability, and there are far better ways to reduce the nuisance and plight of homelessness in Los Angeles than this idea. Michael Peck West Adams, Los Angeles 90016

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Adonia Lugo

**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2022 08:51 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** Bicycles are a key mobility strategy for people without resources. The proposed ban would absolutely have inequitable effects on struggling Angelenos. Please vote no.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kim Olsen

**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2022 09:00 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** This resolution would criminalize many Unhoused neighbors who use bikes as their primary mode of transportation. They must fix their bikes outside because they do not have access to 'private property.' The potential for racial profiling here cannot be ignored. This will increase contact between law enforcement and our Unhoused neighbors. City Council, through Care + protocols, has agreed and created buffers to decrease LE contact with our Unhoused neighbors. I work with several Unhoused neighbors who create amazing and beautiful bikes. These amazing creations would be outlawed solely based on their housing status. We do not have affordable housing and this is how many people survive - supporting their communities housed and Unhoused by repairing and creating bikes. There are ADA laws in place to guarantee passable sidewalks. There are laws against bike theft. We do not need to become embroiled in another lawsuit like Garcia v City of LA. Please let us use our resources to support these endeavors - create spaces for this work. Create laws that allow people to leave their belongings without fear that they will be swept Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elizabeth Howell-Egan

**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2022 09:18 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly oppose this ordinance that would criminalize selling and repairing bikes on public property as it continues the war on our unhoused neighbors and would strip many unhoused Angelenos of their source of income. Making bike repairs on public property will make it even harder for folks to exit homelessness. Further, bikes are vital means of transportation for both housed and unhoused Angelenos, often primary sources of transportation for unhoused people. To enact this ordinance would be discrimination based on housing status, plain and simple. Let's not forget *García v. LA*, which arose due to similarly discriminatory practices by the city. When a city fails to create affordable housing for decades, you cannot discriminate to block the few business choices available to those living on the street. Our laws force unhoused people to stay near their belongings and this is one of the few business endeavors that can be done from a sidewalk. This ordinance would do nothing to address homelessness and would, if anything, only increase the barriers to accessing housing.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** BRADLEY FALK

**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2022 09:24 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council, Please vote NO on Item 1 (Council File: 21-1115). This ordinance will make it harder to fix bikes in public for all riders, and will further criminalize homelessness and poverty in public spaces. As written, simply possessing a few bicycle parts on a sidewalk will be illegal. Bicycle theft and blocking the right of way is already criminal, instead of passing laws targeting our most vulnerable neighbors we should be working to make it easier to bike, fix bikes, and park bikes safely across the City of LA. Brad Falk 90035-2591

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Karli Melder

**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2022 09:32 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** Criminalizing the repair and sale of bike parts on public property is literal violence towards the unhoused community. Not everyone has the privilege of a roof over their head, and a lot of homeless Angelenos will repair bikes as part of their living. Where else are they supposed to do this??? It's already nearly impossible to get around this city without paying for a car, or paying for public transportation. Please have some compassion and understand that some people ONLY have their bikes, and if their bike breaks, they have no other choice than to repair it on public property. When a city fails to create affordable housing for decades, you cannot discriminate to block the few business choices available to those living on the street. Our laws force unhoused people to stay near their belongings and this is one of the few business endeavors that can be done from a sidewalk while also keeping their things safe. Criminalizing this is wasting time and money. The LAPD already go on huge power trips to harass and discriminate against the unhoused community here in Los Angeles and this would just give them more of an excuse to do it. People don't belong in jail simply because they're trying to make the best of being unhoused, which is already so difficult out here. I hope you'll understand and take into consideration that further criminalizing and making it more difficult for the most marginalized of us to survive is actively violent.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Peter Crowley

**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2022 09:34 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** These proposals punish the victims of the housing crisis. There are already plenty of laws to keep rights-of-way clear. Penalizing bicycle repair is especially gratuitous and vicious. Instead of wasting time inflicting pain on the weak, could the Council please focus on removing the root causes of homelessness? Obsolete zoning and regulations seem like obvious targets. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Shannon Hartman

**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2022 09:34 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** Oppose this ordinance that would criminalize repairing and selling bikes on public property! Many unhoused Angelenos rely on bike repair to make a living. Criminalizing their livelihood will make it even harder for them to exit homelessness. Many unhoused people rely on bikes as a means of transportation and to bypass public transportation systems that are There are already laws in place to allow for disability access to make the sidewalks passable. Making this illegal is based solely on their housing status and is discrimination. Bikes are a primary mode of transportation for many unhoused people. Repairing a flat tire or adjusting your gears would be deemed criminal for Unhoused people. When a city fails to create affordable housing for decades, you cannot discriminate to block the few business choices available to those living on the street. Our laws force unhoused people to stay near their belongings and this is one of the few business endeavors that can be done from a sidewalk. This the same type of discriminatory practice that created the lawsuit *García v LA*. Does the city need to spend millions of dollars on another discriminatory practice? This is a complete waste of time and city resources that will inevitably be used by police to discriminate against people who aren't white. Meanwhile you all do nothing about the rental bikes and scooters private companies leave all over the place!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sam

**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2022 09:39 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please vote no on 21-1115 because the working class wants to be able to ride a bike and know that they can cheaply fix it. If this person can not afford to get their bike fixed, they might not be able to work. And, since this is effecting so many people, this will be a real dent in the Los Angeles economy. As environmentalists, we are all trying to encourage bike usage, and by voting no, you are a member of this movement.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brooke Nowling

**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2022 09:39 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please vote NO on Item 1 (Council File: 21-1115). This ordinance will make it harder to fix bikes in public for all riders, and will further criminalize homelessness and poverty in public spaces. As written, simply possessing a few bicycle parts on a sidewalk will be illegal. Bicycle theft and blocking the right of way is already criminal, instead of passing laws targeting our most vulnerable neighbors we should be working to make it easier to bike, fix bikes, and park bikes safely across the City of LA. Brooke Nowling Palms, 90034

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Hannah Gibson

**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2022 10:04 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** I do not support this ordinance. Please do not pass it. This ordinance will make it harder to fix bikes in public, and will further criminalize homelessness and poverty in public spaces. As written, simply possessing a few bicycle parts on a sidewalk would be illegal. Bicycle theft and blocking the right of way is already illegal in the city. Instead of passing laws targeting our most vulnerable neighbors, we should be working to make it easier to bike, fix bikes, and park bikes safely across the City of LA.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2022 10:08 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** Oppose! Normal activities of/in society should not be made illegal. That's bad law. If you pass this every child who fixes their bike chain when it pops off (we've all done that) will be committing a crime.



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2022 10:12 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** This new policy not only creates new opportunities to punish poor and unhoused populations for simply trying to get by and/or get around an unfriendly, car-centered city; it also sends a TERRIBLE message about transportation alternatives, environmental policy, and climate change. Please rescind this measure ASAP and focus the council's efforts on ameliorating the underlying causes of homelessness and poverty -- the lack of affordable housing, abuse by LEOs, gross inequities between communities of color and white property owners, etc.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alex Zhou

**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2022 10:25 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** Banning fixing bikes on public properties is one step in the wrong direction. The city should protect cyclists, not prosecute them. As we face climate crisis, it is the city's priority to promote alternative modes of transportation. As for biking, sometimes bikes do breakdown while riding them. It just happens. By making it illegal to fix bikes on public properties, it would discourage biking and it would make ordinary cyclists feel that the city is targeting them and not welcoming their existence. Imagine you're a cyclist who is commuting to work, and your bike breaks down. You proceed to fix it on the side of the road, and the police come, not to help you, but to give you a ticket. It is just not right.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Norma O. Chávez

**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2022 10:55 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly support motion 21-1115! It is time we protect the hard-working people who may own a bike as their method of transportation to and from work and who are constantly losing their bikes to bike theft. It is heart breaking to see how people post videos on social media from their Ring devices and cameras where there is evidence of bike theft and nothing gets done about it. Many of the Black and Brown community members who live in apartments don't have a special place to store their bikes, so they become easy targets for theft. We need to stop excusing unlawful behavior and spending money on trying to change the City's infrastructure to make accommodations for those who prefer to steal rather than work to pay for their wants and needs. We should not spend money to provide bike storage lockers. We have had a mayor issue with catalytic converter theft and having a place to store vehicles has not deter criminals from breaking into private property to steal catalytic converters from private vehicles as well as school busses. We should all respect the law, whether we are housed or unhoused. If one behaves like a criminal, then one should face the consequences. Let's make bike licensing more affordable so that anyone can register their bike.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gigi Droesch

**Date Submitted:** 06/14/2022 11:47 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1115

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not vote for this ordinance! I ride my bike as my primary form of transportation and I commute about 20 miles a day total. I have had my bike stolen before, twice over the course of the last decade. The weeks following these two incidents were some of the worse of my life. However, new laws will not protect my bike from theft. For one thing, "law enforcement" does not in fact stop crime! The last time my bike was stolen was when I used a inferior lock for 5 minutes while going into the store to buy a better lock. By the time I realized it was gone, I looked up to see that a police officer was cruising around the block not deterring crime in the slightest. What this law WILL do is criminalize unhoused people and other working class Angelenos who commute via bikes. This law will be used to terrorize people fixing and storing their bikes. It doesn't address the physical infrastructural reasons bikes get stolen (a lack of safe spaces to lock or store bikes around Los Angeles) or the economic infrastructural reasons bikes get stolen (lack of resources to keep someone or their family fed, clothed, sheltered and healthy -- many times because previous encounters with law enforcement have locked them out of the formal economy!). Literally a better use of resources would be to drastically reduce the police force and mail all cyclists in Los Angeles a level 9 rated Kryptonite lock! Do not make laws on behalf of my "safety" that make myself, my neighbors, and my community less safe.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lindsey Gant

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**Comments for Public Posting:** This ordinance is discrimination against the poor and unhoused. It damages the freedom of movement for those unable or unwilling to use cars in the already car-dominant infrastructure. Instead, build safe and secure (free) bike repair stations and improve bike storage options across the city.