

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 06/23/2022 09:52 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I OPPOSE expanding 41.18 in any capacity. Along with many other Angelenos, I oppose criminalization as a tool to address homelessness; it is expensive, ineffective, and inhumane. The proposed mandatory enforcement within 500 feet of schools and daycare centers will have an even greater negative impact on youth and adults experiencing homelessness. Students and children are greatly impacted by homelessness and housing instability. Schools are an important community resource for supporting unhoused students and young Angelenos at risk of homelessness. This blanket expansion does not take into consideration how this could affect this population. Stop criminalizing poverty. We need HOMES not ZONES, housekeys not handcuffs. Abolish 41.18

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Name: Thomas Booth

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Comments for Public Posting: Expanding 41.18 is expanding the criminalization of homelessness. Every expert in the field of solving homelessness is unified in opposing in draconian “sweeps” that are not only dehumanizing but set back any progress made by individuals to be rehoused. Lost documents, disrupted services, traumatizes people, etc. are just some of the results of constant displacements of unhoused folx. And where are people supposed to go? There’s not enough interim housing for all those who need shelter. And those currently sheltered in “interim” are stuck there due no fixed or permanent housing available to complete the process of housing. This constant displacement of encampments is also costly and brings law enforcement back into interactions with people who need services and housing not more trauma and harassment. Please vote NO on this inhumane step backward that does nothing to stop homelessness but does waste city funds and causes increased trauma to our unhoused citizens. Please stop bullying our unhoused neighbors and help them back into housing instead.

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Name: Jordy Coutin

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Comments for Public Posting: This proposed amendment is the most dramatic expansion of 41.18, creating unhoused exclusion zones across a massive portion of Los Angeles. As a volunteer with waterdrop, providing street outreach to individuals experiencing homelessness, criminalization and sweeps make our work so much harder. When individuals are forced to move, we do not always know where to find them to continue providing life-saving resources. Additionally, they exacerbate the challenge of exiting homelessness by throwing away vital documents needed for accessing income, benefits and housing. Finally and most importantly, they traumatize and significantly harm residents by throwing away personal belongings, and leaving folks without shelter from the elements when no adequate shelter beds are available in the homeless services system. For previous amendments, every address of a 41.18 zone was listed, reviewed and voted upon, and transparent to the public. At this point it's unclear how many neighborhoods and people will be impacted by this, but there are thousands of sites within LA City boundaries. The proposed mandatory enforcement within 500 feet of schools and daycare centers will have an even greater negative impact on youth and adults experiencing homelessness. Students and children are greatly impacted by homelessness and housing instability. Schools are an important community resource for supporting unhoused students and young Angelenos at risk of homelessness. This blanket expansion does not take into consideration how this could affect this population.

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Name: Zeke Sandoval

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Comments for Public Posting: Broadening the scope and scale of enforcement only wastes valuable time and resources that would be better spent on outreach and housing. Service providers, elected officials, and Angelenos of every housing status agree the status quo is unacceptable. That's why, since the start of the pandemic, Los Angeles has conducted multiple intensive "encampment-to-home" efforts, demonstrating many times over that we can safely and sustainably resolve encampments when we invest in proper outreach and access to permanent housing. As participants in those more successful efforts, and as one of LA's largest service providers for decades, we reiterate that people begin their journey out of homelessness only when we meet them with trauma-informed outreach and adequate housing and services. The safety and well-being of everyone, housed and unhoused, is of the utmost importance. We remind the Council that our unhoused neighbors are far more likely to be victims of violence than they are to be perpetrators. Enforcement of anti-camping ordinances, then, only displaces people and makes it harder for trained outreach staff to establish trust again. Residents of cleared encampments, unless connected to stable permanent housing through a trauma-informed case management process, often return to unsheltered homelessness. We urge the Council to pursue outreach and affordable housing development strategies we know to be successful, and avoid rushed enforcement actions wasting valuable time and resources. As we have for decades, we pledge our firm partnership in the City's efforts to end homelessness through outreach, housing, and supportive services.

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Name: Julia Goldberg

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Comments for Public Posting: This would be the most dramatic expansion of 41.18, creating exclusion zones for unhoused neighbors across a massive portion of Los Angeles. Despite city council's demonstrated beliefs, a significant percentage of Angelenos oppose criminalization as a means to address homelessness, knowing that it is costly, inhumane, and grossly ineffective. As we experience hotter temperatures, unhoused people will need cool, shady places even more, but they always need access to sanitary facilities. These are almost exclusively near or in our parks and libraries. Until the city can offer sufficient shelter or housing to our unhoused neighbors, we must stop displacing people in response to housed residents making complaints. Socioeconomic status should not determine the fate of human rights in Los Angeles.