

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rosemarie Segura

**Date Submitted:** 07/01/2022 08:52 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** This is a letter from my 15 yr old that went to Sammy Lee Elementary and Virgil before the homeless encampment . She is shock seeing what her little sisters have to see when going to school and how unsafe it is .

As a former student of both Virgil Middle School and Sammy Lee Elementary School I believe something needs to be done regarding the large homeless population near schools in our city. Throughout the years of attending these schools the increase in homeless throughout the city and the growth of the homeless population around education centers is something I could not help but notice. I have memories from



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how clean the area around the school was and how safe it felt. Now things are much different, having homeless people right outside the school and the street full of garbage. I'm now an upcoming sophomore at Orthopedic Medical Magnet and see the same issue with homeless camps near the school. All the homeless camps surrounding the schools make it impossible to ensure the safety of students. I've witnessed them do all sorts of drugs, urinate by schools, verbally assault people, walk around completely naked, and more. This isn't to say that all homeless people act this way, but the majority of them by these schools do. It's absurd to say that schools are a safe and sanitary environment for students when all of this occurs right outside them. There are children who are as young as 11 years old, possibly even younger, who have to walk home from school alone while being exposed to this environment. While I think there's better ways to go about decreasing the amount of the homeless

there's better ways to go about decreasing the amount of the homeless population near schools, I think for now it's best to move them away from schools to further insure the safety and wellbeing of students.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sarah Rubinstein

**Date Submitted:** 07/01/2022 09:30 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am strongly opposed to Item #74, the proposed ordinance banning encampments from within 500 feet of schools and daycare centers. By passing this proposed ordinance, we will simply be adding thousands of new locations across the city where it will be unlawful to be unhoused, under the guise of protecting students and families. When this Council initially passed 41.18 last summer, it did so while claiming that it would be tied to a comprehensive Streets Engagement Strategy. One year later, the strategy remains incomplete and unfunded. Meanwhile, hundreds of new anti-camping locations have been designated across the city, though we've lacked the staff or resources to support the people living in encampments in those areas. Three weeks ago, across multiple different races, city voters resoundingly rejected the failed policies of homelessness criminalization. I urge this committee to heed their call and instead focus attention on creating and protecting affordable housing, providing financial and legal support to residents to prevent evictions, and focusing on how to prevent crises instead of criminalizing and punishing those impacted the most by them.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jet Doye, Skid Row Housing Trust

**Date Submitted:** 07/01/2022 09:39 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Jet Doye, and I am writing today on behalf of Skid Row Housing Trust to oppose Item #74, the proposed ordinance banning encampments from within 500 feet of schools and daycare centers. Youth homelessness is truly a major crisis, one that disproportionately impacts LGBTQ+ youth and students of color. In 2020, 15-thousand minors experienced homelessness in LA. Per the County Office of Education, there are over 51-thousand students who are without a stable place to call home. In the city, there are over 1-thousand LAUSD sites. Along with over 600 private schools and hundreds of day care centers, these will simply be more locations we lack the staff, services, and housing to properly support. Without any new investments in the tools proven to end homelessness, the likeliest outcome of this ordinance will be the increased criminalization of unhoused families and students, many of whom live near the schools they continue to attend. By passing this proposed ordinance, we will simply be adding thousands of new locations across the city where it will be unlawful to be unhoused, under the guise of protecting students and families. When this Council initially passed 41.18 last summer, it did so while claiming that it would be tied to a comprehensive Streets Engagement Strategy. One year later, the strategy remains incomplete and unfunded. In the almost year since the Council passed 41.18 policies, hundreds of new anti-camping locations have been designated across the city, though we've lacked the staff or resources to support the people living in encampments in those areas. Without any analysis from the CAO or LAHSA as to personnel or levels of service, this ordinance will add thousands of new locations. Even more so than the overall unhoused population, the racial disparities amongst young Angelenos experiencing homelessness is staggering. According to a 2020 USC report, ninety-six percent of unhoused LAUSD are students of color. Criminalizing houselessness around schools will likely have a disproportionate on LGBTQ+ youth, who are at 120% higher risk of experiencing some form of homelessness than non LGBTQ+ youth. This ordinance will only push these incredibly at-risk children further to the margins. Three weeks ago, across multiple different races, city voters resoundingly rejected the failed policies of homelessness criminalization. We urge the Council to heed their call. It's for

these reasons we urge you to reject this ordinance. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lorena Sanchez  
**Date Submitted:** 07/01/2022 09:50 AM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Good morning Councilmembers. My name is Lorena Sanchez, and I am speaking today Downtown Women's Center to oppose Item #74, the proposed ordinance banning encampments from within 500 feet of schools and daycare centers. By passing this proposed ordinance, we will simply be adding thousands of new locations across the city where it will be unlawful to be unhoused, under the guise of protecting students and families. When this Council initially passed 41.18 last summer, it did so while claiming that it would be tied to a comprehensive Streets Engagement Strategy. One year later, the strategy remains incomplete and unfunded. In the almost year since the Council passed 41.18 policies, hundreds of new anti-camping locations have been designated across the city, though we've lacked the staff or resources to support the people living in encampments in those areas. Without any analysis from the CAO or LAHSA as to personnel or levels of service, this ordinance will add thousands of new locations. Even more so than the overall unhoused population, the racial disparities amongst young Angelenos experiencing homelessness is staggering. According to a 2020 USC report, ninety-six percent of unhoused LAUSD are students of color. Criminalizing homelessness around schools will likely have a disproportionate on LGBTQ+ youth, who are at 120% higher risk of experiencing some form of homelessness than non LGBTQ+ youth. This ordinance will only push these incredibly at-risk children further to the margins. Three weeks ago, across multiple different races, city voters resoundingly rejected the failed policies of homelessness criminalization. We urge this committee to heed their call.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Miki Jackson

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Miki Jackson for AHF/HHR/HHF. We are opposed to this item. We oppose Section 41.18 as it is and strongly oppose expanding it. This ordinance serves to criminalize a significant number of our residents for simply being unable to afford the usurious rents being charged in our city. The city government has failed our low income residents by systematically failing to take measures to provide housing for low income people. The city now criminalizes poor people for nothing more than falling prey to the results of governmental failure. This particular proposed action will dedicate a sizable swath of the city to being, literally, ground for criminalizing residents of this city. An unequal and unfair situation is being perpetrated. We are creating defacto geographic apartheid in our city. Ugly "red lines" are being drawn to exclude and punish people. This must be stopped and rolled back. This falls hardest on people of color and is creating a situation that is racist and shameful. We hereby adopt all comments opposing and critical of Section 41.18 and the expansion of it.