

Communication from Public

Name: Katie Eiler

Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 09:56 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I work in direct service and case navigation with homeless individuals and families, and from the bottom of my heart, please, please do not expand 41.18. My clients are exhausted, under-served, and on the brink--they don't need to be criminalized for having nowhere to go. The services promised with sweeps often don't come, or don't work. It's salt in a wound: Project Roomkey is phasing out, at my last count 6 shelters in SPA 4 alone were on covid quarantine, it can take weeks to get from an access center into a bed, and the eviction moratorium has ended, meaning resources are about to get even more scarce as more people enter homelessness. We have enough on our plates as it is. People's most important belongings, like ID and medication, are routinely trashed during these sweeps, even though they're not supposed to be, leaving frontline providers to pick up the pieces and clients newly demoralized. I don't agree with the current implementation plan, but even the few protections included in it are not being enforced correctly. We don't need any more fear and disruption in our clients' lives, and 41.18 expansion practically guarantees it.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 11:35 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Now that you're done running for Mayor, will you call off this atrocious ordinance? I oppose the amendment to expand 41.18 and urge you to vote no. 41.18 is a danger to our most vulnerable neighbors, a waste of taxpayer dollars, and an embarrassment to this city. End this charade and give our most vulnerable neighbors the care that they desperately need. Shame on you for exacerbating the homelessness crisis

Communication from Public

Name: Kathleen Rawson, Hollywood Partnership

Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 09:09 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council, The Hollywood Partnership (HP) urges you to adopt the proposed amendments to LAMC Section 41.18 pertaining to unlawful sitting, lying, sleeping, and storage of personal property on public rights of way near schools and daycare centers. The HP also supports extension of these prohibitions to the ends of blocks that are partially contained within the relevant 500 ft. or 1,000 ft. radius and amendments to LAMC Section to 56.11 to align with the revised Section 41.18. Homelessness is a national and regional crisis that deserves to be met with compassionate solutions to the needs of our unhoused neighbors. However, we must also maintain the operability of the city for the rest of its citizens, workers, and visitors. Too often, we observe pedestrians walking in roadways with active vehicle traffic to bypass tents erected on public sidewalks. This creates a dangerous and life-threatening condition in any occurrence, but is particularly troubling in areas where we owe the city's youth and their caregivers a safe arrival and departure from schools and daycares. Equally important to adopting this ordinance is the provision of adequate resources to actively and consistently enforce it. The Hollywood Partnership welcomes opportunities to support and enhance the critical efforts of the City of Los Angeles to address homelessness and mitigate its impacts on public safety in the Hollywood community. Kind Regards, Kathleen Rawson President & CEO The Hollywood Partnership



July 26, 2022

Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council,

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Equally important to adopting this ordinance is the provision of adequate resources to actively and consistently enforce it.

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Kind Regards,

Kathleen Rawson
President & CEO
The Hollywood Partnership

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Name: Brent Armendinger

Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 06:08 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Highland Park (zip code 90031) and I am adamantly opposed to 41.18 and this proposed expansion. Criminalizing the unhoused is not the solution. Permanent, dignified housing with optional support services is the only real solution. This proposal is not only inhumane, but expensive and ineffective.

Communication from Public

Name: David C G Mizzell

Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 06:52 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am against expansion of 41.18. Criminalizing homelessness is not going to fix the issues that are causing it. We should be funding healthcare, education, jobs programs and shelter etc so that people are protected from becoming unhoused. We are all in danger of becoming unhoused. All it takes is one bad diagnosis, job loss, car accident, etc. Instead of asking how can we get rid of all these homeless people, why don't we ask ourselves how can we address the conditions that lead to such a large unhoused population?

Communication from Public

Name: Kylie Sparks

Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 07:31 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

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. Despite what council believes, a significant portion of Angelenos oppose criminalization as a tool to address homelessness, knowing that it is expensive, ineffective, and inhumane. Since the passing of 41.18, unhoused deaths have risen 25%. This is a cruel ordinance that does nothing but waste our tax dollars and kills people. 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. A recent study earlier this year showed 51,000 LAUSD students experience housing insecurity, which has greatly increased because of the pandemic. 41.18 does nothing for the youth in our community but traumatize them. 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. Do the right thing. Los Angeles is watching.

Communication from Public

Name: Theresa

Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 07:38 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Increasing the illegality of homelessness is NOT GOING TO SOLVE HOMELESSNESS! Provide increased services, not sweeps, no police!

Communication from Public

Name: Lindsay Kerns

Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 07:38 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Despite what this council apparently believes, the majority of Los Angelenos are opposed to criminalizing homelessness, especially in the context of a global pandemic and a city that has notoriously unaffordable/unavailable housing options. Since the passage of 41.18 one year ago, unhoused deaths have increased by 25%. That's 5 unhoused people a day dying in Los Angeles County. (Info from KPCC reporter Claudia Peschiutta, via LA County Medical Examiner-Coroner.) With Project Roomkey ending soon, homeless death on the rise, and increasingly limited options for our unhoused neighbors, why are we putting our energy into further criminalizing poverty rather than addressing the root issues that cause homelessness and poverty in our city? The criminalization approach is not only cruel; it just doesn't make any sense. Most unhoused people want some type of housing option, but there's not nearly enough available right now. In the meantime, sweeps and displacements only hurt people who are already hurting -- and they make it even harder for people to find permanent housing, when their ID cards and personal items/documents are swept away into the trash. Please, let's put our energy and attention into helping our neighbors get into secure housing. THAT is what will actually get people off the streets, and make our city safer -- for ALL of us.

Communication from Public

Name: Kate Miles

Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 07:52 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am giving public comment in opposition to the proposed amendment. I am a housed Los Angeles resident and I am firmly opposed to your plan to further criminalize my unhoused neighbors. Despite what council believes, a significant portion of Angelenos oppose criminalization as a tool to address homelessness, knowing that it is expensive, ineffective, and inhumane. 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. Mapping and analysis by volunteers estimates at least 2,100 NEW criminalization zones, totaling at least 46 sq. miles. The actual impact of the law is unknown because City Council has not done the work of determining the specific locations. Additionally, 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. Since the passage of 41.18 one year ago, unhoused deaths have increased by 25%. Unhoused Angelenos deserve respect, care, basic human rights, and HOUSING -- not criminalization, marginalization and death. VOTE NO on the 41.18 amendment. 41.18 is bad policy and must be repealed altogether.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 08:26 PM

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Name: Kraig Metzinger
Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 08:35 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please pass the update to 41.18 for the benefit of the schoolchildren of Los Angeles. Also, please enforce 41.18.

Communication from Public

Name: Caleb Cody

Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 03:02 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: The LA City Council has a duty to support all Angelinos, including our unhoused population. The city council should not be enacting any policies that further criminalize unhoused folks who are just trying to exist. That the LA City Council would, without a plan to financially support and house these communities in place, even consider enacting such harmful policy is, simply put, inhumane. I would like to take the time to remind city council members that you are all elected officials and, as such, are beholden to the PEOPLE of LA, not just rich land/home owners and developers. The people of LA want EMPATHETIC, HUMANE policies to address the unhoused crisis. A crisis that the LA City Council is directly responsible for through their history of enacting harmful policies that have done nothing to resolve the issue and have only succeeded in exacerbating it. Unhoused Angelinos are suffering. Poor Angelinos are suffering. We can't pay for your attention like your big donors can, but if you truly respect and honor the positions you hold, you will fight for us anyways. As elected government officials, you are considered public servants because you are meant to serve the public, not private interests. We do not wish to alienate you, but, too often, we must speak loudly for you to hear us at all. We are asking that you join us in this vision of a better Los Angeles for all. Be the humane, caring, empathetic leaders that this moment calls for.

Communication from Public

Name: Diana Chang

Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 03:06 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, My name is Diana Chang, a 10+ year Los Angeles resident. 41.18 is an extremely flawed ordinance and you need to oppose the amendment to expand it. You cannot solve homelessness with 41.18. Homelessness cannot be solved simply by criminalizing activities associated with homelessness. Unhoused people have nowhere to go. And they don't have the level of resources needed to give them support to keep them from living on streets and sidewalks. I think one thing that both opponents and supporters of 41.18 can agree on is we do not want for there to be people living in tents in our public spaces. We all want the homelessness problem to be solved. But 41.18 is not the solve. It will only dig the City deeper into the hole of the homelessness crises. Already, 41.18 is killing people. Deaths among our unhoused population have risen ever since 41.18 was enacted. We must not allow 41.18 to expand and result in even more deaths. Also, putting resources towards criminalizing sitting & lying in public spaces takes resources away from services that could actually help solve homelessness. We need massively more funds and resources put towards permanent housing and social services, not towards enforcing an unjust ordinance like 41.18. It's cruel to kick someone while they're down, and that's what 41.18 is doing. Please put your energy towards actually solving homelessness, not sweeping it under the rug and killing people in the process. Do not expand 41.18. Thank you, Diana

Communication from Public

Name: Erin M

Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 04:32 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Vote NO on expanding 41.18. This is terrible policy. 41.18 has criminalized the already vulnerable unhoused community. 41.18 exacerbates issues of houselessness by making it even harder for unhoused people to connect to services and by increasing the deaths of unhoused community members through the dangerous and violent displacement. There are not even enough shelter beds to go around, so this kind of enforcement hurts everyone.

Communication from Public

Name: Emma

Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 04:32 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I SUPPORT 41.18!! Thank you, Councilmembers for doing something to protect our children with the 'no camping sensitive areas ordinance' This is a PUBLIC SAFETY issue. No Child should have to endure, or witness what goes on at encampments in front of their schools, or placed in danger. Here in Hollywood..it's BAD. And sadly, many unhoused have mental problems. Are we really willing to wait until someone having an 'episode' lashes out and hurts a Child? No Teachers, Staff, Principals or Parents should have to feel threatened or concerned that their, or the Children's safety is at risk. Moving encampments 500 feet away should not be declared WW III by the uncompromising, unreasonable groups like Ground Game and others, those caring unhoused 'advocates, who most likely are not Parents, and don't care at all about the Safety of Children.. The horrible, disturbing experiences shared by Teachers, Principals, Students, and Moms and Dads at the July 1st City Council hearing, and the gratitude expressed, that finally someone cares enough to do something to protect their kids was very touching. These are hard working, working class parents trying to give their children a better life. They do NOT deserve THIS. But it all meant nothing to the 'caring' unhoused advocates, who oppose something that will protect the lives of vulnerable children, and their 'mature' response to council members who expressed support, was a lot of yelling, shouting down speakers, shouting profanities, inappropriate out of control behavior, and FALSE rhetoric about the ordinance, and had to be REMOVED from City Hall. It's time for the Grown ups to take over. Ordinance opposers should put their time and energy in more productive endeavors, and GO TO WORK... to help get the unhoused OFF the streets, and GO TO WORK.. to help find and create more housing for the unfortunate unhoused. There is no humanity in leaving humans living and dieing on the streets, in front of our schools, libraries, in underpasses, over passes, or anywhere else.. PLEASE VOTE YES ON 41.18 Please protect our kids! Thank you! Emma in Hollywood CD4

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 04:45 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: VOTE NO on the 41.18 amendment. 41.18 is bad policy and must be repealed altogether. The new amendment will do nothing to reduce unsheltered homelessness across Los Angeles, and will be devastating to the lives of the unhoused. As the hotter weather rolls in, unhoused people will need shade and cool places even more, but they always need access to sanitary facilities. These are found in or by our parks and libraries. Until we can offer adequate shelter or housing to our unhoused population, we should stop displacing them in response to the complaints made by housed residents. That's no solution and it's not the humane thing to do.

Communication from Public

Name: Iden Baghdadchi

Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 04:51 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I'd like to voice my opposition to the expansion of 41.8, which would create and expand unhoused exclusion zones across a massive portion of Los Angeles. Criminalizing unhoused people is expensive, ineffective, and inhumane. 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. Mapping and analysis by volunteers estimates at least 2,100 NEW criminalization zones, totaling at least 46 sq. miles. The actual impact of the law is unknown because City Council has not done the work of determining the specific locations. 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. Since the passage of 41.18 one year ago, unhoused deaths have increased by 25%.

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Name: William Adam M

Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 05:07 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Please Vote 'YES' on 41.18! This is a great ordinance and amendment that will keep our schools and other 'sensitive areas' SAFE. It is not 'criminalizing' the unhoused. It abides by Mason v. Boise. Asking encampments to not be 500 feet near a 'sensitive area' is not asking much. Street vendors are not allowed to be within 500 feet of schools. Schools have drug free and safety zones around them. Why is this such a problem for the opposers? In front of schools is NOT the place for encampments. Thank you for this sensible, reasoned ordinance. We look forward to our kids, in EVERY district, not just in those districts of councilmembers who support the ordinance, and school staff, getting in and out of our schools safely and without fear. It's the right thing to do. And for those council members who may oppose keeping kids safe....perhaps you'd like to bring your kiddies to some of the schools with encampments out in front, and show them what goes on at them, show them the piles of trash, show them the piles of filthy clothes, show them the piles of old rotting bicycles, and tires, show them residents publicly bathing half naked with bottled water, show them the moments of sheer insanity when residents with mental issues lose it, show them the outbursts and fights, and show them how sometimes they chase each other down the street cursing and yelling. If you think these are good 'teaching moments' then you are insane. It's just a matter of time, and we'd rather not wait for something horrible to happen to our kids. Vote 'YES' on 41.18! William Adam M., Unfortunately in CD4

Communication from Public

Name: Kelsey

Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 12:18 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not expand 41.18, creating unhoused exclusion zones across a massive portion of Los Angeles. Despite what council believes, a significant portion of Angelenos oppose criminalization as a tool to address homelessness, knowing that it is expensive, ineffective, and inhumane. 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. Mapping and analysis by volunteers estimates at least 2,100 NEW criminalization zones, totalling at least 46 sq. miles. The actual impact of the law is unknown because City Council has not done the work of determining the specific locations. 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. Since the passage of 41.18 one year ago, unhoused deaths have increased by 25% (source). 41.18 = death. With rent prices skyrocketing, inflation, and evictions at an all time high, 41.18 is purposefully cruel and benefits no one in this city,

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 12:23 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: The expansion of 41.18 to the proposed almost 1,900 new site where it is illegal to be homeless is abhorrent and cowardly. Where are these people supposed to go? There aren't enough shelter beds, public housing sites, or permanent supportive housing structures to shelter those effected by 41.18. You may think that you are doing a good thing by keeping street safe and clean, but what you are actually doing is endangering the lives of the tens of thousands of unhoused Angelinos that this ordinance directly effects. To tell people they cannot sit, lie, sleep, or have personal property in a space without giving them a safe place to be is sweeping people under the rug in order to appease the middle and upper class constituents that don't care about the well-being of their fellow Angelinos. The system has failed those that have found themselves homeless in Los Angeles and this ordinance and those who support it are doing the same. If you really want to fix the problem instead of upholding it and frankly making it worse, we need permanent supportive housing solutions with mental health services and not police involvement or anything built with the foundation of carceral systems. To do this at all is a gross action of power, but to do it in the summer where temperatures continue to be record high with not nearly enough cooling centers across the city will directly result in death. To put this much stress and strain on the mental health of already traumatized unhoused Angelinos who don't have anywhere else to go will also result in death. Do not expand these sites, do not give police more power and money to brutalize and traumatize the unhoused. Create solutions with the directly effected in mind and ask them what they want to see happen for themselves and their livelihoods, because right now that is the last thing you are doing and it will cost lives. We are in a homelessness crisis that is not going to go away because you decide it's okay to push people around without giving them a place to go. These are Angelinos, they are from here, and they have been failed time and time again by this council and deserve compassion and real solutions. We are in an economic standpoint where so many of us are a missed paycheck away from homelessness and you need to understand, realize, and empathize that this is not a decision that just effects those facing homelessness now, but those who will fall into homeless because of our systemic failures that this council still

refuses to acknowledge and fix. Please have compassion and stop sweeping people from place to place. These are people, not dirt, and they deserve to be treated better than you have done so thus far.

Communication from Public

Name: Yuval Yossefy

Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 11:04 AM

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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. Despite what council believes, a significant portion of Angelenos oppose criminalization as a tool to address homelessness, knowing that it is expensive, ineffective, and inhumane. Do not pass this amendment!

Communication from Public

Name: Amy Tannenbaum

Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 01:17 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Amy Tannenbaum and I am a staff attorney in the Lawyers Preventing and Ending Homelessness Project at Public Counsel. On behalf of Public Counsel, I urge this Council to vote NO on the amendment to 41.18. This dramatic expansion of 41.18 enforcement zones would enact cruelty on unhoused Angelenos, making them more susceptible to criminalization, barriers to housing, and death. 41.18 on its face is inhumane: its goal is to remove unhoused people from public sight, without any regard for their well-being or any plan for addressing the root causes of homelessness. These particular expansions will affect a broad swath of the city, and their impacts have not been adequately studied by the council. As a legal services attorney, I work closely with unhoused clients to remove barriers to housing. This work is funded by taxpayers throughout LA county, including in the city. We meet clients who cannot get a job or an apartment due to their criminal record or due to unpaid tickets on their record. Having to go to court for citations also makes it difficult to hold down a job and stay stable, and unpaid tickets can lead to poor credit scores and being locked out of future opportunities for employment and housing. So in addition to being cruel, 41.18 is also inefficient: it is irrational for the city to criminalize the very fact of being unhoused, allowing widespread ticketing and arrest of unhoused Angelenos that will make it harder for them to get a job and an apartment, and turn around and expect those same clients to rely on city- and county-funded services to unravel the collateral consequences of criminalization. The better solution would be to avoid criminalization outright and instead invest in affordable housing and services that make it easier – not harder – for unhoused Angelenos to get and keep housing. I ask that the council vote NO on this amendment to 41.18 and to instead enact compassionate and human responses to help, not criminalize, our unhoused neighbors.

Communication from Public

Name: Daniel Gaines

Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 01:44 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: As resident of the City of LA (13th district) and a homeless services provider at Homeless Health Care Los Angeles, I am deeply concerned about the proposed expansion of 41.18. I find it deeply disturbing that the city plans to make so much more of public property unwelcome to people who have no place to go. As you know, there are not nearly enough shelter beds, and as a service provider, I am very familiar with how long the process takes for the relatively few and lucky individuals who are able to obtain a housing voucher. This measure will lead to more displacement of unhoused people, making it that much more difficult for service providers like me to locate them during the crucial, time sensitive periods in which meetings with the Housing Authority and other entities are required to secure permanent housing. It will also lead to more unhoused individuals' shelter being taken and destroyed, leaving more people vulnerable to the potentially deadly summer heat. This will also prevent people from being able to effectively self-isolate, thus making them more susceptible to contracting and spreading COVID-19, which as we know has been steadily climbing. I understand wanting to protect parents and children from the more unstable individuals, but the 500ft ban is extremely excessive, and will lead to massive confusion about where is and is not safe to sleep. Homeless services in this city is already so fractured and disorganized, please do not make my job harder, but mostly do not wreck further havoc on the most vulnerable citizens of our city.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 01:45 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Any law that criminalizes life in public space has two purposes: to terrorize poor people and to disappear poor people, either through murder or incarceration. Any councilmember who supports 41.18 and its expansion will be forever known as a shameless murderer and sycophant. And any city council that caters to capitalism and state violence is an enemy to public safety, collective wellness, and our shared survival. As calculated by the Services Not Sweeps coalition, this expansion will add approximately 1,900 additional sites—a 376% increase in exclusionary zones across the city. 41.18 will cover at least 88 sq miles (that's 20% of the entire city). This demonstrates that the majority of the current council are pursuing what scholar Ananya Roy and others on the ground have named racial banishment. Displacement can only occur when there is somewhere for the displaced to go - 41.18 banishes the housing-deprived from all spaces, with nowhere to go but prison, and nothing to do but die a premature death. Anyone who supports 41.18 deserves to be banished from the face of the planet.

Communication from Public

Name: J

Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 02:01 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Support the LAMC 41.18 amendment. It prohibits homeless encampments within 500 feet of schools and daycare centers. This is plain common sense. We must protect our children from open illegal drug use, crime, and other social pathologies near the safe havens of neighborhood schools. Do you want your children walking on sidewalks littered with trash, used needles, and human waste on the way to school? This amendment would help prevent this dystopian scenario. This revision is the right thing to do to protect our children and foster compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Communication from Public

Name: Kaycee

Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 12:38 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge all members of the council to vote NO on the 41.18 amendment. As a private citizen, I regularly give my time to go out in my neighborhood and provide as much assistance, support, and resources to unhoused Angelenos living on sidewalks and parks. I see the aftermath of city sweeps which are cruel and inhumane and get the people who have nowhere to go no closer to getting off the streets. In fact, city sweeps make the problem WORSE. I am tired of begging my city representatives to have an ounce of humanity. By displacing unhoused people and violently disposing of what few possession they have, the city shows that it is not interested in solving the housing crisis we are facing in Los Angeles. When unhoused people are swept, they are further disconnected from what few resources are available and left with more trauma and distrust of the city that views them as little more than garbage on the streets. Many people without housing are elderly or disabled, and using city funds that should be going toward housing to further criminalize them is cruel. Since 41.18 was passed a year ago, deaths among unhoused people have increased by 25%. Please vote NO on the 41.18 amendment and redirect the time, energy, and resources to real permanent housing solutions. We do not need to waste more time on legislation that does NOTHING to solve the underlying issue. People need housing and resources. It really is that simple. Do the right thing. Vote no.

Communication from Public

Name: Mia Lopez-Zubiri

Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 12:43 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the expansion of the City's cruel criminalization policy, 41.18. This proposed amendment is the most dramatic expansion of 41.18 yet, creating unhoused exclusion zones across a massive portion of Los Angeles. Despite what council believes, a significant portion of Angelenos oppose criminalization as a tool to address homelessness, knowing that it is expensive, ineffective, and inhumane. Banning people from being unhoused in public spaces does nothing to end homelessness. All this will do is further target an already vulnerable group and disconnect unhoused people from their networks, social services, and other valuable resources. Since the passage of 41.18 one year ago, unhoused deaths have increased by 25%. Please listen to the communities you represent and vote no on this terrible amendment.

Communication from Public

Name: Dr. Robert Chlala
Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 12:46 PM
Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers: The current, planned and reckless expansion of 41.18 is a human rights and humanitarian disaster in the making. At this point, the 41.18 policy has shown to have only harmed unhoused populations and done nothing to lead to stable, regular shelter. Expanding this zone to reach 20%+ of the city is an even more dangerous proposition. This happens as the city prepares to push even more residents to the streets: eviction protections are declining, Project Roomkey is ending, and little has been done to create any alternatives or stable, supporting or social housing. On top of this, we are seeing yet another COVID-19 surge that sweeps are known by the CDC to worsen. This reckless move is happening with no real map of where zones will be created and no transparency as to what/how this will play out. In fact, it is only thanks to volunteers that we know that this policy will reach nearly 1/5 of our city - a massive swath of places where people are surviving. In treating schools and daycares centers as targets for sweeps, we also ignore the fact that children and youth are a large portion of the unhoused; it is a proposition based on some (likely racist and anti-poor) fantasy that those on the streets are some danger to our young people, not students, families, residents, and human beings themselves who have been affected by the massive inequality that now defines life in LA. The Council has the chance to reverse course, to not become known for a relentless assault on vulnerable and poor Angelenos. It can instead invest the millions needed to maintain these sweeps to actual supportive housing and support, instead of the wholesale violence, abuse, destruction of property, exclusion, and for some, yes - death - that sweeps bring. I have lived here in my whole life, growing up in CD9, moving to CD13 and now in CD1. One thing connects this whole city and it is a diverse and vibrant community that - at its grassroots - can be defined by shared humanity and collective support. We saw this in all the efforts for mutual aid and care, and the movements like immigrant rights and for Black Lives. Now the City Council has a chance to honor this by moving away from its march to criminalization and actually invest to support its residents, its young people and elders, and move instead to invest in supportive, social and affordable housing and care.

Communication from Public

Name: Bonnie Kurnick
Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 12:59 PM
Council File No: 20-1376-S1
Comments for Public Posting: This amendment MUST BE PASSED!!! We are sick and tired of the crime that comes with the homeless encampments in our neighborhoods. There is more than enough places for them to be moved. CLEAN UP OUR NEIGHBORHOODS!!!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Anne Orchier

Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 01:00 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am a member of the LA Tenants Union and I live in Boyle Heights (CD14), and I am writing in opposition to the proposed expansion of 41.18, which will effectively criminalize homelessness throughout Los Angeles. It does not feel like an accident that this motion is being heard on the same day that the real estate lobby is pushing to end the eviction protections for housed tenants, which my neighbors and I can attest have done very little in terms of actually keeping us out of eviction court. This motion feels like an attack on all poor people across L.A., and I am horrified that at a moment when so many are suffering, City Council is using the incredible power and resources it has at its fingertips to punish the most vulnerable people in our communities for simply existing in public.

Communication from Public

Name: Alie Kadlac

Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 11:27 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I live in CD 13 and oppose the expansion of LAMC 41.18. This proposed amendment is the most dramatic expansion of 41.18, creating unhoused exclusion zones across a massive portion of Los Angeles. Despite what council believes, a significant portion of Angelenos oppose criminalization as a tool to address homelessness, knowing that it is expensive, ineffective, and inhumane. 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. Mapping and analysis by volunteers estimates at least 2,100 NEW criminalization zones, totaling at least 46 sq. miles. The actual impact of the law is unknown because City Council has not done the work of determining the specific locations. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Lopez

Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 12:06 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Expanding 41.18 is a callous response to the poorest citizens in our communities. Instead of spending money wasted on enforcement of this ordinance, it should be spent on providing housing and resources for our unhoused neighbors.

Communication from Public

Name: William E. Salkin

Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 07:07 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Vote YES on amendment 41.18 on 7/27/2022. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Gina de Castro

Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 07:45 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: We have committed with our votes and with our tax dollars to end this homelessness crisis. There are many possibilities now for the unhoused to get shelter and assistance. Unfortunately, many of the unhoused who return to the same street locations are doing so for nefarious reasons (usually a site specific customer base for prostitution, drug sales, etc.) These street dwellers are creating huge safety concerns for families. My children have to walk home from school dodging drug deals in underpasses. This must end. I think everyone should be treated with dignity and compassion while being relocated, rehoused, and hopefully rehabbed. But living on our streets is not an option.

Communication from Public

Name: Joe Borelli

Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 08:48 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Enough is enough. The "activists" want public camping anywhere/everywhere. They want sheds, toilets, fire extinguishers, food, Narcan, tents...delivered to wherever they decide to camp. Nope! Encampments are a blight on society, a collection of persons who if they were in their right mind, would never live like this. They are not in their right mind. They are mentally ill, hopelessly drug addicted, lead a life of crime to support their habit. They disproportionally do everything 'bad' in society by a factor greater than the so called 'housed persons'. Give us back our parks, sidewalks, bike paths, riverwalks. Stop the mollycoddling of these so called 'beautiful souls'. These people are sick and they need to be helped, against their will if necessary. More sticks less carrots. This so called lifestyle is not a choice. It should be discouraged 24/7 non stop until people accept "congregate" shelters that have rules and curfew. You no longer are calling the shots. The hammer is coming down. The activists are at least starting to show their true colors. Red. They are Socialists and the visible homeless population, the increase in quality of life crime, crime in general, societal decay... all means to achieve their ends. Top down governance the way they want it. They don't give a rip about the homeless, they are just pawns in their greater goal of socialism. Nithya always votes no on this. Nithya is a socialist. quod erat demonstrandum

Communication from Public

Name: Sheba K Meymandi

Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 08:57 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: LA City Council must approve the amendment to an ordinance to expand the City's policy to humanely clear homeless encampments (LAMC 41.18). This will add more sites designated to be cleared as the city attempts to correct the imbalance now suffered by residential neighborhoods such as Valley Village and other communities. We want our elected representatives to act in a humane and responsible way, while not forgetting or ignoring the rights and extended tolerance of our vital residential communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Jonathan Reiner
Date Submitted: 07/26/2022 09:20 AM
Council File No: 20-1376-S1
Comments for Public Posting: VOTE YES on the 41.18 amendment. The new amendment is URGENTLY NEEDED to restore order, sanitation and the rule of law to all communities of Los Angeles. #Support4118