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Public Comment: ITEM NO. (1) 4-1057-S4; (2) 18-0359; (3) 14-1057-S2; (4) 14-1057-S5 re 85.02

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May 30, 2018

Dear City Officials,


Please read my comments and submit them to the Public Comment files for Agenda Items: (1) 4-1057-S4; (2) 18-0359; (3) 14-1057-S2; (4) 14-1057-S5.

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Any other outcome is cruel and inhumane.

Sincerely,

Margaret Molloy

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Dear Homelessness and Poverty Committee,

Please allow 85.02 to expire on July 1, 2018 and immediately organize "Safe Parking" programs throughout Los Angeles.

Any other outcome is cruel and inhumane.

Los Angeles is in a housing crisis. In 2017, the number of unhoused people in Los Angeles County was 58,000. According to the Los Angeles Times, that was a 23% increase in homelessness across Los Angeles County from 2016 to 2017, and a 75% surge in homelessness over the last 5 years. 70 percent are unsheltered.

18,000 women are unhoused. There are many children living on the streets of Los Angeles.

The Jones v. City of Los Angeles settlement pertains to the enforcement of LAMC § 41.18(a) by the City between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., allowing unhoused people to rest on sidewalks between those hours. There are no shelters for 58,000 people.

Section 85.02 states that No person shall use a vehicle for dwelling between the hours of 9:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. on any residential street or at any time within a one block radius of any edge of a lot containing a park or a licensed school, pre-school or daycare facility.

For many people in the spiral of homelessness, their vehicle is their last refuge before becoming entirely unhoused. This includes women and children, families, disabled persons, and the elderly.

Where are public bathrooms?

How are people supposed to access them with the 24/7 prohibitions of 85.02?

California has the fifth largest economy in the world and yet we have had outbreaks and deaths from Hepatitis A in 2017/ 2018. Hepatitis A is a direct result of a lack of sanitation. It is more commonly found in parts of the world with an underdeveloped infrastructure.

We do not even have clean drinking water available. The Venice Neighborhood Council sent "A Clean Cup of Water" motion to the City Council in 2015. It went nowhere.

This City plays "whack a mole" with vulnerable people's lives. It is cruel and unusual punishment with no crime, just being poor.

85.02 and other LAMC's seek various strategies to move people, constantly, literally, as the City's only management solution to an intolerable situation.

Your own Council File 14-1057-S5 states: "Any new policy should look at how to more equitably address vehicle dwelling without pushing vehicles from one neighborhood to another."

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Please help people. Do not criminalize them.

Sincerely,

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- LAMC § 41.18(a), which states that No person shall stand in or upon any street, sidewalk or other public way open for pedestrian travel or otherwise occupy any portion thereof in such a manner as to annoy or molest any pedestrian thereon or so as to obstruct or unreasonably interfere with the free passage of pedestrians;
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- LAMC § 41.18(d), which states that No person shall sit, lie or sleep in or upon any street, sidewalk or other public way;
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- LAMC § 56.11, which states that No person shall leave or permit to remain any merchandise, baggage or any article of personal property upon any parkway or sidewalk;
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- LAMC § 62.61(b), which states that No person shall obstruct any public street or right-of-way for any reason without first applying for, in writing, and obtaining a permit from the Board of Public Works;
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- LAMC § 63.44(D), which states that Within the limits of any park other than beaches, no person shall . . . Camp or lodge, except in locations designated for such purposes;

MOTION

"Safe Parking for Safer Communities"

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present an ordinance that sunsets the provisions of LAMC 85.02 and replaces it with an ordinance and LAMC change that prioritizes:

Developing Vehicle Dwelling Parking areas (public, private lots, or street segments) where a number of vehicles will be permitted to park, these areas will function as Safe Parking sites that will be coupled with services. Any type of vehicle dwelling will be

prohibited within a pre-established radius from the formal Vehicle Dwelling Parking area. This radius should be developed as a ratio to the number of vehicles included in the parking area.

Parking areas will be restricted within 500 feet of licensed schools, pre-schools, daycare facilities, and parks.

Council File: 14-1057-S5

Vehicle Dwelling Parking Areas / Prevent Shifting From One Neighborhood to Another / Enforce A Pre-Established Radius

Having seen the effects of LAMC 85.02, this is an appropriate opportunity for the Council to reassess the policy and determine alternative solutions. The provisions of LAMC 85.02 identified zones across the city where vehicle dwelling was permitted. Any new policy should look at how to more equitably address vehicle dwelling without pushing vehicles from one neighborhood to another.

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Neighborhoods FIRST is a two-pronged effort that leads with compassion to remove barriers to housing and employment for people currently experiencing homelessness while working to prevent those on the edges from slipping into the homeless population. The second prong aims to improve the tools available to communities to alleviate the impacts of homelessness on neighborhoods.

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I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles Police Department, specifically the LAPD H.O.P.E. teams, be directed to report to the Public Safety Committee on the net effect that LAMC Section 85.02 has had on Los Angeles City communities, an overview of which aspects of the ordinance have worked and which aspects have not worked as

well as suggestions the LAPD may have for improving the ordinance, going forward.

MOTION

The City of Los Angeles continues to experience a homelessness crisis exacerbated by a housing crisis. Unfortunately, the number of individuals and families living out of their vehicles has increased and there is often not an alternative option readily available.

While the City has made progress in addressing homelessness, there is still much more work to be done. It is crucial that there be laws in place that do not criminalize homelessness, but also protect the quality of life for City residents, businesses and visitors. On November 22, 2016 City Council approved amendments to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 85.02 to establish regulations governing the use of vehicles for dwelling on public streets along with a provision to sunset the regulations in 18 months. The ordinance includes restrictions on residential streets and within close proximity to parks and schools.

As we approach the sunset date of LAMC 85.02, it is important to reassess the policy, its implementation, and possible amendments to improve it. It is also important to change the dialogue surrounding homelessness and create an environment of community acceptance for the programs and services for the homeless throughout the City. The sunset of LAMC 85.02 provides an opportunity to create incentives for communities to embrace safe parking in their neighborhoods.

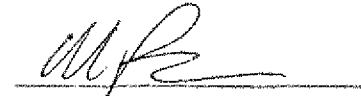
If communities could see a direct benefit to having services for the homeless in their neighborhoods, it would be easier to launch programs such as Safe Parking. For example if there is a Safe Parking lot in a neighborhood, there should be increased enforcement of LAMC 85.02 within a three block radius of the program and a no vehicle dwelling restriction in that buffer zone.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council Request the City Attorney and instruct LAPD and other relevant departments to report back on the current implementation of LAMC 85.02 and proposed amendments including the creation of an increased enforcement zone within a set distance from Safe Parking locations.

PRESENTED BY


BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:



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Safe Place for Youth – VENICE

http://www.safeplaceforyouth.org/the_problem

The Problem:

According to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority 2017 Youth Count report, there are approximately 5,979 homeless youth on the streets of LA County on any given night.

Young people find themselves homeless or at-risk of homelessness through no fault of their own, and they are among the marginalized and under-served youth in our community. The youth that we serve at Safe Place for Youth are diverse, yet they share many common pathways into homelessness. When asked how they became homeless, 59% had either been kicked out by a parent or caregiver; runaway from unbearable home environments that include physical and/or sexual abuse, homophobia or transphobia, parental mental illness or substance abuse, and 23% reported previous involvement in the foster care system.



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September 11, 2015

Council Member Mike Bonin
Room 475
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Support for Cup of Water Law

Dear Councilmember Bonin:

This will advise that at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Venice Neighborhood Council's (VNC) Board of Officers on August 18, it was moved and passed by the Venice Neighborhood Council as follows:

MOTION:

Whereas clean water is the most important factor in public health; and
Whereas public health is a significant economic concern; and
Whereas restaurants, cafes, and bars are beneficiaries of city, county, and metropolitan infrastructure and whereas such government bodies have authority to regulate and set rates; and

Whereas clean water is a fundamental human right under the U.N. declaration; and

We the people of Los Angeles require that any bar, restaurant, or cafes open to the general public provide at least one cup of water on request to any member of the public, customer or not, on request.

If the person doesn't meet the "dress code" requirements or other discrimination on basis of socio-economic status, the bar restaurant, cafe, eatery must bring the cup of water to the door and give it to the person.

Documented cases for failure to comply should result in a civil penalty.

ACTION: Motion made as amended by Marc Saltzberg seconded by Kelley Willis. Motion approved 9-3-2.

NYCOn Venice - get involved!



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