

Communication from Public

Name: Heloise Chung

Date Submitted: 06/09/2019 01:58 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: Making it illegal to sleep in your car endangers the lives of homeless people who have no other options and puts an unnecessary burden on those who already struggle to survive. It leaves them vulnerable and unprotected and perpetuates a cycle of poverty. Women are especially vulnerable in homeless shelters and on the streets, and a car is the safest option. I myself have slept in my car when unable to afford housing and is a safe and accessible option for many.

Communication from Public

Name: Tommy Kelly

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 01:57 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: There is hardly a more obvious example of the criminalization of poverty in Los Angeles than 85.02. A vehicle is a safe place for someone to rest and store their things, a small refuge from the daily struggle for survival on Los Angeles streets, and you want to take that away as well? Are you going to provide safe parking for all 16 thousand Angelenos living out of their cars? Stop punishing the poor for using the means available to them to seek shelter. I'd like to echo Eric Brightwell's comment: "the least these smogboxes can do is provide emergency shelter". It makes no sense to push people out onto the sidewalk when their vehicles are perfectly usable as shelter.

Communication from Public

Name: Liz Hirsch

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 05:03 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: Will it be cars, or tents? LAMC 85.02 criminalizes poverty and inevitably drives up the number of Angelenos with no other option but to live outside and suffer the physical and psychological tolls. Please vote to get rid of this vindictive ordinance!

Communication from Public

Name: Angelo

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 07:05 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose measure 85.02. If we're willing to give millions in subsidies and tax breaks to landlords and realty companies, fight tenant protections, and give zoning privileges for high income housing, putting people and families into their cars, let's not be cowards and want the cops to remove them because we're can't face the consequences of our actions. Don't like people sleeping in their cars? There's only one solution: housing for all, tenant protections, and allowing people top live with dignity. Don't be a coward who can't face your neighbor who sleeps in their car (are we forgetting sleep is necessary? Or do housed people think the homeless don't deserve to sleep?) after you got yours. And it's only going to get worse since wealth keeps getting concentrated more deeply into fewer people's bank accounts and more people fall into homelessness each month than get out of it. I never thought it would happen to me but have been living in my car for 7 months. Have the courage to get people hosting rather than get the police to move what you consider an eyesore which is someone who needs to sl hero just as will as you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 11:01 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: This will only further criminalize and penalize the poorest and most vulnerable members of our society. It is also punishing individuals who are trying to survive with the finances that they have, which is not alot. The city continues to struggle with addressing the growing homeless crisis and this bill will only add to the already existing problem. I am asking the council to oppose this.

Communication from Public

Name: Tristan Rodman
Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 10:04 AM
Council File No: 14-1057-S8
Comments for Public Posting: I oppose 85.02 because countless Angelenos rely on their vehicles as their homes, and prohibiting sleeping in vehicles will stoke an already shameful homelessness crisis and leave many people in our city without a place to sleep.

Communication from Public

Name: Ian Campbell

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 10:12 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: I urge all council members to oppose LAMC 85.02. Making it illegal to sleep in your vehicle further criminalizes the lives of many angelenos, driving them onto the streets and into tents. Recent history has proven that the city is not equipped to offer affordable housing or shelters, and eliminating the ability to spend the night in your car only exacerbates a problem the city has no intention of solving. Oppose LAMC 85.02!

Communication from Public

Name: Anne Orchier

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 09:32 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: You cannot claim to support "real solutions" to ending homelessness and vote for extending the vehicle ban. Criminalizing people who live in vehicles is dehumanizing and cruel.

Communication from Public

Name: Taiji Miyagawa
Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 10:46 PM
Council File No: 14-1057-S8
Comments for Public Posting: Questions for all Council Members: For un-housed people that are still fortunate to own a car, how does it help them to force them to sleep on the pavement? For women and children in this situation. How does 85.02 make things safer for them?

Communication from Public

Name: Dwayne Okpaise

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 10:52 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: It is unconscionable to be criminalizing people sleeping in cars given the number of unhoused and unsheltered people living in the city. This will only push more people out onto the streets and into even more precarious situations. I oppose LAMC 85.02

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew Hall

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 10:53 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the council to oppose LAMC 85.02 and any other action that criminalizes poverty. The city should be housing those who have nowhere else to sleep.

Communication from Public

Name: Nicholas Dowling

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 10:22 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: Criminalizing the act of sleeping in one's car is inhumane. I STRONGLY oppose 85.02, and if you care about human dignity and well-being, you should, too. We need to look at our brothers and sisters who are struggling to keep a roof over their heads not as outside of our community, but very much a part of it and in need of compassion and understanding.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 08:05 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: Please stop making it illegal to sleep in cars. A car is frequently the only thing separating someone from sleeping on the ground. The only result of this will be more people visibly homeless, & more people dangerously exposed to LA's increasingly erratic weather patterns. The council is not as much opposed to people being forced into homelessness as it is opposed to seeing homelessness. Why then push more people onto the street, intentionally? OPPOSED to 85.02

Communication from Public

Name: LA Resident

Date Submitted: 06/04/2019 04:49 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: For many in Los Angeles, cars are freedom and security, and the last safety net before unsheltered homelessness. With the massive increase in homelessness in LA City, our leaders would be heartless to extend 85.02 or exempt any additional locations from legal car sleeping. I have met minimum wage, graveyard shift workers who can't sleep in a tent (illegal when not their working hours), and who can't find affordable housing. Please stop this cycle of criminalizing people for merely existing. Until the city can house its homeless, it's inhumane to take away the safety nets that do exist.

Communication from Public

Name: Carlson Industries, LLC

Date Submitted: 06/04/2019 03:03 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: Regarding the Motion to extend the sunset date for 85.02, we the community known as The Brewery Artist Lofts, ask the committee and council to consider amending the Ordinance to exempt the streets bordering residential use properties from Overnight Parking. Moulton Avenue, which directly abuts residential lofts is green on the City's overnight parking map and is filled with RVs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week that are being used as dwellings and a hub of illegal activity. Residents have had to call the Hollenbeck Police Department on an almost daily basis due to thefts, drug dealing, and an attempted homicide. The Ordinance exempted residential zoning from overnight parking, but artist in residence units in industrial zoning have no such protection. The Ordinance contemplated the reasons why overnight parking on residential streets is so problematic. We only ask that residential streets be clarified to include streets with residential use, even if not zoned "residential." If this cannot be accomplished with the existing Ordinance, we ask that it not be extended.

Communication from Public

Name: Mike Dickerson

Date Submitted: 06/04/2019 10:07 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: Today it was announced that homelessness increased in the city of LA by 16%. In CD10, where I reside, it increased by 26%. Penalizing people for dwelling in their vehicles throughout the majority of the city is unjust, and unconscionable in the context of our current crisis. Here's a question: should children whose families get evicted sleep in cars or on the sidewalk? Which of these options is safer? The current policy concentrates vehicle dwellers in small areas, creating conflicts between vehicle dwellers and their neighbors. Removing restrictions is the fastest and most effective way to solve this problem. Last year, the mayor's office and city leaders said that we all need to come together and get the entire city on board to solve homelessness. It's time for the city council to show some leadership and end policies like LAMC 85.02 that criminalize homelessness.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/05/2019 02:37 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: Voting to continue criminalizing 16,000 Angelenos who have no choice but to sleep in their cars is the most cruel and tone-deaf thing to do following the release of LAHSA's disturbing homeless count numbers. Appeasing privileged NIMBY's has always been this City Council's priority at the expense of doing the right thing. During this time of crisis, Los Angeles needs leaders with moral courage, but we will likely see more of the same cowardice that has led to this homeless catastrophe. The people who will suffer from these poorly crafted policies are the families who are entering homelessness for the first time, workers relying on their cars to take them from one low-paying job to the next, and the folks forced to live in a tent after getting their cars towed. Please have some compassion and stop punishing people who are struggling just to survive.

Communication from Public

Name: Lex Roman

Date Submitted: 06/05/2019 09:25 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Homelessness and Poverty Committee, Our city needs to embrace all options on the table for emergency housing. Living in your car or RV is one of those critical options. I implore you to extend MC 85.02 but also to work with Safe Parking LA, The Shower of Hope and other safe parking operators in developing compassionate, flexible support for Angelenos living in their vehicles. As you evaluate what to do with MC 85.02, consider that folks living in their cars are days away from being on the street. Rather than make every single day a challenge, we must make it easier to stay in your vehicle and to get services nearby. If we continue to let people fall further into homelessness by regulating all their emergency options, we are creating a worse homelessness crisis to dig ourselves out of. Safe parking lots are wonderful and we need many more of them. But each one holds only a few cars and takes so much community support to get off the ground. We can't only solve this crisis with safe parking lots. Whether or not a car is in a safe parking lot, we can make our streets more supportive for any Angeleno in crisis. Isn't that a city we'd want to live in? Thank you, Lex Roman

Communication from Public

Name: Kevin Break

Date Submitted: 06/05/2019 09:37 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I wish to comment on the RV parking on Moulton Avenue in 90031. This is an ongoing and growing problem for residents and the neighborhood. There are an average of 9 RVs parked daily and long term on this block. They are taking away any public parking for visitors and clients of businesses at the Brewery. They are causing a persistent problem with trash, noise, violence and drug use. They are attracting other people with drug problems, and some are threatening tenants. Residents are afraid to walk anywhere near the RVs. Please remedy this before it gets worse. Thank-you for your time.



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Communication from Public

Name: Kristina Meshelski

Date Submitted: 06/05/2019 09:45 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not continue this practice of criminalization of poverty. Do not extend the ban on sleeping in cars and do not allow towing or arrest or ticketing just because a person is sleeping in their car.

Communication from Public

Name: Kathleen Robbins

Date Submitted: 06/05/2019 10:23 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to ask Council members to please reconsider the extending of 85.02 which criminalizes sleeping in vehicles overnight in many areas of Los Angeles. The homeless count numbers released yesterday (6/4/2019) found that 16,000 people are living in their vehicles in Los Angeles. Why is the city trying to make life even harder for people forced to live in their vehicles? Please end this cruel restriction that affects thousands of LA's most vulnerable. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Jesse Chappelle

Date Submitted: 06/05/2019 12:02 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not vote to extend 85.02. Thousands of our neighbors have no choice but to live in their cars. Unless you believe that it should be illegal to run low on cash or that only the wealthy should have access to our city - vote no on 58.02. It is time that this city stop criminalizing life without a house or apartment - actions that do so will only exacerbate the situation and increase the amount of time spent living on the street. Please find compassionate ways to support our neighbors going through a tough time without punishing them for living their lives as best they can.

Communication from Public

Name: John DeVincent
Date Submitted: 06/05/2019 12:23 PM
Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose 85.02. We should not be criminalizing people staying in their cars on our streets. For people who are unhoused, a car is a lifeline that is very important for shelter, mobility and safety to help get out of homelessness. With the homeless count numbers being up 12% and close to 60, 000 unhoused residents, we should not be increasing the chances they will get ticketed, fined, towed, jailed because they have no shelter and are sleeping in their car. It is a city's obligation to provide housing for all its citizens. Housing is a human right. Do not criminalize poverty. Repeal and vote down 85.02.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/05/2019 12:56 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not further limit the ability of the homeless to sleep in cars if they have access to a vehicle at all. Instead, please increase areas where homeless can park and sleep, as well as security and restrooms for those areas. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/05/2019 02:29 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon. I regret I could not be present today to make this comment in person. When ordinance 85.02 went into effect, I was both an employee of Carlson Industries (the management company for the Brewery Artist Lofts in Lincoln Heights) as well as a resident of the Brewery. It quickly became clear that overnight vehicle dwelling could become a safety and health issue for the almost 800 residents of the Brewery. I took it upon myself to gather information and advocate for the community. I would like to thank Councilman Mike Bonin, who was a role model in handling the results of the same ordinance for his district. I contacted his office for advice on how to proceed and everyone I spoke to was understanding and helpful. Councilman Bonin's office has been proactive in trying to find solutions for everyone affected by ordinance 85.02. Your district is lucky to have you. At that time, I also reached out to Christina Miller, Deputy Mayor for City Homelessness Initiatives. She personally returned my call and we had a long discussion in which she was very supportive. She believed not only was it important that ordinance 85.02 not be applied to the streets surrounding the Brewery, but also that the unusual nature of the Brewery's residential use simply created an oversight. I agree with Christina. I believe this scenario is unintentional. But it is time to rectify it. Unfortunately, while I had great communication with many people regarding ordinance 85.02, I was never able to obtain support from Councilman's Gil Cedillo's office. They refused to reply to my many phone calls and emails, submitted regularly, over months. I also reached out directly to Cedillo's Deputy District Director, Jose Rodriguez, who, after my numerous attempts to communicate, finally replied with simply: there's nothing I can do. Without the buy-in of our District, I was unable to get any traction towards resolution. I have since moved onto other employment, but the lessons remain. I believe the administrators of District 1 would prefer that we work directly with you, the Homelessness and Poverty Committee, in order to rectify this unintentional consequence of 85.02 and its effect on the residents of the Brewery Artist Lofts in Lincoln Heights. Please help us. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Taiji Miyagawa
Date Submitted: 06/05/2019 03:21 PM
Council File No: 14-1057-S8
Comments for Public Posting: In light of the recent, horrific data confirming the absolute failure of LA City Council methods in alleviating the growing homeless crisis due to emphasis on criminalization of homeless versus aggressively moving towards permanent very-low-income housing, it would be an act of violence to require that people sleep on the sidewalks rather than their cars if they are fortunate enough to still have that option. For crying out loud, stop listening to the narrow-minded people who are only concerned about unhoused people parking in front of their house, and move towards a solution to this housing affordability crisis. Show some actual leadership for once.

Communication from Public

Name: Trevor Dawn

Date Submitted: 06/05/2019 03:39 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: There isn't nearly enough safe parking in the city for the ~16,000 Angelenos living out of their cars. Criminalizing homelessness doesn't solve it, and by further displacing homeless people you only make the problem worse. Vote NOT TO EXTEND 85.02. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Kathryn Haslam
Date Submitted: 06/05/2019 04:59 PM
Council File No: 14-1057-S8
Comments for Public Posting: Criminalizing sleeping in cars when it's the only home for 16,000 Angelenos is beyond disgusting, particularly when the alternative of sleeping outside in tents is far more dangerous and results in even more complaints from the constituents you are likely trying to appease.