

Communication from Public

Name: Kristina Meshelski
Date Submitted: 07/28/2019 12:00 PM
Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: I am a professor at CSUN. I have had students who are forced to live in their cars because of abusive family. Friends who were evicted, or fell on hard time. If you are homeless but own a car, it is often the safest and most comfortable place to sleep. Besides the fact that there are simply not any shelter beds if a person wanted them. There is absolutely no need to criminalize non-violent activities like sleeping in a car. It costs the city money and contributes to further poverty. What kind of liberal would support such a thing? Please don't.

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Name: Sasha Plotnikova

Date Submitted: 07/28/2019 12:19 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing today to voice my strong opposition to this ordinance. Los Angeles faces two crises: the criminalization of poor communities of color, and the tenants crisis which has led to the banishment of countless low-income residents from their homes and communities. Many, many of these residents have no option but to live in their car in order to stay close to their workplace and community. If passed, the ordinance would doubly target the frontline communities already battling both of these crises. Residents who have been displaced from their homes due to our weak rent control laws (Costa-Hawkins and Ellis Act) will be further marginalized, as though the trauma of eviction is not enough. I strongly advocate that the City Council puts its efforts into strengthening tenant protections and providing mental health services and job training and opportunities to our unhoused neighbors; rather than pursuing discriminatory, immoral, and anti-poor ordinances such as this one.

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Name: John Motter

Date Submitted: 07/28/2019 12:20 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This ordinance is inhumane, and a deliberately effort to criminalize homelessness. You all know that, because you've already lost one lawsuit over this. Do not renew it.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 07/28/2019 12:30 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This bill is inhumane and draconian. The city has done such a terrible job keeping housing costs low that people have been forced to move into vehicles on the street. Now you want to force these people give up their vehicles or give up the city. In combination with the literal hundreds of specific localized bans this will make it impossible for most vehicle dwellers to park anywhere. Shame on anyone who votes to pass this bill.

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Name: Alanna Holt

Date Submitted: 07/28/2019 02:50 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a deputy public defender for the office of the Alternate Public Defender in LA County, at the central court building here in downtown. I regularly serve unhoused individuals who are facing misdemeanor charges directly related to their lack of housing. Ordinances like the one before the council are further brutalizing, traumatizing, and disrupting the lives of a population already facing incredible hardships. I urge the council not to pass this inhumane ordinance.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 07/28/2019 03:16 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: do not renew 85.02. find a humane and nonpunishment based approach to the housing crisis.

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Name: Saúl Narro

Date Submitted: 07/28/2019 03:18 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please have some compassion for those that no longer have a home and are forced to find different ways to survive.

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Name: Thomas Winningham

Date Submitted: 07/28/2019 03:21 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This ordinance is nothing more than targeted harassment of our most vulnerable community members. Unrestrained rent increases have forced many of our neighbors out of their homes, into their cars, and this ordinance would further victimize them and force many of them onto the street. At a time when our houseless population is increasing at historic rates, and at a level the UN has declared a human rights crisis of global significance, to think that the City Council would even consider this ordinance is a disgrace to our city.

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Name: Alexander Fierro-Clarke

Date Submitted: 07/28/2019 06:16 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am vehemently against this proposal. Until the city or state provides adequate shelters and low income housing, this proposal is completely out of line. This proposal further criminalizes homelessness.

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Name: Peggy Lee Kennedy
Date Submitted: 07/28/2019 07:20 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the draft LAMC 85.02 because this law criminalizes vehicle dwelling in Los Angeles City and causes unnecessary harm to homeless people. Here are some of the issues: The new LAMC 85.02 makes it illegal for a vehicle dweller to be by a public park at any time, but that is where sanitary facilities are. The new LAMC 85.02 assumes that vehicle dwellers are not residents in a community and it is being used as a tool to remove them away from housed residents every single night. There is no program that helps maintain vehicles for mobility or vehicle registration and many of the vehicle dwellers live on social security income or less. Moving daily to unknown and unsafe areas zoned as non-residential is an extreme hardship and simply unsafe for women and elderly people. Until an adequate amount of Community Based Alternatives for safe parking spaces can be provided, pushing people away from services, away from access to sanitary facilities, and away from communities they are residents in - is inhumane. Furthermore the City can not use the Safe Parking Program to justify this law. The total possible(!) Safe Parking spaces is at 300. My understanding is that is what the city has "found" funding for. It is not the current number of safe parking spaces. The recent LAHSA vehicle dweller count for the county is 16,500 with 9,570 of those in LACity. I'm guessing that is a very low estimate, especially considering the rapid loss of low-income housing happening this year since the January 2019 count. For the Vehicle Dwelling LAHSA Count See: <https://www.lahsa.org/documents?id=3468-2019-greater-los-angeles-homeless-count-vehicles-tents-and-makeshift-shelters-by-geographic-area.pdf> Here is a link to a recent article about the extremely high amount of lost rent controlled units: <https://la.curbed.com/2019/7/25/8910020/ellis-act-evictions-data-rent-control> Please vote against this law. Sincerely, Peggy Lee Kennedy Venice Justice Committee

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Name: Matt F.

Date Submitted: 07/28/2019 08:30 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I feel that this is vicious and unfair law to put on the books against the city councils own constituents. Especially since it is the city council's total lack of activity to solve the housing crisis that has forced many of these people to live out of their car. We need to be supporting these human beings with safe parking locations and services.

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Name: Mark Ryavec

Date Submitted: 07/28/2019 09:10 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to reinstate the ban on vehicle camping in residential neighborhoods or near schools and parks.

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Name: Sam A

Date Submitted: 07/28/2019 09:40 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of the reinstatement of 85.02 ordinance. myself, my family, all my neighbors, and all coastal visitors to our North Venice neighborhood Will be better served and will feel much safer would be enforcement of such ordinance. Thanks

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Name: Carol Katona

Date Submitted: 07/28/2019 10:30 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Re: Council file number 14-1057-S8 Please reinstate 85.02. It has been a nightmare in Venice with people living in cars (Including RV's), leaving trash and creating unsanitary conditions on our streets and sidewalks as well as taking away much needed parking for residents and tourists. Los Angeles will be a magnet for people from all over the country to come here and do the same. Please vote like you and your family live here.

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Name: ELizabeth Weinberger

Date Submitted: 07/28/2019 10:34 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please reinstate the ban on living in the car/RV on city streets. We do not know who these people are who are inhabiting our neighborhoods. Hopefully they are just good people whom fell on bad times. But, what if that is not the case. I need to feel safe in my own home. Please provide safe places that are not in our neighborhoods where people who need to can sleep in their vehicles. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 07/28/2019 10:50 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not renew 85.02. There are not enough safe parking spaces and vehicle dwellers often have very little.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 07/28/2019 10:52 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Living in your car, though unfortunate, must not be allowed to happen in Los Angeles. As a tax paying homeowners in Venice, the problem has become untenable. It is not just a quality-of-life issue anymore but a safety issue.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 07/28/2019 11:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: PLEse re-instate the law for no RV overnight parking. My neighborhood has become a camp ground! I'm a single woman who now has to walk blocks to my home due to lack of parking. Many RV's leave behind major amounts of garbage which has been attracting mice and rats. Many of the RV residents are doing drive just yards away from schools and families. Please enforce the past law of making RVs park overnight in a campground or designated spot. Before more people get hurt!!! Thank you

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Name: Sharyl Beebe

Date Submitted: 07/28/2019 11:02 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please vote to REINSTATE this ordinance. It was in place in the first place for health concerns as well as other reasons. The amount of people living in vehicles is absolutely astounding. And they park anywhere they want and don't respect rules. Meanwhile if part of my tire is over the red line, then you will happily ticket myself and other taxpaying residents. But not them. That is unjust. If the same law applies to me as does to them, then I'll just park my car anywhere I darn well like for as long as I like. What I'm saying is that if there's a law, it must be applied fairly and equally across the board (i.e if you ticket us for every parking infraction like being one minute late to feed a meter, then they should be ticketed likewise)! This madness needs to stop! Also, the dangers of living in a vehicle are great! Why do you think there's a required 20 minute fire wall door and 1 hour walls between your kitchen and garage? Ask your building official! It's because almost everything combustible is typically located in the garage such as gasoline and other chemicals. Also, potential crime is an issue or people could overheat daytime in the summer or freeze in the winter at night. And riddle me this: exactly where do they shower and dump their toilets and garbage? Oh wait I know the answers! They shower in Mayor Garcetti's public drinking fountains that can spread diseases at a rate that would make your head spin! They dump their toilets or just drop trow and poop on our City sidewalks and their garbage gets tossed down our storm drains. Get on it Mr. Mayor, and you too Mr. Bonin. LA has become a drug, crime, mentally ill, needle infected and rat infected wasteland. What do you think all the tourists on these tour buses you see going by go home and tell their family and friends!? I'll tell you what they say.....LA sucks! FIX IT! With PROPER solutions! It's pretty sad when sometimes the gangs have more power to help control things than your own police force that you have handcuffed by not reinstating this law as well as your lack of sanitation. We beg of you, as Mayor and a Councilman, you need to fix this City NOW, sirs. Uncuff your cops. Otherwise, not many of us think the two of you (Garcetti and Bonin) are qualified to run a tiny farm town of 10 people in Iowa. VOTE TO REINSTATE THE LAW and get some law and order around here. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Pietro Martini

Date Submitted: 07/28/2019 11:36 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge the city council to reinstate LAMC 85.02 - the ban on living in vehicles near schools, parks or in residential neighborhoods. The consequences to residents are unpleasant. The trash, sanitation, noise and safety issues caused by people living in vehicles are extremely detrimental to homeowners. In Venice Beach, where parking is already scarce, parking spots are also occupied by cars that should not be here. Thank you.