

Communication from Public

Name: Richard West

Date Submitted: 08/02/2019 01:53 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: Subject: City Ordinance 85.02. Thank you (the City Council members) for your support and the recent extension of City Ordinance 85.02, as it relates to the homeless situation in the City of Los Angeles. Unfortunately, I can't help but ask, why is it that it is so difficult for local law enforcement to accept, understand and enforce the full intent of the Ordinance? By example, local law enforcement is still using red, yellow and green zoning maps for parking enforcement, procedures that were adopted in November, 2016 as their basis for enforcement of RV Dwelling, which by the way, has been revised for enforcement. They are also citing reference to the "Jones Settlement" that was satisfied and is no longer enforceable. I strongly suggest that some form of strongly worded communication is considered and put into place so that those who are charged with enforcement have the most current and correct information to enforce the Ordinances as prescribed by the City Council. I am aware of the old saying "Ignorance is Bliss", but we don't need "Bliss" we need results as the law intends. And, one set of laws, to be enforced equally, fairly and in accordance with their intent.

Communication from Public

Name: Matt Fisher

Date Submitted: 07/27/2019 04:10 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly urge you to not consider 85.02 as it is discriminatory, unconstitutional, immoral and a waste of time and resources for the city of Los Angeles. Under Martin v Boise decision and HUD definition of homeless, vehicle dwellers are considered as homeless as someone on the sidewalk and must be provided appropriate shelter, parking programs are currently forming, but are not appropriate and would not reflect a legitimate housing option because there's no water hook up, sewer or permanent place to park. This treatment is cruel and unusual punishment and goes against everything our city is fighting for. LAHSA has been performing outreach to RVs recently and obtained funding for more parking, but only at night making it too costly for most to use. The programs are in motion and bringing 85.02 back would prevent LAHSA from doing the required work and helping those with resources to continually move. It would also be a clear prevention of a federally mandated program. We have trucks coming in October to start collecting sewage out of RVs through LA sanitation. This will prevent illegal dumping, but would be a waste of money creating services for an area then removing the people needing service through 85.02. Vehicle dwellers will hopefully be accepted into bridge housing soon, with help to sell their vehicle and open a bank account to further their success. Under LAHSA rules they will not be allowed to leave the area while on the wait list, making separation of CES participants and new/old dwellers too costly for enforcement. Ultimately preventing Everyone's success. In my home town of Venice, Penmar park allows plenty of shaded parking with trash and bathrooms that is desperately needed and at no extra cost. It prevents loss of parking for tourist and residents which is desperately needed in our area. The concern of attracting criminal behavior near schools or parks is understandable but not logic based when offenders on list are prevented from living or being near these places weather housed or not. We need to work collectively to do anything and everything we can to help with homelessness. Cruel and unusual punishment is not helping, it's intentionally hurting, and at a cost of not just human life, but the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for everyone involved weather homeless or housed. We need to make the sacrifices today for a better tomorrow and learn from our past so

we do not repeat it.

Communication from Public

Name: Stephen Bell

Date Submitted: 07/28/2019 03:24 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: As a friend eloquently stated, this is part of a cycle wherein high rents push people to live in their vehicles, laws like this push vehicle dwellers to tents, and other laws like 56.11 push tent dwellers to death. Our city is already unlivable, and it is only growing more so. We need subsidized and affordable HOUSING now, not increased criminalization of the unhoused.

Communication from Public

Name: Paul Foxson

Date Submitted: 07/29/2019 08:31 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

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. Please consider the rights of the residents, property owners, and children that live here as the first priority.
Thank you Paul Foxson

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 07/29/2019 11:05 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

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.

Communication from Public

Name: Lex Roman

Date Submitted: 07/29/2019 11:13 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, Please do not renew this harmful ordinance. As a homeless advocate working across this city, I talk to folks every day who are struggling to survive. The people I know who live in their cars are often attending school or working and just trying to make ends meet. We do not have nearly enough support for people who need to get back on their feet. We make it insanely hard to get out of poverty. Living in a vehicle is safer than living on the street and it is less invasive than having folks in tents or makeshift shelters. At the glacial rate we're opening safe parking lots, we cannot make it harder to live in your car. Instead, let's remove barriers and create a healthier, safer, kinder Los Angeles. Please vote against 85.02. Thanks, Lex

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 07/29/2019 11:14 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: In reference to 85.02, banning car dwelling in most parts of LA, I request the Council Members consider how they are compounding the struggles of the most poor in our city. Car dwelling is not a vacation - it is how many working and disabled Angelenos survive an eviction. City Council Members have an opportunity to reduce the burdens of these most vulnerable Angelenos by reconsidering 85.02. Please listen to community organizations and activists - they are trying to educate you on a world you do not understand but they are intimately familiar with. Have you Council Members even known anyone who lives out of their car? Have you worked to reduce the burden of a homeless person with your own hands?

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Date Submitted: 07/29/2019 11:28 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

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Communication from Public

Name: Amy Campbell

Date Submitted: 07/29/2019 11:33 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

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 people sleeping in their cars are option from out of state. This isn't helping the true homeless, its only hurting the tax-paying residents. Please make Venice safe for everyone.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael OShea

Date Submitted: 07/29/2019 11:35 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: Following LAHSA's Homeless Count report, which found a dramatic increase in our city's unhoused population, it would be a moral and ethical dereliction of duty for any council member to support the extension of a policy that would increase the unhoused population or create obstacles for unhoused people trying to find housing. LAMC 85.02 does exactly that. Our city's 16,000+ car dwelling individuals & families are not in their predicament by choice. They need SUPPORT from city leaders to get back on their feet, not punishment for their lack of wealth and resources. Adding additional financial burdens in the form of arrests and fines does nothing to get car dwelling individuals into housing. There is no sensible argument for it other than the appeasement of house & apartment dwelling individuals who feel uncomfortable having to look at our city's poverty. A vote to extend this 85.02 is a vote to punish the poor to ease the discomfort of the rich. Shame on any council member who would cast such a vote.

Communication from Public

Name: Donald Everhart

Date Submitted: 07/29/2019 12:26 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the renewal of LAMC 85.02. The promised expansion of safe parking has been a failure, as there have been only 300 safe parking spots funded in the last 6 months while the LA Homeless Services Authority shows that there are over 16,500 vehicle dwellers in LA County. Instituting fines for people who dwell in their vehicles is vicious and cruel at a time in which the rate of homelessness in LA County is rapidly rising. Such fines punish those people who have already been priced out of their homes or who have found it impossible to rent at current rates. Rather than continue to penalize a vulnerable population of our neighbors and citizens, the City Council would be better served by enacting policy that deals with root causes of homelessness.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 07/29/2019 02:03 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not reinstate LAMC 85.02. Those experiencing homelessness in this city should not be criminalized for resorting to their only available form of shelter. We need to allow them to reside in their cars and also provide safe areas and lots for them to sleep in so they can feel safe and not worry about police arrest or other forms of harassment. Thank you for reading and I hope you consider this while voting tomorrow.

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Name: K. Todd
Date Submitted: 07/29/2019 02:06 PM
Council File No: 14-1057-S8
Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE, I urge the city council to reinstate LAMC 85.02 - the ban on living in vehicles near schools, parks or in residential neighborhoods. PLEASE!

Communication from Public

Name: Karen Weiss

Date Submitted: 07/29/2019 02:33 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the council to immediately reinstate the NO CAMPING ON VEHICLES. it is particularly important to reinstate in residential neighborhoods and near parks, beaches and School

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 07/29/2019 05:08 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: Please DO NOT RENEW Municipal Code 85.02. Sleeping in a vehicle, terrible though it might be, is much better than sleeping on the streets. So far, Los Angeles has failed to do anything meaningful to in any way resolve the homeless situation. It shouldn't be illegal to sleep in your car. Making that against the law is a cruel and ridiculous way to punish those who need help. It's kind of like saying, 'make things terrible and then people will not CHOOSE to be homeless, or sleep in their cars'. What is wrong with you??????

Communication from Public

Name: Vanessa Newell
Date Submitted: 07/29/2019 05:47 PM
Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: I believe that people should be allowed to sleep in their cars or campers if they have no other options. I know it irritates a lot of homeowners, but I think this is the humane choice. I also know that some of these camper and vehicle owners leave trash and other debris behind so definitely something needs to be done about that. I know that some of the "campers" have been belligerent (as well as home owners) and that safety and kindness needs to prevail. I don't know what the answer to that other than culture change and more mental health services. It's difficult but where are these people to go?

Communication from Public

Name: Deborah M Keaton

Date Submitted: 07/29/2019 06:23 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: Please extend Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) / Section 85.02 / Safe Parking / Urgency Clause. It's been only a little while sine it expired and already we are seeing a difference. Without this, our neighborhoods will be overrun with RV's and sidewalk dwellers. We are long-time homeowners and residents of Venice. We have a small child who attends the neighborhood school. No kid should have to witness the drug use, public intoxication, using the streets and our gardens as their toilet and worse. The crime they attract has made Venice more dangerous then it was even 15 years ago. Please help us to keep our homes safe.
<https://www.smdp.com/van-living/177838?fbclid=IwAR3GLyvRDntPQTBuElNmwsd5IrdmkYHtMBlgqXLWtGqUoFgMP-9X8lpO3c>

Communication from Public

Name: Fiona Engler

Date Submitted: 07/29/2019 07:31 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote in the ban on sleeping in cars in neighborhoods. The safety of our neighborhoods is directly effected by many of the people living in their cars. They park near families, schools, libraries, and parks. This is directly affecting how the tax payers in these neighborhoods can use these facilities, especially children. Safe Parking programs are good, but those that refuse treatment or help should not be permitted to park in front of people's homes and businesses. I have personally seen RV dump their "loads" into the gutter. This causes diseases and property owners should not have to put up with this. As a tax payer that pays thousands of dollars in property tax it is not right that these people just park themselves in whatever neighborhood they like. Home owners and renters have rights too.

Communication from Public

Name: Chris Tilly

Date Submitted: 07/29/2019 08:02 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose reinstatement of the LM 85.02, which would ban living in vehicles in much of the city. Homelessness is a huge problem we are wrestling with, and for many homeless people living in their cars is at this point the best available alternative. Reinstating the ban will worsen the quality of life for these folks, and in some cases is likely to put them in danger. I oppose LM 85.02 as a Venice resident and homeowner, as a citizen, and as a professor of Urban Planning at UCLA.

Communication from Public

Name: RJR
Date Submitted: 07/29/2019 08:49 PM
Council File No: 14-1057-S8
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.

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Name: Dave Clark
Date Submitted: 07/29/2019 09:51 PM
Council File No: 14-1057-S8
Comments for Public Posting: Please do not renew

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Name: Shannon

Date Submitted: 07/29/2019 11:32 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: We are taxpayers and homeowners and want our neighborhoods to be clean and safe. I'm sorry they don't have a home but they have mental issues and drug problems. NO ONE in their right minds would want to live in a rat infested area. They are putting ALL of society at risk and our "city officials" have their head in the sand and claim it's a housing problem. WAKE UP, IT'S NOT A HOUSING PROBLEM ITS MENTAL AND DRUG PROBLEM!!!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Linda Lucks

Date Submitted: 07/30/2019 12:53 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: Councilmembers: Please do not reinstate the inhumane prohibition of sleeping in vehicles. The safety of a roof overhead and doors to lock is immeasurable. Until such time that shelter and housing and enough safe overnight parking locations are available to those who need it, people must be able to keep themselves safe without the City telling them to get out of their vehicles and sleep on the street. LAMC 85.02 was and still is is an insane policy! Thank you, Linda Lucks

Communication from Public

Name: Sandy Stewart

Date Submitted: 07/30/2019 06:07 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: This policy does not help the people taking advantage of the streets and communities. What do they learn about being responsible members of society? They leave trash and sewage on our streets and parkways. They need access to services to help them integrate into residential facilities. They are paying rent for these vans - but their van lord does not pay taxes. The van lord is exploiting the system for his own financial benefit. Most of these vans are not fit for human habitation, they are filthy and bug ridden. There are more vans and vehicles arriving every day- it will not stop until there is enforcement of the ban.

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa

Date Submitted: 07/30/2019 08:14 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote to let people sleep in their cars. This criminalized being homeless. What low income housing is being offered to suit the needs of ALL homeless people, including families? Homeless who live in their car are just trying to survive. Better for them to be in their vehicle than to add more to the streets.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 07/30/2019 08:58 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not pass this. It will displace thousands more homeless people onto the streets and in doing so strip them of the last bastion of their own identities. Many people who are homeless but have cars to live in are able to continue working, which is crucial to being able to slowly work their way out of homelessness. We already have almost 40,000 homeless people in Los Angeles city ALONE. We must treat these people with compassion and look at the problem of homelessness as a whole. Instead of legislating people out of a lifeline, let's put our efforts towards putting a stop to corporations making millions off of unnecessary development that displaces people and a stop to the absurd/impossible rent costs in LA. Or toward creating more opportunities for mental health support for our communities, programs to help uplift and keep safe women who are on the streets (in some cases with CHILDREN). Until the situation gets better we ought to not make it worse by further displacing homeless people with this inhumane and petty ruling.

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Name: Daniel Ortiz
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Communication from Public

Name: Michael McNeil

Date Submitted: 07/30/2019 09:47 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: I had four tires slashed at Penmar golf course after I was out of town for a week. There are a bunch of belligerent transients arriving everyday from across the country because we don't enforce ANYTHING! I keep finding needles in the parks, there is piss and shit everywhere. What are we paying taxes for? What are you enforcing? Enough is enough already.

Communication from Public

Name: Dave gennett

Date Submitted: 07/30/2019 11:28 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: The people who live in their cars on horizon ave cause so much noise, and piss and poop all over the street. I have to clean up human poop weekly. It's horrific. Help save Venice please!

Communication from Public

Name: Christina Ericksom

Date Submitted: 07/30/2019 01:55 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: I don't believe that we should criminalize the poor by prohibiting them from living in their vehicles. We have a homeless crisis and a housing crisis. We do not need to further create misery for the poor. Please allow human beings to live in their cars. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Greg Leibert

Date Submitted: 07/30/2019 02:12 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S8

Comments for Public Posting: Ordinance reinstating Section 85.02 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to regulate vehicle dwelling on City streets. I support reinstating 85.02 We have SEVERAL car and van campers on our street on Grand Blvd. and surrounding streets near the beach. This includes vans actually rented out by a person...what will prevent the entire street to be all campers, with no place to park my car, or the visitors of Venice???? Should i go into the business of buying cheap vans to line the street and rent to homeless, or air B&B before someone else does it?? Who wouldn't want to live near the beach? The campers sometimes hang out all day, smoking / drinking and playing music at all hours...urinating, and defecating where ever and simply tossing their trash in the street or sidewalk. People fall on hard times and in a pinch, i could understand sleeping in ones car. With the intention of getting help, and moving forward...BUT, in our experience, many/most of these campers are living a "life style"...this is the way they want to live. No rules, no responsibilities. I believe the police should have the tools in place to help regulate the people taking advantage of street camping. I support reinstating 85.02 thank you, -Greg



YES,
that's poop.
a **REGULAR**
clean-up for me

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