

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.

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Name: Lex Roman

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

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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

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Name: Kevin Break

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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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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.

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Name: Kathleen Robbins

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

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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 effects thousands of LA's most vulnerable. Thank you.

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Name:

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

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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.

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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.

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Name: Trevor Dawn

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

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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!

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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.

Communication from Public

Name: Jesse Chappelle

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

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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
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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.

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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.