

Beynon Properties

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March 17, 2016

Nury Martinez
City of Los Angeles
Councilwoman 6th District

Dear Ms. Martinez,

Because I will not be able to attend the city council meeting Friday, March 18, 2016, I wish to share what I would have said to the council, if I could have been there.

I am a property owner in Van Nuys. My property is located at 14757, 14759, 14759 ½, 14761, 14761 ½, 14763 Keswick St., Van Nuys, 91405.

I am a proud owner. I have improved my property and have helped to organize my immediate neighborhood together, to keep our streets clean and safe from graffiti, dumping and homeless encampments.

With regard to the homeless, all the effort we put forth to keep our neighborhood clean, respectable and safe is being thwarted by bad laws that inhibit the police, city clean up crews and other city functions from doing their job.

While I am compassionate about the plight of the homeless, having people use our sidewalks, driveways and front yards as their toilets, is neither healthy or is it in keeping with our efforts to keep our neighborhood clean, safe and respectable.

Vermin and disease come with the dirty nature of the homeless in our neighborhood. These are not people who respect either themselves or where they decide to plant themselves.

While some may claim that I am cruel to say people should not be able to set up a camp in front of my doorway, it is cruel for the homeless to ruin my property, threaten the safety and health of the tenants in my building, by defecating on our front door step.

We are asking that the laws that were long standing be reinstated, so the police and other services of the city may have the ability to remove the homeless from our doorsteps, streets and neighborhoods.

Our safety, our health and our property values, along with ability to lease and rent property, are being severely compromised by the few who choose to not take advantage of the many services and programs the city has available and offers to them.

To those homeless who refuse the many free services being offered by the city, paid for by the taxes we as business and property owners pay, such as shelters, rehabilitation programs and job training, I say you have no right to ruin our neighborhoods by squatting on our doorsteps.

Sincerely,



Jay Beynon