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ERIC GARCETTI MAYOR

July 7, 2015

Honorable Members of the City Council of the City of Los Angeles Room 395, City Hall 200 North Spring Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Re: CF 14-1656: Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Section 56.11 of Chapter V of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to Prohibit the Storage of Personal Property in Public Areas

Honorable Members:

Today, I return without signature this file, in which the City Council approved an ordinance revising Municipal Code § 56.11 to establish a new process for the removal of personal property stored on public sidewalks.

I strongly support the enactment of laws that enable the City to ensure that its public areas are clean and safe. However, the City must balance the need to maintain its sidewalks with the rights of people who have no other choice but to live on them. In my view, the ordinance does not adequately achieve the proper balance.

At the time of passage, the City Council asked the Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness ("Committee") to consider amendments that would enable smarter enforcement, ensure more compassionate treatment of homeless Angelenos, and strengthen the City's ability to withstand legal challenge. I support the adoption of amendments that would accomplish those purposes.

I am also returning without signature Council File 14-1551, in which the City Council amended Municipal Code § 63.44 to address related issues. To ensure consistency in the City's approach, comparable amendments also should be incorporated into that ordinance.



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Accordingly, I will be directing City departments to defer implementation of these ordinances until the Committee and City Council adopt changes to the ordinances. In the interim, City departments shall continue to keep our public areas clean and safe using existing citywide protocols for the removal of personal property.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Very truly yours,

ERIC GARCETTI

Mayor

cc: Enrique Zaldivar, Director, Bureau of Sanitation

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