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City Council Tuesday June 23, 2015: Agenda item 5/Council File 14-1551 & Agenda item 6/Council File 14-1656 and public comment for council files

1 message

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Mon, Jun 22, 2015 at 11:32 AM

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Venice Justice Committee

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Regarding Agenda item 5/Council File 14-1551 & Agenda item 6/Council File 14-1656

1 message

Jessica Lux <jessica@luxtutor.com>

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Our city spends too much on law enforcement of homelessness instead of helping people find storage, shelter, and access to clean water and toilets. The strategy of criminalizing poverty and homelessness does not work and Los Angeles knows it is the wrong direction to take. Please vote no on these inhumane proposals.

Jessica Lux
Van Nuys, CA



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City Council Tuesday June 23, 2015: public comment for council files on Agenda item 5/Council File 14-1551 & Agenda item 6/Council File 14-1656

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Here is a video so you can begin to understand how important storage is to people without a home - <https://vimeo.com/131262319> I suggest we start by using Venice as a model and open the toilets on the beach and expand (from 26 to 150 bins) the Venice storage program that is run by volunteers. It is the only humane thing to do.

Please help turn this around by voting NO on these items. Your time should be spent finding solutions to help the homeless who live among us, as well as for the millions of other residents of the city who can barely afford a roof over their heads.

Sincerely,

Judy Branfman

Venice CA



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Criminalization of Poverty or Economic Cleansing

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Sent from my iPhone,
ac Kane



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VOTE NO COUNCIL FILE 14-1551 June 23, UNCONSTITUTIONAL

1 message

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Honorable City Council,

Vote NO on CF 14-1551.

The time set forth by this motion is insufficient time for anyone to react. A 30 day notice, as per the amount to evict a person from a rental is sufficient.

However, this motion is arbitrary and capricious and would violate several constitutional protections.

Primarily, this motion treats persons evicted from housing as superior from those evicted from a public home, in clear violation of Brown vs. Board of Education, and considers one segment of the public as superior to others.

Furthermore, it would create a government taking without just compensation, and without a reasonable time for due process to ensue, removing justice and the rule of law, unjustly.

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-Vlad Popescu, Los Angeles resident

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You have never really lived until you've done something for someone who can never repay you.



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Deniz Akbasoglu
council district 11



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Vote for Affordable Housing Not More Criminalization

1 message

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To the L.A. City Council:

HUFF (Homeless United for Friendship & Freedom) urges you to vote against the 5/C. File 14-1551 amending LAMC 63.44B re: park urfews. Please consider the absence of the required Coastal Development Permit first required in order to spare the City legal expense should it be challenged.

Please also vote not to create a new LAMC 56.11 (I believe the item is 6/C.File 14-1656, given the insufficient storage space for homeless possessions being abusively seized by police, again laying the City open to costly litigation.

I understand a large part of the nearly \$100 million on "homeless services and prevention" has gone to police activity—which is not only cruel and costly, but apparently unsuccessful even on its own terms.

I am also advised that these laws target black community members, given that 50% of the homeless population in town is black. Not to mention victims of domestic abuse and violence.

Affordable housing, supportive housing, the "Housing First" initiatives, are all far better alternatives. In the meantime, homeless folks (for their benefit and for the benefit of the broader community) need supportive housing for folks with disabilities, and more housing generally (perhaps my SRO's?) for low-income people and displaced urban workers.

We urge you to vote for the smarter more sensible and more compassionate solutions.

Robert Norse

Santa Cruz HUFF

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On 6/22/2015 at 2:11 PM, calvin@hushmail.me wrote:

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Calvin E. Moss, Venice Justice Committee



Candy Rosales <candy.rosales@lacity.org>

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Clay Claiborne <clayclai@gmail.com>

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PLEASE EMAIL CITY COUNCIL TODAY JUNE 22.

Our Justice Committee email is forwarded to you so you have a sample to use.

This is important as this will have a final vote tomorrow, but also important because we wrote this in honor of Eden Andes, a long time Venice Food Not Bombs activist and sister, who passed away one year ago today.

Please send your email in today!!!

Peggy

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From: **Venice Justice** <venicejusticecommittee@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Jun 22, 2015 at 11:32 AM

Subject: City Council Tuesday June 23, 2015: Agenda item 5/Council File 14-1551 & Agenda item 6/Council File 14-1656 and public comment for council files

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vote No on Council File 14-1551 and 14-1656

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Tiger Lily <turtlesmurtle@gmail.com>

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I support Councilman Cedillo in saying NO to these proposed laws.

Janice Yudell



Richard Williams <richard.williams@lacity.org>

Please vote "no" on these critical items:

Gina Maslow <gina.maslow@gmail.com>

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Gina **310-387-2152**

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— John F. Kennedy, Profiles in Courage