

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council: I would like to make a statement regarding the homeless crisis - and limiting the options "Where homeless can sleep". I am a local advocate for safety and sustainability, and have contacts with the L.A.P.D. First off, I think the current Laws - favoring the transients and convicts (while putting ordinary people at risk, jeopardizing everyone's safety & security) - have GOT TO BECOME MORE STRICT and TIGHTENED. Also, we need to *enforce* the Laws. Homeless and transients are out of control, many of whom commit crimes, do drugs and alcohol consumption, spread infectious diseases, and overall cause serious nuisance on our streets (let's call things as they are, without trying to sugarcoat the problem!). All in all, quality of living in Los Angeles has substantially degraded, making it a 3rd-world slum-city. We've seen on the news many times -- when someone got stabbed, or attacked -- and it was reportedly "by a local homeless" or "by a local transient". Clearly, these homeless encampments are anything BUT safe or innocent. Many of the encampments are created by convicts who were released under Prop. 47 (and are still being released, under Gavin Newsom's new ordinances). Unfortunately, the liberals keep promoting such lawlessness and protecting the civil rights of transients and criminals -- while ignoring the rights and safety of the general population. Which directly has caused a spike in crime, as well as continuous mushrooming of the encampments. What the liberals suggest (i.e. removing some restrictions) will make the problem even worse! Lawlessness and anarchy will prevail, which will even further increase the crime in L.A. and will add more slum areas. Clearly, we can NOT allow this to happen! Homeless encampments should be PROHIBITED ON ALL PUBLIC AREAS within the City limits - including sidewalks, streets, right-of-ways, school, parks, etc. Homeless encampments (and sleeping) may ONLY be allowed in *Unincorporated* areas, outside the city, so not to affect the lives and safety of the general population. It is despicable that the City has not only allowed for transients to camp out practically everywhere, but the current Laws -- that prohibit encampments at daytime, as well as blocking the sidewalks -- are simply not enforced. This is why the transients have gotten even more brazen, and they do whatever they want. I agree with the suggested rules that would

"OUTLAW sitting, sleeping, and lying near parks, bridges, schools and routes to schools, existing shelters, on bike and recreational paths, and in 'crowded sidewalk areas' and major venues." These restrictions should go forward. and SHOULD BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. Enough is enough! Thank you. With full respect, Los Angeles city resident. P.S. For confidentiality, safety, and security, I would rather remain anonymous. Thanks for understanding.