

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Planters and illegal fencing by churches, landlords and businesses in Ktown continue to highlight the local wealthy's approach to our unhoused neighbors as one rooted in cruelty and fear. I support any measure that treats these illegal actions with the penalties they merit.

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Name: Clark Worthington

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Comments for Public Posting: It is my belief that fences placed in public parkways should be considered abandoned items and should be removed with or without a 311 request. How is it that one individual keep people out of our public space. People installing these fences should face the max fine for littering.

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Name: Ktown for All

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Comments for Public Posting: May 14, 2019 Honorable Herb Wesson, Jr. Los Angeles City Council 200 N. Spring St, Room 430 Los Angeles, CA, 90012
Re: Council File 19-0311, "Citywide Illegal Fencing / Code Enforcement Division / Public Right-of-Way Violations" Dear Council President Wesson: We applaud your leadership in addressing the proliferation of unpermitted fencing through your Motion 19-0311, "Citywide Illegal Fencing / Code Enforcement Division / Public Right-of-Way Violations." Through our weekly homeless outreach in Koreatown, we have observed and documented dozens of anti-homeless landscaping installed on City property to displace homeless residents in Koreatown. The installation of hostile architecture is often preceded by homeless encampment sweeps or "cleanups" to clear the area. These sweeps, which often cause trauma, physical hardship, and loss of vital personal belongings, lead to the permanent banishment of homeless community members from places where they feel most safe. In one situation that we encountered, a woman camped near her former apartment in Koreatown where she was evicted. After unpermitted plants and manure were added to the parkway where she had set up camp, she lamented that she had nowhere else to go. This kind of harassment caused her significant anxiety and did nothing to help her escape homelessness. If anything, displacing encampment residents makes it more difficult for outreach workers to relocate their clients and successfully connect them to housing. We appreciate your response to this problem, and we'd like to recommend additions to the motion to strengthen its impact and efficiency: -Address all unpermitted hostile architecture – not just fencing, including: planters, plants, and manure. -Propose a deadline of no later than three months from the motion's passage for City agencies to report to Council on their investigation and enforcement efforts. -Investigate and discipline City employees who assist at any point in the process of installing unpermitted hostile architecture. Installing hostile architecture is not only an illegal encroachment on public property, it does nothing to solve homelessness. Thank you for your attention to this issue.
Sincerely, Ktown for All