

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: The use of illegal planters and fences by property owners is not a humane response to the homeless crisis. These tactics push our most vulnerable populations further into the margins of society and do nothing to solve the problem. Please do whatever you can to put a stop to this. Property owners need to be punished accordingly and any authorities who encourage the use of illegal planters and fences should be reprimanded as well.

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Comments for Public Posting: Thank you Councilman Wesson for this motion. Property owners have selfishly taken over public space that ought to be used for the public good. Most of these projects are flagrant code violations and present public safety hazards, such as fencing that blocks off all pedestrian access from the road to the sidewalk, planters with no drainage holes that will become breeding grounds for mosquitoes in the summer, and thorny bushes and cacti that impede pedestrian mobility. These “beautification” projects, commonly financed by wealthy property owners, have the sole purpose of driving out homeless people who already struggle daily to survive. As you know, the City of LA has a severe shortage of affordable housing. Until we end homelessness, public space should serve the needs of the homeless community and all who seek refuge on a patch of grass or concrete, not the selfish whims of the wealthy. Please amend the motion to include all unpermitted anti-homeless obstructions on City property. Thank you for standing with your most vulnerable constituents.

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council President: Proactive enforcement is exactly what is needed to address this problem, which is getting out of control throughout all of LA, especially in wealthy areas, such as Venice. The selective enforcement of bulky items on City property shows the discrimination inherent in City agencies' treatment of the housed and unhoused. While the unhoused watch in horror at their tents and all worldly possessions destroyed by LA Sanitation, other bulky items, such as planters and fencing are protected from enforcement. The City's main enforcement strategy has always favored the material property of the wealthy over the lives of the poor. Thank you for trying to correct this grave injustice.