

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rose Serna

**Date Submitted:** 08/20/2019 11:37 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0602-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am OPPSED to this motion and any other action that further criminalizes our unhoused neighbors. It is not a crime to simply exist and not have the means to possess a traditional dwelling. The city is not doing enough to support the most vulnerable community members among us.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Theo Henderson

**Date Submitted:** 08/20/2019 07:34 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0602-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** The time is overdue. End the war on the unhoused. Over 14,000 citations were handed out to poor unhoused people. This is cruel and unusual punishment. No supportive housing in sight. Yet, punishing people with limited or no financial resources is a burden to our city resources.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Thomas Booth

**Date Submitted:** 08/20/2019 08:01 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0602-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please stop criminalizing homelessness. Writing citations on unhoused people just makes the human tragedy worse. Make housing a right and help people off the street not put them in jail for failure to pay fines. Have a heart.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lisa  
**Date Submitted:** 08/20/2019 09:58 PM  
**Council File No:** 19-0602-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am an Angeleno native and longtime Koreatown resident. Amidst the City's changes and iterations to accommodate for new families and people who want to make Los Angeles a home, I see so clearly that we are not doing right by my unhoused neighbors who are fighting to be counted in L.A. as well. 41.18(d) exacerbates our longstanding struggle to pull people out of poverty and homelessness. In a City of 27,000 unsheltered residents and only 9,702 emergency shelter and traditional housing beds, nearly 20,000 people – each night – sleep outside on public property because they have no home or shelter to go to. To prosecute people for doing so is unjust. By reauthorizing laws that criminalize homelessness such as 41.18d, the City promotes the discredited idea that homelessness is driven by criminality. It instead should be holding hearings on the failure to move forth necessary homeless housing projects. I urge the Council to repeal 41.18(d) outright. I urge the City to instead use its resources to create solutions instead of unjust laws that entrench poverty and criminalize the unhoused. We are in the middle of a serious homelessness crisis; we need our efforts to go towards building much-needed shelters and housing.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stefanie Krutilek  
**Date Submitted:** 08/20/2019 10:04 PM  
**Council File No:** 19-0602-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to urge the entire City Council to consider how detrimental it is to gut LAMC 41.18. The City needs to enforce appropriate rules for orderly behavior. This means that we don't need more sidewalk camping by the homeless. We need less. And if you are planning to delete 50% of the code by removing sections b and c you will also encourage more loitering and allow aggressive behavior in public spaces. Your jobs are to create security in Los Angeles rather than to allow more unruly and illegal behavior that puts everyone at risk. Both the housed and the unhoused will be adversely affected. You also are well aware that with rising costs for construction of various types of homeless housing (HHH units currently cost in excess of 500,000 each) that the City will never build enough units . Our neighborhoods can't withstand the oversized projects and the Budget cannot withstand the excessive costs that are only rising. You must consider how injurious your planned actions are. Do not gut LAMC 41.18.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Adilia Aguilar

**Date Submitted:** 08/20/2019 10:18 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0602-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council: Please don't make changes to LAMC 41.18. If you allow people to camp on sidewalks, the City will lose all control to clean up the sidewalks when it needs to. The City cannot give up on the homeless - they need help. Allowing them to sleep on the sidewalk is not going to make things better. The City needs to come up with better solutions. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Johanna Hauser

**Date Submitted:** 08/20/2019 08:59 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0602-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Repeal 41.18d!!! The Eighth Amendment's prohibition on cruel and unusual punishment bars a city from prosecuting people criminally for sleeping outside on public property when those people have no home or other shelter to go to. In a City of 27,000 unsheltered homeless and only 9,702 emergency shelter and transitional housing beds, nearly 20,000 people each night stand to have their Constitutional protections violated by laws designed to criminalize the unhoused. In 2018, at least 1,424 unhoused people were cited under LAMC 41.18d for sitting on the sidewalk in the City of Los Angeles. Reauthorizing laws that criminalize homelessness like 41.18d promote the discredited idea that homelessness is driven by criminality, and undermine efforts to site and build much needed shelters and housing. Ktown for all has been asking for a bridge home shelter for over a year, and nothing has been done yet. If the City was serious, it would be holding hearings on the failure to move necessary homeless housing projects instead of finding ways around a court ruling. Criminalizing homelessness solves nothing. It is counterproductive and makes it harder for people to escape homelessness. We therefore urge the Council to delete 41.18(d) outright and to turn our City's resources to solutions instead of unjust laws that simply entrench poverty and criminalize the unhoused.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jane

**Date Submitted:** 08/20/2019 09:02 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please repeal 41.18 altogether. 41.18(d) is particularly cruel for criminalizing the act of sitting/sleeping/lying down on the sidewalk, especially when Los Angeles is in the midst of a humanitarian crisis. At a time when LA has 27,000 unsheltered people and only 9,702 shelter beds, it is unconscionable that resting in public space is a crime when there is nowhere else for people to go. Many of the comments that have been submitted opposing amending 41.18(d) peddle easily debunked myths about homelessness. Stop appeasing entitled NIMBYs who are completely removed from the facts and reality. We are years away from solving the homelessness crisis. Criminalizing homelessness is not only cruel, it is counterproductive and diverts City resources away from productive solutions while making it even harder for people to climb out of homelessness. Stop punishing people for trying to survive. Banning homelessness does not end homelessness. Get serious about the crisis and focus on housing people instead of finding ways around a court hearing.



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 08/20/2019 09:08 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Criminalizing homelessness solves absolutely nothing. It is counterproductive and makes it harder for people to escape homelessness.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Josh James

**Date Submitted:** 08/20/2019 09:25 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Unless you can find these people shelter, you must reoeal the ordinance. They don't WANT to sleep on sidewalks, they HAVE to.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael

**Date Submitted:** 08/20/2019 09:28 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0602-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** The fact that this law exists at all is a disgrace and an embarrassment. Where do you expect people to go if they can't sleep on the sidewalk? Repeal 41.18(d) now.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 08/19/2019 07:16 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I definitely do not think it is at all fair that LA has to follow Boise , 48.18. Why: Criminals hide among the homeless stealing from us: Why is this acceptable Drug dealers hide among them selling drugs creating a zombie world here in Venice: Why is this acceptable! They steal our bikes, chop them up and sell them: why is this acceptable ! They desiccate everywhere, thrown their needles everywhere. This is unsafe especially for out children: Why is this acceptable! They come here in Venice to be homeless: Why is this acceptable They create garbage wherever they are: why is this accepted! They line our neighborhood streets with ugly RV and camp in their vans and cars. They take our much needed parking spaces: Why should we accept this! They threaten us in the streets and grab us, yell at us etc: Why should we accept this! They break into our homes, cars, slash our tires, smash our windows: Why is this acceptable! They shoot up in front of us: Why is this acceptable! Their filthy encampments attract Norway rats causing 3rd world countries diseases: Why is this acceptable! They block out storefronts , our walkways: Why is this acceptable! Some have guns and shoot people: Why is this acceptable! Why do the law biding , tax paying citizens have to have their rights taken away , because a judge says it's unconstitutional for people to live on the streets? We live in a unlawful city where the homeless have taking over. Why: why are we punished! Why! Why to we have to feel unsafe! Why! Why is this disgusting problem allowed to continue. We are not a 3 rd world country? Why! Why do we keep our kids out of the parks for fear that they will step on a used needle! Why! It good on and on. The stress living this way is unbearable. Most homeless don't want to be housed so they can lead a man unlawful life, abide by no rules or laws, sleep all day and poop and owe everywhere. And WHY is this not in the wealthiest neighborhoods. Why does our Mayor not have homeless people in his neighborhood. Why is he allowed to spend HHH monies in such a irresponsible way, letting it slowing slip away with no results of homelessness improving. WHY DO THE TAX PAYERS, LAW ABIDING CITIZENS HAVE TO BE INVOLVED IN THE SIDE AFFECTS IF THE HOMELESSNESS AT ALL. PLEASE KILL 41.18 now.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Soledad Ursua

**Date Submitted:** 08/20/2019 11:21 AM

**Council File No:** 19-0602-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not change the laws on sleeping on Sidewalks. There are an estimated 35,000 to 36,000 homeless people living on the sidewalks, most of them with drug problems and mental problems. Residents of these areas are facing major problems with public defecation. I have personally seen homeless defecate numerous times, on public and private property. This is a major public safety and health issue. The City needs to be able to legally move them instead of leaving them on the sidewalk to die or harm others. In addition, the homeless, in many of our neighborhoods, are transients from out of state who have come to Los Angeles because they can sleep on the sidewalks and because prop 47 and 57 made meth and heroin misdemeanors instead of felonies. The Jones Settlement and prop 47 and 57 brought more homeless to LA. If you change the laws to allow sidewalk camping, more homeless will come to LA and more people will choose to do drugs on our sidewalks. Please do not change this law. Allow police to enforce the laws.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nichol Carlson  
**Date Submitted:** 08/20/2019 01:50 PM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** I've been told that you are voting to allow people to sleep and camp on the sidewalks of Venice - is this a joke? Are you kidding? You have to find another way to deal with the homeless crisis - allowing them to set up camp in front of my home is absolutely unacceptable.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 08/20/2019 09:22 AM

**Council File No:** 19-0602-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please protect our sidewalks! Often I cannot walk down the street, pushing my daughter's stroller because of tents, trash and debris from local homeless encampments. We have rights to use our sidewalks. Protect us from random encampments setting up where ever they wish, not in front of families. Our children need to be protected! Homelessness is an issue that needs help but not at the expense of our families. If the city changes the laws about sleeping and camping on the sidewalks, the police will never have a way of removing people. This could allow people to camp with unlimited amounts of tents, garbage, etc. anywhere, including our residential sidewalks. Please do not change LAMC 41.18 and enforce the laws in place! ADA also needs to be enforced to allow people, like my father, to travel the sidewalks in a wheelchair. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jamie Cook

**Date Submitted:** 08/20/2019 07:52 AM

**Council File No:** 19-0602-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not make these changes to this ordinance. There is way too much criminal activity on our streets and sidewalks. I cannot allow my 14 year old to walk to the store because of the people using drugs and camping on our neighborhood sidewalks. I cannot park in the street of my office because I am yelled at by the person who has made that sidewalk his home. People come here from other places just to be allowed to do this. At night parties are happening in these encampments. Please, please do not allow this. Our safety is at risk. We, the citizens are not safe.