

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Yessenia

**Date Submitted:** 08/30/2019 07:39 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmembers, I ask that you to rescind 41.18 (d). The proposed amendments are not forward thinking and I am worried they will make our city's homelessness crisis even worse. In recent years, homelessness has been increasing. While it's hard to see people suffer in my neighborhood, we shouldn't respond by making it harder for them out there. We know what the solutions are: housing and supportive services. Let's dedicate ourselves to that instead of on increasing burdens for people just trying to get by. Thank you

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jacob Shepard

**Date Submitted:** 08/30/2019 10:21 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmembers, I am calling on you not merely as a constituent, a tax paying citizen, and a resident of this great city of Los Angeles, but as a human being just as well - with even the smallest ounce of decency, respect, solidarity, and care for my brothers and sisters who find themselves trapped in the despairing circumstance of being unhoused - to rescind 41.18 with the swiftest haste in action you are able to muster. Los Angeles is in the midst of a dire housing crisis - an entirely man-made scarcity of truly affordable and livable homes - brought on by wealthy developers who by the day swallow up untold amounts of property into their portfolios for the making of new gentrified luxuries in what can only be described as a new gold rush for our very own time. Their allegiance is only to their bottom line, and there is no room for the working and the poor - the great majority of this city's population that have long called here home - but your commitment, in theory, is only to the people. Yet under the reign of this mayor and this city council - bought and paid for, it would seem, by these same greedy landlords who have come to own seemingly everything in sight - our hardships have only intensified, and more and more NATIVE RESIDENTS OF THIS CITY are being forced out of their homes and onto the streets by the day. How does City Council and our beloved mayor then choose to respond to this catastrophe of inhumanity? By criminalizing the very presence and continued existence of our unhoused brothers and sisters, and committing only a few paltry dollars to a few more miserable temporary shelters as we await an inevitably (by your own will) more long term housing in the confines of one of your beloved prison cells, for which there always seem to be an untold number of our own hard earned tax dollars to flush down the drain into? I was homeless when I arrived in this city, and my wife was living in her car when I met her. By the grace of Allah alone I was able to find stable work and eventually scrape enough change together for us to settle into the most meager of housing that only through great hardship and a determined work ethic we have been able to just barely hold onto since. In my work I deal with folks every day, just as hard working and honest as myself, who live day by day only one pitiful check away from being condemned to the streets - to say nothing of all those close to me who have already lost the only

housing they have ever had to call home and face continuous abuse, harassment, and stigmatization from your police force, entitled and arrogant business owners, and their very own neighbors day in and day out with little hope of escaping the hell they inhabit. You will not reduce our humanity to an obscene set of stereotypes that help you wash your conscience clean of the guilt you have in crafting the world we have been forced to live in. We are not merely drug-addled lunatics, criminal vagrants, and lazy moochers looking only to milk the system and get over on all those around us for our own short-term gratification. We are brothers, sisters, uncles, cousins, mothers, fathers, daughters, sons, and perhaps most importantly, workers - black, white, brown, red, and yellow all alike - born to this city or adopted by it, who desire only the small comforts of peace, privacy, and a roof over our heads to wake up to every morning and return to every night. There is one way out of this mess, and it is not through further criminalization, stigmatization, and the construction of more prison cells, but is building truly affordable and livable HOMES - not more hotels, not more luxury or even market rate developments, and certainly not more sporting stadiums and tourist attractions. Kill this bill, and end the illegal and inhumane sweeps, or there will be an electoral price for every single one of you who chose to put checks over our city. Even a machine is no match for the might of an awakened and enlightened People joined hand in hand in the cause of a freedom and a future in common. The choice is yours, so choose your side - because we're all watching.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andrew Silver

**Date Submitted:** 08/30/2019 12:13 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge the City Council to reject amendments to LAMC 41.18(d). It would be better to rescind 41.18(d) entirely. As the Chair of the Studio City Neighborhood Council Homelessness Committee, a member of the Board of NoHo Home Alliance, and a member of the Steering Committee of LA Family Housing I am part of a group of dedicated members of the community working on solutions to the homeless crisis that works for both the community and the homeless in our community. The proposed amendments to 41.18(d) will be detrimental to our efforts. I urge you to close council file 19-0602-S1. I am working with CD2, LASAN, and LA Family Housing to implement roll out of the CARE teams to CD2. The Mayor just promoted the roll out of CARE teams in CD9. Council File 19-0602-S1 will disrupt the real work we are doing on the ground to address community concerns and help the homeless in our community. The LA Family Housing outreach workers are doing the important work of developing relationships with the homeless that will result in improved outcomes. I have seen the real benefits and success of the work the outreach workers do. The proposed amendments to 41.18(d) will disrupt this important work. We will lose months and years of outreach work when contact is lost with displaced clients. Criminalization of the homeless is not the answer. Law enforcement intervention is the most expensive and least effective method of dealing with the homeless. We are building a efficient and effective social services solution for the homeless. Please don't disrupt this important work. Do no amend LAMC 41.18(d). Rescind LAMC 41.18(d).

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 08/20/2019 09:50 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please repeal 41.18d. homeless people already have nowhere to go, please don't punish them more

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ace Katano

**Date Submitted:** 08/24/2019 03:30 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** The proposed amendments are 1) cruel and inhumane, and 2) facially unconstitutional. Criminalizing homelessness serves no purpose other than to brutalize the most vulnerable; it does not make our streets safer, it does not use the city's resources efficiently, it does not help people escape homelessness. It is nothing more than cruelty to appease the least compassionate and most intolerant NIMBYs. And, as Councilman Bonin pointed out, even that is a false promise - as a criminal attorney, I can assure you that this proposed amendment will ensure that the city wastes millions of dollars on doomed litigation as soon as a suit is filed. Stop governing by lawsuit! Use reason and compassion! Let's delete 41.18 entirely and be done with it. Work on actual solutions.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kevin

**Date Submitted:** 08/30/2019 08:47 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmembers, Please rescind 41.18 (d). This further criminalizes homelessness and is frankly a ridiculous idea to ban people from sitting or lying in parks. Those are the main things you do in a park. This will increase interactions between homeless people and the police, which we don't want. We want housing and supportive services, not sweeps and tickets and jails.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 08/30/2019 09:40 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Making it illegal to sit, lie or sleep in most of LA is an inhumane reversal of the city's original heroism. Once a model of courage and good conscience, we are now descending into heartless elitism. Everyone living on the streets is just trying to make it day to day. When we move them around the city, put them in jail, discard their belongings — we set them back further on their journey out of homelessness. Those who work firsthand see these setbacks. Though it is tempting to erase all on the streets for angry citizens, to make it harder to survive homelessness will make homelessness much much worse.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tabatha

**Date Submitted:** 08/30/2019 10:48 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a resident of CD13. This measure is an absolute embarrassment to our city. I absolutely OPPOSE the criminalization of homelessness. We should be making it easier for people to get out of homelessness not harder! Please do not vote for this.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lanie Overton  
**Date Submitted:** 08/30/2019 02:30 PM  
**Council File No:** 19-0602-S1  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Remove section D entirely from 41.18. Stop criminalizing homelessness. It's inhumane, unnecessarily cruel and not helping the issue.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Joselyn Hughes

**Date Submitted:** 08/30/2019 02:34 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Section D needs to be entirely removed from 41.18. Stop criminalizing poverty. This is doomed to fail and cause even more problems. Our homeless have NOWHERE TO GO. And this is a misuse of our police force. There are so many homeless, helpless people in my neighborhood, and their numbers increase every day. If the city wants to address public safety issues around homelessness, the solutions are housing and supportive services. Let's increase the number of those instead of making these people's lives even more difficult. Remove section D and let's come up with better solutions.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 08/30/2019 02:53 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmembers, I am calling on you to rescind 41.18 (d). The proposed amendments are not forward thinking, and I am concerned they will make our city's homelessness crisis much worse. I've worked with people who've been forced to cope with mental illness and trauma, and on top of that they've been forced to live on the streets or move from one temporary shelter to the next. It's frustrating seeing them struggle, not only with their illness but even more so with not having a place to call home. It's exceptionally frustrating to know that an ordinance like 41.18 (d) could come into play to make their lives that much harder. The road to getting better starts with having basic needs met, and 41.18 (d) would literally push people further away from that goal. By forcing people further away from the public restrooms and shade that parks can provide, we're creating a public health hazard for both homeless individuals and ourselves. We know that the solutions are housing and supportive services. Let's focus our efforts there instead of on increasing burdens for people just trying to get by. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Daley Haggar

**Date Submitted:** 08/30/2019 11:25 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmembers, I am calling on you to rescind 41.18 (d), a proposal that I believe is immoral, unethical and will do nothing to resolve the problem it attempts to address. I live in Hollywood Dell and there are many homeless people in and around my neighborhood. They need help, not more disruption and certainly not criminal punishment. I strongly urge you to reconsider this or you will be hearing a lot more from me and my neighbors in the future. Thanks for your time. Daley Haggar