

Communication from Public

Name: Soo Yun Kim

Date Submitted: 09/03/2019 07:36 AM

Council File No: 19-0602-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Basically you are trying to punish people for being poor. There are things you should do because you're a human and there are things you should not do because you are a human. This is something you should NEVER do because you are a human. This is unacceptable in our society, in our city!

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Name: Paradise Khanmalek

Date Submitted: 09/03/2019 12:33 PM

Council File No: 19-0602-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I believe the city council should repeal 41.18. Mitch O'Farrell's 41.18d proposals are inhumane and will only worsen, concentrate, and criminalize the already suffering homeless population. The city needs to take realistic, long term, and systemic action to RELIEVE the homeless population, not further displace, brutalize, and criminalize them. It will only cost the city more money and cause our communities more suffering to introduce these absurd laws on who can exist in public space.

Communication from Public

Name: Collin

Date Submitted: 09/03/2019 04:55 PM

Council File No: 19-0602-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, There is only one ethical response to the proposed 41.18 (d) legislation, which is to rescind it outright. The proposed amendments will only exacerbate our city's homelessness crisis by creating a perpetual cycle of poverty and harm enforced by our legal system. The following proposed language, "A violation of section 41.18(d) is punishable by a fine of up to \$1000 and/or imprisonment of up to six months", effectively leaves any hope for finding housing, work, or public aid lost with the stamp of a criminal record. The answer to Los Angeles' homeless population is not making it harder for them out there, it's lazy legislation designed to appease the wealthy few by creating ghettos of homeless encampments all over the city, out of view from the public eye where the police and public can continue to brutalize the people our system has created. We know that the solutions lie in creating more housing and increasing access to supportive services. It's not an easy road to navigate, but it's the only one we ought to be looking towards as a community, we owe it to ourselves and our future generations to solve the problem rather than sweeping it to death under a rug.

Communication from Public

Name: Therese Tatakitsa

Date Submitted: 09/03/2019 05:33 PM

Council File No: 19-0602-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear, Councilmember. I want to express extreme and urgent concern over council file number 19-0602-S1 proposing amendments to 41.18(19). 41.18(d) should be rescinded not amended.

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Name: Josephine Shetty

Date Submitted: 09/03/2019 05:44 PM

Council File No: 19-0602-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear David E. Ryu, Marqueece Harris-Dawson, and Mike Bonin, I was born and raised in Los Angeles, and my father who is an immigrant from India has spent too much time living on the streets due to exorbitant rent surges, low wages, limited access to supportive services, and the discouragingly long waitlists at shelters. I highly encourage you to scrap LAMC 41.18D, and turn your time and energy towards legislation that would increase the number of shelter beds, as well as the breadth and accessibility of supportive services in Los Angeles, such as affordable housing placement, mental and physical health care, and job placement. We cannot criminalize houseless folks any longer. Making public space inaccessible to them is unfair, unjust, and unhelpful. Houseless folks needs supportive services and housing justice, not criminalizing policy that limits their ability to survive and break cycles of poverty. I really hope you consider the lives of homeless folks in Los Angeles. Sincerely, Josephine

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Name: Gabriel Durkin-White

Date Submitted: 09/03/2019 06:12 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I believe that 41.18d should be repealed. Most definitely, we should not be further policing where people experiencing homelessness may be when we have made real progress to create alternatives for our neighbors. I do not believe that we should have laws like on the books in any circumstance, but it is especially amoral to do so when people do not have alternatives. Criminalizing homelessness is only going to frustrate efforts to actually solve our problems. I think it is dangerous that we are borrowing the restrictions that we place on sex offenders in these laws. Homeless individuals die and are victim to violent crime at an already alarming rate; demonizing them further is only going to make their circumstances worse, again frustrating the goals that our mayor and council espouse.

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Name: Rob
Date Submitted: 09/03/2019 07:39 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: This is horrible...just another case of the city council criminalizing homelessness instead of helping homeless people!!!

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Name: Josh James

Date Submitted: 09/03/2019 07:46 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Come on, people. You don't let people live in their cars. You don't build enough shelter. You don't pass enough laws to stop rich landlords from raising rent and making people homeless. So what DO you want these people to do? Die? Come on, people.

Communication from Public

Name: Alia Yusuf

Date Submitted: 09/03/2019 10:37 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Homelessness is clearly a problem in Los Angeles, but (LAMC) Section 41.18 does nothing to actually fix the issue at hand. Even with the ordinance to amend (LAMC) Section 41.18 - it remains cruel, inhumane and ineffective. We can continue to cite the homeless population in Los Angeles but without systems in place to get them the proper care and resources needed, realistically what will the impact be? I do not understand the goals of s41.18 and even reading the committee report, I notice there is no community impact statement or fiscal impact statement. We must be more thoughtful & strategic as we work to find & implement a solution to this unprecedented crisis. Please reconsider the approach taken.

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Name: Nick Ciarelli

Date Submitted: 09/03/2019 10:44 PM

Council File No: 19-0602-S1

Comments for Public Posting: The City Council must repeal 41.18, an absolutely inhumane proposal that violates the human rights of Los Angeles' many unhoused residents. It pushes resources and money away that could go towards services that could help people find permeant housing solutions and helping them be safe. It will only demonize homelessness even more so than it already is and will make things worse for the city.

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Name: Michael Levine
Date Submitted: 09/03/2019 11:21 PM
Council File No: 19-0602-S1
Comments for Public Posting: I think this is absolutely inhumane.

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Name: Gregory Smith
Date Submitted: 09/03/2019 11:26 PM
Council File No: 19-0602-S1
Comments for Public Posting: Please rescind this amendment. It is immoral and logistically untenable. There must be a better, more compassionate way to help those experiencing homelessness. Thank you.

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Name: Darian Lopez

Date Submitted: 09/03/2019 11:28 PM

Council File No: 19-0602-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Councilmembers, I am calling on you to rescind 41.18 (d). It is cruel, dehumanizing & not the way we should be going about solving the housing & homelessness issues in L.A. Through Measure HHH we have the funds to begin building housing! We could be actively helping our unhoused neighbors but instead you are further criminalizing the most vulnerable, making it even harder for them to find shelter & callously throwing away their belongings regularly. Please look into your hearts & know that to support 41.18(d) is actively harming & killing people — you have the ability to help. Please do the right thing. Rescind 41.18(d).

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Name: Spike Friedman
Date Submitted: 09/03/2019 11:32 PM
Council File No: 19-0602-S1
Comments for Public Posting: This bill is inhumane, unenforceable and counterproductive. It will criminalize almost every resident of the city, and it will make it harder to help move the unhoused out of homelessness. It will divert city resources needlessly, and it will struggle to hold up under legal scrutiny. It's really bad, and I urge the council to not only reject it, but consider an entirely new tack for approaching the issues of housing and homelessness in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Kenneth W Wesley

Date Submitted: 09/03/2019 11:38 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Homelessness is an issue but being homeless is not a crime. Homeless people are not criminals needing to be buried under wasteful citations, they are victims who need to be treated with the respect all citizens are expected to receive.

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Name: Tyler

Date Submitted: 09/03/2019 11:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please vote no on 41.18D! It is so deliberately cruel -- the limits apply to almost every inch of LA, essentially making it a crime just to be outside and in need. The poor and unhoused aren't a lost cause -- they need social, health and housing services, not more policing, violence and unpayable fines! I'm not even sure who benefits from this bill -- putting such restrictive limits on public space hurts ALL of us. Why can't Angelenos sit if they get tired? Why do we need to criminalize the most basic usages of public space? Whose rights does this bill protect? We need help, not more punishment! Please stand up for all of us and vote NO on 41.18D!

Communication from Public

Name: SELAH Neighborhood Homeless Coalition

Date Submitted: 09/03/2019 12:10 PM

Council File No: 19-0602-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Councilmembers, We are writing today to ask you to strike parts C and D from LAMC 41.18. We have read the report from the Homelessness and Poverty Committee thoroughly, and we are incredibly concerned about how damaging these aspects of 41.18 are to our homeless neighbors and our city at large. Our volunteer homeless coalition hosts a weekly event where unhoused neighbors receive hot meals, showers and access to a professional service provider. This work takes us through several neighborhoods across Council Districts 1, 4 and 13. We engage with folks every day who need safe places to rest and recover. These unhoused neighbors of ours include transition age youth, senior citizens, families and people with disabilities. Many of them are working towards employment and housing. All of them are just trying to survive. The existing restrictions on their lives are already an immense burden. Adding more restrictions will push them out of our operating area, undermining the years of work we've put into building and maintaining reliable access to services and caseworkers. In particular, we are concerned that distance regulation from common urban features like parks and schools will severely limit the livable space on our streets. We are also concerned it will push folks farther away from the services they rely on. It's impossible to guess what 500 feet looks like. It's difficult to hold complex restrictions in your head, even for those of us who have stable housing. It will be an insurmountable task for our neighbors in need. We are also concerned about possible broad interpretations of 41.18 when it comes to police interactions with our neighbors experiencing homelessness. As you know, having LAPD involved in our homelessness crisis is a continual challenge. When ordinances are vague and left to individuals to interpret, they can become harmful and even lethal. We are reminded of these dangers with the recent shooting of John Penny in Venice. Homelessness is an urgent crisis but we cannot solve it by regulating those who are trying to survive and recover. We remain focused on the long-term solutions of public health infrastructure, housing and supportive services. We call on you to refocus your attention there. Thank you, The SELAH Neighborhood Homeless Coalition



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