

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ben Gauthier

**Date Submitted:** 09/04/2019 12:50 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** An immoral, impractical and inhumane practice. Please rescind.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** James Mannion  
**Date Submitted:** 09/04/2019 03:11 AM  
**Council File No:** 19-0602-S1  
**Comments for Public Posting:** The 41.18(d) amendment should be rescinded. This amendment only serves to further criminalize homelessness. It is inhumane and is not a solution to homelessness. If you don't want people to sleep in public areas, then find a way to give them a place to sleep and live.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Oluwademilade Adejuyigbe  
**Date Submitted:** 09/04/2019 03:16 AM  
**Council File No:** 19-0602-S1  
**Comments for Public Posting:** This proposal is inhumane and heartless, and only serves to further disenfranchise the homeless in Los Angeles. We don't need ordinances to push them out of the city, we need services to properly house them.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Thomas Price

**Date Submitted:** 09/04/2019 03:27 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a long time resident of Los Angeles, I believe this ordinance is inhumane and discriminatory. We need programs to aid and help the homeless residents of our city, not to vilify them. These are people we are talking about.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Caleb Wimble  
**Date Submitted:** 09/04/2019 04:14 AM  
**Council File No:** 19-0602-S1  
**Comments for Public Posting:** LAMC 41.18 is as inhumane as it is unconstitutional. Do not continue the cycle of demonizing and criminalizing the existence of homeless people for some false sense of public comfort. Take concrete steps to improve the lives of all of us instead. Do the right thing: repeal 41.18.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Audrey Diehl

**Date Submitted:** 09/04/2019 06:31 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a citizen and longtime resident of Northeast Los Angeles and I am writing to oppose the loitering ordinance 41.18 because it is a cruel and inhumane law that will harm our most vulnerable population. The city's homeless desperately need our help and compassion. Criminalizing their existence and pushing them out of spaces where they need to sit and lie down, because they have no where else to go, is not the way to help them. I see encampments of homeless around this city every day, and it makes me so sad. But we should see these people, because they are just like us, and we should feel ashamed that we're not doing more to help them. We should stop passing ordinances to push them even further out of our community spaces and work on providing the homeless shelter, social services and permanent housing. Please do not pass this inhumane law. I am a voter and I intend to pay attention to what happens here.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/04/2019 07:32 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a citizen of Los Angeles and an employee in Downtown Los Angeles, I urge you to keep laws in place that allow the Police to maintain order in our communities. We cannot allow people to set up tents 24 /7 and not allow access to pedestrians and worse attack innocent bystanders that are walking by.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brian McCullom

**Date Submitted:** 09/04/2019 08:38 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmembers, I am calling on you to rescind 41.18 (d). This ordinance would only make it more difficult for our homeless neighbors to get off the street, and runs counter to LAHSA's policy guidance for local responses to unsheltered homelessness, which urges against measures which make it a crime to simply exist while homeless. It would increase the criminalization of homelessness and run counter to all of the city's goals and rhetoric about a humane response to this crisis. Thank you.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Joy McManus

**Date Submitted:** 09/04/2019 08:40 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** I protest 41.18D! This law is inhumane and ridiculous. Where are these people supposed to go? You have not provided enough shelter beds for them. You have not expedited building Bridge Homes, Permanent Supportive Housing or Permanent Affordable Housing. Again, WHERE ARE THEY SUPPOSED TO GO? These are not sheep or cattle, they are human beings. My neighbors who object to the "inconvenience" of these "people" trying to survive in their neighborhoods need to get over themselves and try to be part of the solution.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rachel Hastings  
**Date Submitted:** 09/04/2019 09:00 AM  
**Council File No:** 19-0602-S1  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge the committee to reject the proposed amendments to 41.18. The amendments will not help keep the streets of LA clean, but will instead make life for those experiencing homelessness that much more difficult. The 59,000 people living on the streets in Los Angeles deserve to be treated with respect and dignity, not cited for sitting in a park. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lorenzo Mutia  
**Date Submitted:** 09/04/2019 09:03 AM  
**Council File No:** 19-0602-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I live in the Valley, where unhoused folks are doubly more isolated, living near train tracks, industrial areas, canals, etc. Homeowners and the police here are known for their vitriolic and downright evil social media groups that advocate open violence against human beings just for being unhoused. I find it shameful that this proposal has been put to bat instead of actual solutions and services that can help people instead of pushing them further away. That is what LA has been doing for years! And it has never worked. Ever. This proposal continues the isolation and criminalization of the unhoused. It needs to be voted down. Poverty isn't a crime. Homelessness isn't a crime.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jane Demian

**Date Submitted:** 09/04/2019 09:22 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am opposed to the new language in LAMC 41.18(d) entered into the Council File record in closed Committee session on August 21, 2019 that restricts unhoused people from sitting, lying or sleeping on the sidewalk within 500 feet of a park, school or homeless facility. The provisions in this Ordinance are draconian measures, if carried out would be cruel and unusual punishment, that criminalizes unhoused people simply for having no where to sleep, lie or stand except on the public property. The City Council is talking out of both sides of its collective mouths when, on the one hand, it says it wants to help the homeless through services and housing, and on the other hand, for those thousands of unhoused folks who have not been helped (PSH units under HHH are still not open and available for occupancy and bridge housing beds are few and far between), unhoused folks have nowhere else to go. Unhoused folks sleep near and in parks because parks have bathrooms. By not providing hygiene facilities for unhoused folks there would be an even greater public health hazard. Why not treat this situation like the disaster that it is and provide shelter through climate controlled pavilion tents with access to bathrooms, showers, and allow those with vehicles to park safely? Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ted

**Date Submitted:** 09/04/2019 09:23 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not pass this bill—imagine if a close friend became homeless through catastrophe. This is not their fault, and this law paints homeless people as criminals when they're victims of circumstance. This law goes about fixing the issue the wrong way. Please listen to any group that's serious about fixing our homelessness issue, and they'll tell you this law is going to make things worse.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Johanna Hauser  
**Date Submitted:** 09/04/2019 09:25 AM  
**Council File No:** 19-0602-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** These new restrictions wrongly punish people already facing extreme hardship! This includes unhoused seniors, disabled people, hundreds of unsheltered children under the age of 18 and transitional age youth aging out of foster care. The unreasonable list of geographical restrictions force thousands of unhoused people, many with developmental disabilities, to somehow measure arbitrary distances necessary to avoid being in violation. If the LAPD is required to relocate unhoused people, it will create a volatile recipe for police confrontations with people experiencing trauma. Pushing people away from parks creates conditions for a public health catastrophe by concentrating encampments in areas far from bathroom and sanitation resources. The restrictions will counteract the city's own efforts to house people by severing their contact from caseworkers in the communities where they now live, creating major setbacks on their path to shelter or housing. The ordinance will waste precious city resources through losing court battles. LA's sit-lie ordinance must be rescinded, not amended. Given our city's overwhelming lack of housing and shelter, restrictions to survival on our sidewalks are human rights violations.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Clayton Zak  
**Date Submitted:** 09/04/2019 09:43 AM  
**Council File No:** 19-0602-S1  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Repeal 41.18, it is horribly inhumane to our fellow unhoused citizens.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Emily Ryan Alford

**Date Submitted:** 09/04/2019 09:54 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** 41.18d must be REPEALED, not amended. Given LA's housing and homelessness crisis, further restricting people's access to public spaces like parks and sidewalks is a human rights violation. Not only is Mitch O'Farrell's 41.18 proposal racist, segregationist, and classist (as we see that 40% of unhoused people in LA are black, while only 9% of our general population is black), but the proposal is unconstitutional and unjust. This proposal promotes fear-mongering, and divisiveness in our city. The notion that further pushing out folks experiencing homelessness will solve our housing crisis is absolutely ludicrous, inhumane, and embarrassing. This proposal does not reflect mine or my community's views and values, and I strongly advocate for the repeal of this proposal. 41.18d fuels the unjust criminalization of people experiencing homelessness, and is NOT solution-oriented. Housing ends homelessness, not the increased policing of homeless people.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Colin Hatch

**Date Submitted:** 09/04/2019 09:58 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Loitering laws are like putting Band-Aids on oil spills. We have ~60,000 people sleeping outdoors in this city. What happens when all of them are fined for loitering? Do they magically find housing that doesn't exist? Do they find jobs? Does this help them find stability? We need to pass laws that help these people and not give them another thing to stress about. We already know how to solve homelessness: provide affordable housing and jobs. Let's do that instead of loitering measures.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/04/2019 10:12 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Ordinance 41.18 demonizes people experiencing homelessness. Not having a home should not be a crime, especially in a city with rent as absurd as Los Angeles. This proposal does nothing to solve the homelessness epidemic, it will only attempt to hide the problem. Also, these regulations, along with being inhumane, are unenforceable - people experiencing homelessness can't sit down in a public park? How do you enforce this?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Caleb M.

**Date Submitted:** 09/04/2019 04:19 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** I cannot urge you enough to REJECT 41.18 C & D. Where are these Angelenos to go? You have left them nowhere to LEGALLY go. You are criminalizing poverty and homelessness in a time of a major housing crisis. You have failed to build enough housing by not having the courage to overcome the selfish objections of wealthy homeowners. Build housing, build shelters, stop throwing these peoples belongings away. Stop arresting them and throw 41.18 c & d in the trash instead.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** John Mayo  
**Date Submitted:** 09/04/2019 07:33 PM  
**Council File No:** 19-0602-S1  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly oppose these changes to “loitering” ordinances. They’re ridiculous and offensive and would never hold up in court. Vote no.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Veda

**Date Submitted:** 09/04/2019 01:01 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Good Afternoon, As a resident of Los Angeles, I insist 41.18d be repealed, not amended. Given LA's continued and overwhelming lack of housing and shelter, restrictions to survival on our sidewalks are human rights violations and not allowed under federal court decisions. Mitch O'Farrell's 41.18d proposals are unjust and unconstitutional, and will take us backwards. They will increase criminalization, abuse and violence by LAPD, and promote explicitly racist and segregationist policy as the norm. This will allow housed residents to unjustly accuse homeless residents of a crime and justify violence against homeless folks. We need to do MORE for our homeless population, not criminalize them. The time and money spent enforcing 41.18d could be re-allocated to more meaningful services and resources. Thank you for your consideration, Veda Adams

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rachel

**Date Submitted:** 09/04/2019 01:16 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** I don't see how this will help alleviate the homelessness crisis in LA in any way, shape, or form. This is just a copout way to make it look like some action is being taken. How can it be illegal for a person to sit in a public park, regardless of their living situation? It breaks my heart knowing how many of LA's homeless are just good people who have fallen on hard times, and how little is being done to help them rise above and get back on their feet. I urge you to find some compassion and empathy in dealing with this ordinance vote.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rachel Rivera

**Date Submitted:** 09/03/2019 11:55 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** Repeal 41.18! Demonizing and demoralizing those experiencing homelessness is not the answer; outreach, support, and resources are.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jose Garcia

**Date Submitted:** 09/04/2019 12:13 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'll start off with an analogy of how I see the situation. This is attempting to sweep things under the rug but there is no rug. No matter how you make being homeless illegal in locations it won't fix things. This just further criminalizes in a lazy way of doing a band-aid solution. We need results, we need action, we need to be humane and not waste money or push for unconstitutional criminalization. Report was made that current outreach is ineffective. Nobody wants homelessness but if we treat this as traffic we will never solve anything. We need housing, we need services and we do not need to feed into these vigilantes who admit they want to do crime on homeless. If you won't fix things then at least don't make it harder for the rest of us to fix homelessness. We'll spend our own money as we don't get paid for anything we do.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Betsy U.

**Date Submitted:** 09/04/2019 12:16 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** 41.18d is an ill-intentioned, misguided attempt to punish people in poverty. Banning anyone, especially our most vulnerable from public spaces is a condemnation to increased suffering. If this passes, it will harm our children, families, veterans, and neighbors. Our public spaces are the safest option for many unhoused people. Los Angeles deserves support not criminalization.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/04/2019 10:29 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** The further criminalization of homelessness will only demonize them even more in the eyes of citizens and further radicalize the insane violent reactionaries who just recently set fire to homeless people in Glendale and view themselves as vigilantes. Criminalizing the homeless doesn't help the homeless, it makes them enemies of the state. They're people in need and deserve to be treated as such.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jason

**Date Submitted:** 09/04/2019 11:25 AM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** These proposed changes are barbaric and basically criminalize being homeless. You should all be ashamed of your loves for even considering. How exactly do you sleep at night?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Emily  
**Date Submitted:** 09/04/2019 12:36 PM  
**Council File No:** 19-0602-S1  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Repeal not ammend 41.18 - we need more resources and solutions before we criminalize these actions!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Emily A.

**Date Submitted:** 09/04/2019 12:39 PM

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly advocate for the REPEAL of 41.18d. Mitch O'Farrell's proposal is racist and unconstitutional, and promotes divisiveness in our community. This proposal would increase the unjust criminalization of people experiencing homelessness, which disproportionately impacts people of color. To further restrict the spaces where folks experiencing homelessness can exist, pushes them further to the fringes of our society, further from services, and continues to strip them of their dignity and rights. This proposal is inhumane, and would not help solve our housing/homelessness crisis. HOUSING solves homelessness. Not policing. 41.18D does not reflect my views and values and I advocate for its repeal.

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