

Communication from Public

Name: Julia
Date Submitted: 09/05/2019 04:16 PM
Council File No: 19-0602-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I want to express extreme concern over council file 19-0602-S1 proposing amendments to 41.18(d). 41.18(d) should be rescinded, not amended. 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 an efficient and effective social services solution for the homeless. Please don't disrupt this important work. The Mayor just promoted the roll out of CARE teams to clean up encampments in conjunction with outreach workers. Council File 19-0602-S1 will disrupt the real work being done 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 result in improved outcomes. The proposed amendments to 41.18(d) will disrupt this important work that outreach workers have accomplished. We will lose months and years of outreach work when contact is lost with displaced clients. Do not amend LAMC 41.18(d). Rescind LAMC 41.18(d).

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Name: Nora Randall

Date Submitted: 09/05/2019 08:45 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 am a psychiatric social worker for low income adults in West LA. I work alongside homeless people and I know that the measure proposed would get in the way of them getting their lives on track. The housing we have is inadequate, shelters have waitlists, and people don't have anywhere else to go. Criminalizing homelessness does not make people safer or housed. Please direct time and funding to services, rather than sweeping them away. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Travis Binen

Date Submitted: 09/05/2019 09:45 PM

Council File No: 19-0602-S1

Comments for Public Posting: While I am in favor of restricting where homeless people can sleep, I would like to see two things added to this amendment: 1. The ban should be 1,000 feet from schools, parks, bridge homes, etc. 2. The ban on sleeping on the sidewalk should stay in effect from 6am to 9pm. Why would you allow homeless people to sleep or hang out in a tent all day? They should be working or trying to get jobs like everyone else. By allowing them to sleep on the sidewalk (many doing drugs) during the day, you're basically encouraging and reinforcing terrible behavior. According to Dr Drew, as of July 1st 2019, We've had 1,000 homeless people die in Los Angeles. This isn't a housing crisis. It's a mental health and drug epidemic. These people need help immediately. The city has had 3 years and the problem is worse. (along with the crime) The solution is to build on cost effective land outside of LA, where homes, bridge homes, shelters, mental health services, rehab, etc. can be built quickly and at scale to house thousands of people. Simi Valley, Chatsworth, etc. have thousands of acres of vacant land. Lancaster and Palmdale have even more. (The Fed owns nearly 46% of land in CA.) For those that want to improve their lives, they can get job training, they can learn to pave roads, drywall, plant gardens/food, put up solar panels, etc. There is opportunity for those who want to learn and work. If they want to keep drinking and doing drugs, they can do that too but it can't be on our sidewalks anymore, it should be outside of residential areas. If they want to go home, LA City should use HHH money to get them a flight home and pay their first three months' rent. There is no reason a transient should be in LA just because he or she wants to be here. We can't let people die on our streets anymore and we certainly can't let more people come to our streets for drugs and lawlessness. If LA allows for 24/7 sleeping on the sidewalks, it's going to reinforce the same behavior that made them homeless. It's going to be terrible for all of us.

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Name: Ryan E

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Name: Alec Vandenberg
Date Submitted: 09/04/2019 04:12 PM
Council File No: 19-0602-S1
Comments for Public Posting: Don't criminalize homelessness!

Communication from Public

Name: Henry Rozo

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

Council File No: 19-0602-S1

Comments for Public Posting: This is is a general comment for the hearing today. I want to urge the council members to completely repeal and reject LAMC 41.18. I ask them to reject any revisions or amendments. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Meghan

Date Submitted: 08/21/2019 09:58 AM

Council File No: 19-0602-S1

Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 is an unconstitutional - it violates 8th amendment rights as ruled by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. Beyond the fact 41.18 is antithetical to the values of our nation as defined in the constitution, it does nothing to address and may in fact worsen the issues facing the unhoused population in Los Angeles. This makes communities less clean and less safe for all residents. I urge council to enact laws that will improve this situation, instead of worsening what is already a crisis. The unhoused faced discrimination, anger, hate, and even violence from enough residents - they should not have to have it from the city as well.

Communication from Public

Name: helen eigenberg
Date Submitted: 08/29/2019 10:07 AM
Council File No: 19-0602-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, 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 am so disappointed in all of the City Council Members that this is the best you can do. In recent years, we have only seen homelessness increasing. While it's hard to see people suffer in my neighborhood, I know the answer is not making it harder for them out there. 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. I think we all wish that encampments didn't exist but the way to solve that problem is with services and shelter, not criminalization. As a constituent, I am asking you to remove section D entirely from 41.18. Our houseless neighbors are your constituents too and deserve to be treated as such.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Craven

Date Submitted: 08/29/2019 02:28 PM

Council File No: 19-0602-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Please, please rescind 41.18 (d). The proposed amendments are cruel, sure to cause fear and suffering, and will make our city's homelessness crisis much worse. We need more housing, not more punishment for the unhoused. Honestly, these amendments are awful. Please stop them.

Communication from Public

Name: helen eigenberg

Date Submitted: 09/05/2019 12:46 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council Members: I strongly urge you to reject Councilman O'Farrell's motion to amend LAMC 41.18D. The amendments are cruel and inhumane. They criminalize simply existing in numerous locations that the homeless currently use simply to survive. Instead, the City Council should be considering proposals to increasing 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. Please do not make the problems worse for these vulnerable persons who are forced to live on the street and in parks, etc. because there are an insufficient number of beds for them to sleep and available supportive services are woefully inadequate. Instead, be part of the solution! Thank you!

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