

Communication from Public

Name: Alex

Date Submitted: 09/03/2019 11:37 PM

Council File No: 19-0602-S1

Comments for Public Posting: “The moral test of government is how that government treats those who are in the dawn of life, the children; those who are in the twilight of life, the elderly; those who are in the shadows of life, the sick, the needy and the handicapped.” - Hubert Humphrey. Quite frankly, this policy is not who we are or what we do; it is both unAmerican and unlike our Democratic Party. Voters and potential candidates are watching carefully.

Communication from Public

Name: John Tapia
Date Submitted: 09/06/2019 03:36 AM
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.

Communication from Public

Name: Thurmon A Green
Date Submitted: 08/29/2019 09:50 PM
Council File No: 19-0602-S1
Comments for Public Posting: This ordinance must be RESCINDED. This is unconstitutional and inhumane. If this is passed Los Angeles city council will be an embarrassment to the progressive effort. Be on the right side of history.

Communication from Public

Name: Joe Lisanti

Date Submitted: 09/06/2019 06:28 PM

Council File No: 19-0602-S1

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 09/06/2019 08:05 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 absolutely 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 or involved in services or educational programs to help their issues. By allowing them to sleep on the sidewalk (many doing drugs) during the day, you're basically encouraging and reinforcing destructive behavior.

Communication from Public

Name: Nicole Miller

Date Submitted: 09/06/2019 10:23 PM

Council File No: 19-0602-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council: The crisis of homelessness is undeniable; however, 41.18 (d) is not the right solution. If anything, more problems result from the proposed amendments. Please rescind 41.18 (d). Let's provide support rather than making things more difficult than they already are. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Marc Gardner

Date Submitted: 09/06/2019 10:48 PM

Council File No: 19-0602-S1

Comments for Public Posting: i hear this will allow 24/7 camping on our sidewalks. This cant be true. I object. Unbelievable what the city is doing to our town.

Communication from Public

Name: Luis Oliart

Date Submitted: 09/06/2019 03:34 PM

Council File No: 19-0602-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Council, 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). Thank you for you help, Luis Oliart Advocacy Lead / NoHo Home Alliance