

Communication from Public

Name: Moira Kelly

Date Submitted: 09/07/2019 04:06 PM

Council File No: 19-0602-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council members, I am very concerned about councilman O'Farrells motion to amend 19-0602-S1. This idea that it is OK to criminalize a homeless person sleeping on a park bench, or any other public open space where he or she might feel safe is inhumane and cruel. Where is the empathy here? The city of LA has a plan in action right now to provide more shelters for the homeless, the right thing to do is provide services for these people sleeping in the park and assure them we working on getting them shelter. That is the humane way to go about this. I love my city and I want us to do the right thing when it comes to our homeless crises. Thank you. Moira Kelly.

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Name: Paul Abascal

Date Submitted: 09/07/2019 02:19 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please, no law should encourage people sleeping on sidewalks. At any time of the day. Not near schools, parks, businesses and especially not on residential streets. I would like to see two things added to this amendment: 1. The ban should be 1,000 feet from schools, parks, bridge homes, and residences. 2. The ban on sleeping on the sidewalk should stay in effect from 6am to 9pm. By lifting the ban you're basically encouraging confrontation and problems that will flood the city with more unfixable problems and situations. It's not a smart, proactive or thought out idea. Allowing people to sleep and live on the street 24/7 will make the current homeless situation explode adding to the already unmanageable problems effecting children, residents and police. It's already talking way too long to approve and build in the city of LA. And the homeless situation is getting worse. By amending the encouraging such behavior by not being a productive citizen in our society. It would also most certainly attract people from outside California. Thank you for your consideration. Please use common sense and don't amend the current policy. With respect - Paul Abascal

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Date Submitted: 09/07/2019 09:59 AM

Council File No: 19-0602-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Please, no law should encourage people sleeping on sidewalks. At any time of the day. Not near schools, parks, businesses and especially not on residential streets. Build housing on cheap(er) land outside of the city Los Angeles, (Palmdale, Inland Empire), which has plenty of acreage for cheaper, quicker, better, scalable housing units with support services (mental health, job training, transportation hubs, etc). It's already talking way too long to approve and build in the city of LA. And the homeless situation is getting worse. And cost per housing unit is going up. By the day. By approving sleeping on the streets, the situation will only get worse, encouraging such behavior by not being a productive citizen in our society. It would also most certainly attract people from outside California. Thank you for your consideration. Please have some common sense and relate to the taxpaying residents of the city of LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Christiana Morgenroth

Date Submitted: 09/04/2019 12:18 AM

Council File No: 19-0602-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Many, many times I've passed unhoused neighbors on my street and greeted them with a hello, a dollar, or just something to tolerate the weather with, like an umbrella or a sweater. My wish is not for them to move or go away, but to have a moment of comfort. Before you seriously consider this ordinance, consider what it might be like to be outside for one entire day. Imagine being thirsty for more than a few minutes. Imagine not knowing immediately where you can go to the bathroom. Clearing the belongings of our unhoused neighbors away assumes that they don't have a right to their own stuff, or to use public space for the time they need it. That anyone should lose their rights just because they lost their home is unthinkable cruel, and will not be supported by the voting public.

Communication from Public

Name: mike kerns

Date Submitted: 09/07/2019 06:14 AM

Council File No: 19-0602-S1

Comments for Public Posting: If this new law is really our new reality I will be forced to move. I have already had to deal with the daily mental illness individuals trying to get access to my home and use it as their toilet. I get no help from the LAPD or my local government. I will move to a city that cares about its residents.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 09/07/2019 06:48 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. 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 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.