

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 09/07/2019 07:18 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.

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Name: Stefanie Krutilek

Date Submitted: 09/08/2019 02:11 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing today to implore you to keep a framework of rules that provide structure so that Los Angeles does not completely become a City of Encampments. It is well on its way! LA is in the spotlight for unchecked homeless crime, drug use and public defecation, in addition to the explosion of diseases that we should not have to confront. Typhus is bad enough, but now leprosy can be added to the list, according to Reuters. You need to absolutely enforce rules for both time and location for public camping in re: your amendment of 41.18. Campers who are permitted to sleep all day in certain locations will not be able to get the appropriate services that can put them on the path to recovery. Your job is to protect Public Health and Safety, not to further enable the growing homeless population in our City to expand due to the absence of enforcement. I also believe that 500 feet from schools, parks and day care centers is not far enough. It should be a minimum of 1000 feet. There is a story out of Canada today about a mom whose kindergarten daughter found used needles in her schoolyard. She was punctured by them; she is undergoing treatment for Hep B and HIV and will be sick from that treatment alone. Enforce rules and clean up this City!!

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Name: Carol Katona

Date Submitted: 09/08/2019 03:58 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: File # 19-0602-S1 Not only am I against your upcoming vote that would revise 41.18 to allow encampments 24/7, I am against camping at ANY time. As a resident of Venice who is nearly 80 years old, I am angry, frustrated and resentful that I will have to live the few years I have left with such poor quality of life: trash, crime, disease and harassment from many of the homeless living on our streets as well as in RV's and cars. My dog recently contracted a serious toxin and c. difficile from feces while on one of our walks and has been on antibiotics going on three months now and still has it. In all the 41 years I have lived here, with various dogs, not one has ever gotten ill from anything off the streets—until now. What should be my golden years, has turned into a nightmare. I hold you and other City and State politicians accountable for your policies and inaction that has allowed our once great City to get this out of control. It's like the Wild West out here—anything goes with little enforcement, even with laws that could be enforced. Being homeless does not give people the right to be above the law. Find out which homeless need what: *a temporary hand-up *drug or alcohol rehab *Mental hospitalization *Jail for those who commit crimes or refuse help and will not leave Instead of making us wait years while you build expensive housing, do it quickly and as fiscally responsible as possible with the money we taxpayers have generously given you. Use city, federal, state and county lands, unused buildings and homes. Think outside the box. Just do it! If you don't care about us residents, do it for the homeless who will be dying like me before you solve the crisis.

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Comments for Public Posting: I am against this municipal code due to the fact that it's extremely dehumanizing and unethical. It is not acceptable to further criminalize our houseless residents. This is not a faceless community. They are our displaced friends and family, and they warrant respect and assistance.