

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: To: Councilmembers Mitch O'Farrell and Nury Martinez, The cruelty and inhumanity of your proposed changes to 41.18 that is CF 19-0602-S1 are shocking even in what the international press has termed "the capital of homelessness in the Western Hemisphere", being Los Angeles. In place of providing convenient to encampments toilets and bathing facilities, shaded areas for camping, conveniently located parking lots in each council district with facilities for the unhoused residents who are living in their RV's, vans and autos, and providing drinking fountains that any humanistic city would provide for its homeless residents, you two Councilmembers propose further criminalization of those poorest amongst us. If you two have not noticed, homelessness in Los Angeles is racism; And that homelessness in Los Angeles is also based on social class. Your motion is a sad instance again, the complete capture of Los Angeles's elected officials by their investors from the real estate interests. In place of the Los Angeles City Council Homelessness Committee doing its job of improving the plight of unhoused residents, the chairs of the Homelessness Committee are dead set on making our unhoused residents lives as miserable as possible. Plus again the Los Angeles Homelessness Committee, Mr Fuerer and the City Council are about to plunge the city into another long expensive series of lawsuits that Los Angeles's homeowners taxes, such as my family's, will be footing the bill for. And as the United States Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals has already ruled on a very similar case your mean-spirited ordinance change is doomed to be struck down by the Courts. I urge both of you, Councilmember O'Farrell and Martinez to withdraw this cold hearted motion, have a change of heart, not be ruled by the powerful interest that dictated this motion, and do your jobs of making the lives of our Los Angeles's ever growing, by double digits yearly, unhoused residents lives sustainable not deadly. Sincerely, Bobby Peppey CD 13 Silver Lake Los Angeles 90026

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Comments for Public Posting: The proposed amendments are not forward thinking and I am concerned they will make our city's homelessness crisis much worse. 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. Thank you.