

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Daniel Gaines

**Date Submitted:** 09/16/2019 12:02 PM

**Council File No:** 19-0602-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a housing case manager, I know firsthand how challenging it can be to find housing and shelter for our fellow houseless individuals living on the streets of Los Angeles. Adding further restrictions to where my fellow citizens can stay, especially by forcing them to move from the neighborhoods where they already receive essential services and have developed a sense of community is unethical and downright dangerous. As police and LA sanitation are likely going to be the ones charged with forcing this relocation, we will likely see an explosion of people's possessions--some necessary for survival, some priceless family relics--lost and destroyed, as we are already seeing with the current street sweeps. Furthermore, by removing people from parks where there are public facilities, we would be creating a public health issue since people will be forced to use the bathroom in whatever area they are forced to move to. Expecting people to be able to navigate the new numerous and overly complex geographic restrictions is not realistic and will undoubtedly lead to many other people who can barely afford to feed themselves given tickets or ending up in jail for just trying to leave within their means. Open up more shelters, build more housing, but please do not wreak havoc on these already vulnerable communities, many of which are being currently connected to services including the long process of being linked with permanent housing.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** D. SIMMONS

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmembers, Please, rescind 41.18 (d). As a parent of a school-age child and LA resident, I understand the desire to keep our streets and public facilities safe. We have all been disturbed by encounters with unhoused neighbors, some who suffer from mental issues. But 41.18(d) is not the answer. It is not the answer to make homelessness a crime. It is not the answer to impose fines and seize belongings from people who have next to nothing. We all know the answer, which is to provide more shelters and transitional housing. Once there is a bed on offer for every unhoused Los Angeles resident, sure, let's talk. Until then, this provision is wrong-headed, punitive and cruel. Thank you very much for your attention and consideration.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Bryan Kramer

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmembers, I am calling on you to rescind 41.18 (d). The proposed amendments are not non-sensical. From sweeps, bans on sleeping in cars, and now this, the city seems mainly interested in dehumanizing and criminalizing the homeless. We know that the real 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. Bryan Kramer GCPNC Board Member SELAH Volunteer