

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am very concerned about much of the recent legislation and regulation regarding homelessness in Los Angeles. A lot of it does not seem aimed at helping the people forced onto the streets by rising rents, in fact much of it penalizes them for being in the "wrong" place. In particular, 41.18 seems wrong to implement because there is nowhere for these people to go. How does this help solve the underlying problems forcing these people onto the streets? I'm also concerned by the public health issues that could arise if people are forced to leave parks (where there are bathrooms). Finally, given our city's lack of housing and shelter (Wesson's office could not even tell me when the Koreatown shelter would be finished OR how many beds it would have), restrictions to survival on our sidewalks are human rights violations. Please rescind 41.18 (d).

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Name: Robert Peppey
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Comments for Public Posting: To: Councilmembers Nury Martinez, Monica Rodriguez, Herb Wesson, Mitch O'Farrell, David Ryu, Marqueece Harris-Dawson, and Mike Bonin Councilmembers, One in ten of Cal State students have at some point been unhoused during the last year. Among community college students in Los Angeles one in five has been unhoused during the last year. LA Community College students 19 % last year suffered homelessness, 11% of Cal State System students, and 5% of UC system students. Mitch O'Farrell's and Nury Martinez's motion 19-0602-S1 is a sordid attempt to make LAMC 41.18, passed in 1968, even more draconian. The LA City Council has already made our students sleeping in cars outlaws. Now O'Farrell and Martinez hope to make our college students outlaws for sleeping rough near a park, on a bench or at the curb. We should all wonder when the full council passes O'Farrell's motion if LAPD officers will treat a blonde UCLA student, sleeping off a hangover on a park bench in Brentwood, if officers will treat equally a black or brown student making his home camping in Echo Park? Sincerely, Bobby Peppey