

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose these proposed amendments to LAMC 41.18. LAMC 41.18 must be rescinded, not amended. The proposed amendments will lead to apartheid in our city, playing into the hands of fascists like Donald Trump. The zones where encampments will congregate will be far from parks and their accompanying bathrooms and sanitation services, which will likely create a public health disaster. The restrictions on where people are allowed to sit and lie will counteract the city's own efforts to house people by severing their contact from caseworkers, creating major setbacks on their path to permanent housing. Lastly, 41.18c essentially creates a "stand your ground" law that removes all accountability in a citizen's actions towards the unhoused, and there are violent terrorist vigilante groups who will escalate their attacks on our unhoused neighbors if this revised ordinance were to become law. LAMC 41.18 as it is already written criminalizes our unhoused neighbors and acts as an impediment on the city's supposed goal of housing them. It must be abolished, and the objective to amend it must be abandoned.