

Communication from Public

Name: Irma
Date Submitted: 10/21/2019 12:49 PM
Council File No: 19-0602-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I agree that we should be doing more for the homeless population however, this seems to come at the expense of our children as well as our safety. There are numerous issues that need to be addressed here but we need to start by protecting our children. It's bad enough that children are exposed to drugs in schools so now they are also exposed to them in their own front yards. Public parks should be a place where we can go with our children to spend quality time but instead the parks have become a heaven for drug users and the homeless population. Why is it ok that we pay such high prices to live in Southern California but the state of California doesn't seem to care about the quality of life we are currently enduring. How bad does this situation have to get for things to change. Along with all the trash we're currently surrounded by we're also being exposed to numerous health issues we haven't had to worry about for many years such as Hepatitis A, numerous STD's, as well as the bubonic plague. We seriously need to address these issues before this problem becomes worse.

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Name: Kathy Patterson
Date Submitted: 11/06/2019 05:28 AM
Council File No: 19-0602-S1
Comments for Public Posting: The problem with homelessness is not an aesthetic issue only. This problem endangers our health and safety. It appears that the government's attempts have been ineffective in that the number of homeless people increases right before our eyes. Housing, mental and addiction assistance should be available to these people unless we will be heading to bigger problems.

Communication from Public

Name: Natasha Parsakia

Date Submitted: 11/06/2019 08:46 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I've requested trash collection numerous times near the encampment in Encino off Burbank Blvd. Each time, I'm given a response that nothing can be done because of the homeless encampments. However, it's unsanitary and dangerous to have trash discarded by the sidewalks and streets. Diseases are spreading because of it. Meanwhile, we just suffered from a fire that erupted there (caused by the homeless) that threatened our homes, animals, and children. Something needs to be done about this catastrophic issue. It's not fair to those that work hard to make ends meet and pay their taxes. We should be able to live in a clean and healthy environment.

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Date Submitted: 11/06/2019 12:33 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Regarding: City Council Homelessness and Poverty Committee to amend LA Municipal Code 41.18 which would make it illegal for homeless individuals to make encampments on sidewalks around parks, schools, and doorways to businesses/apartment buildings, etc. The Bull Creek Wash, abuts my home in Van Nuys. We have had 2 encounters with homeless men. 1.) Homeless man had dragged a couch between the wash abutting our backyard fence, he was defecating and urinating and the smell was horrific, at one point he started a small fire. Several times we saw him peek his head up over the fence. He finally attempted to climb over our fence to enter our yard when I was in the backyard. My husband heard me yelling and came out just as the man was at the top of the fence. When the man saw my husband coming toward him he jumped back into the wash and ran screaming obscenities. 2.) Several years ago there was another man who had set up camp in the wash close to Vanowen street, using Mickey Mouse towels as part of his "tent", when students from Birmingham High School walked by his encampment he would hassle them and say he had something for them. For the safety of all we need to amend Code 41.18.

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Comments for Public Posting: It speaks volumes that I do not want to include my name in case there is backlash from other people. I am very empathetic to the plight of the homeless it must be a terrible experience. I agree with this amendment. There is more money and more effort being put towards the homeless problem and yet it appears to be getting worse. It is time for the city to start taking into account the citizens who have to walk past aggressive pan handlers or walk around tents to get into a store. This gives police and social services the chance to enforce these rules and make change happen. Thanks.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 11/07/2019 10:16 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Regarding the current homeless problem and the effort to control them where will homeless be allowed to camp if not near parks? I can understand to effort to keep them away from school, parks with playgrounds and businesses but where can these people go? I suggest that when the officers contact the homeless they should not only ask them to move but give alternative about social worker, medical aid and other assistance. Help them stay off the sidewalk permanently. Suggest you use those teams that already go out to help people that these teams accompany officers to sites of removal.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 11/07/2019 11:30 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Until the City of Los Angeles demands that people behave in a civilized manner, the trash, drug trafficking, violence and daily fires will continue. And we will get more of it. There are literally no consequences. I personally put out an out of control cooking fire at Reseda Park. The person who started it was so out of his mind he forgot about it and then just rode off on his bike (likely stolen). This is just one small example of the burden that is placed on the average tax-paying citizen when trying to navigate this city on a daily basis. I don't know a single person who has not cleaned up trash, reported illegal dumping and tagging or seen open narcotics use in and around their neighborhoods. Many of us have also been accosted and/or robbed by vagrants. We want to help them get off the streets and into treatment, but unless they are forced by law, they will continue their lifestyle. All you have to do is try to hike Bull Creek at Lake Balboa. Even after the two recent fires, people came back. Some of them have been there 8-10-12 years! The fact that we have allowed this to continue in the Sepulveda Basin (behind the armory no less) is shameful. The environmental damage that has been done is a disgrace. I'm sorry to say that for the first time ever I am embarrassed to live in the City of Los Angeles. We look like a third world country.

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Name: Philip Messina

Date Submitted: 11/07/2019 01:11 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I, along with the lion's share of my neighbors, support the right of the homeless to sleep on city streets when no other shelter is available. We all feel great compassion for the homeless and believe society as a whole needs to treat this colossal problem with a massive and comprehensive effort. We also understand that, despite the valiant efforts of so many in city government, this is a gruelingly slow process. As such, we believe that certain requirements should exist to safeguard residents, schools, and public parks from certain inherent dangers. My wife and I and other neighbors have reported harassment from homeless individuals that included physical threats, the hurling of human feces, and being awakened in the middle of the night by screaming and loud arguments. We do not support criminalizing the homeless, but are asking for a reasonable code that allows law enforcement or homeless advocates to legally move encampments out of residential neighborhoods, without jailing the homeless. We are asking for both enforceable safeguards and compassion. Thank you Philip Messina South Citrus Avenue Block Captain

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