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City of Los Angeles City Council

Re: File No. 19-0602-S1

I write to lend my strong support for the passage of the above file and an Ordinance to amend LAMC Section 41.18 to conform to the 9th Circuit decision in the case of <u>Martin v. Boise</u>. Homelessness is the defining calamity of this moment in time. Our fair city is plummeting into disease and disrepair. There is no one issue or person to blame. We are all to blame because we have failed the most sensitive members of our society. But the solution does not lie in turning a blind eye to our laws and moral compasses.

Allowing our homeless population to disrupt our businesses and lives is unconscionable. While we must continue to search high and low for solutions, we cannot delve into a society where our customs and way of life are disregarded. Law enforcement must be allowed to remove individuals from the public right-of-way and from sensitive areas of our community.

Thank you for your attention to the foregoing and I encourage you to support this proposal.

Very truly yours,

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