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Fwd: Stop the Proposed Amendments to LAMC 41.18

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Subject: Stop the Proposed Amendments to LAMC 41.18

To: <cityclerk@lacity.org>

Dear City Clerk Holly L. Wolcott,

While well-intentioned, the proposed amendments to LA 41.18 would have a detrimental impact on both the homeless population and housed residents. These changes meant to foster a safer and more organized community would be unjust and inefficient in practice, resulting in the following effects:

The city has no published maps detailing where restrictions will & will not apply, leaving it up to houseless Angelenos (including thousands with developmental disabilities) to measure the distances necessary to avoid the costly risk of being in violation.

There is no plan for how LAPD will enforce mass violations. The entire unsheltered population of Skid Row is likely in violation as well as the entire LA Riverfront and much of Hollywood. The forced relocation of these encampments is a recipe for volatile LAPD confrontations.

We risk creating a public health catastrophe by concentrating encampments in areas where restrictions don't apply, far from bathroom and sanitation resources found in parks.

Restrictions unfairly punish Angelenos facing economic hardship without distinction between people with criminal records, the hundreds of unsheltered children under the age of 18, or the thousands who are homeless after surviving domestic violence. Furthermore, relocation severs contact from caseworkers, creating major setbacks in our efforts to resolve our current crisis.

I urge you to vote against these proposed amendments to the LAMC. These changes would have a harmful effect on the homeless population, and they fail to address lack of housing as an underlying issue.

Personally sent by John Means using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely,

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