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Los Angeles City Council Homelessness and Poverty Committee
Attn: CM Mitch O'Farrell, Chair
200 N Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilmembers,

I write regarding the proposed amendments to LAMC 41.18.¹ As the Committee proceeds, I hope it will address the following questions. I base these on my professional scientific training and conversations with hundreds of stakeholders. Your responses would enable me to better educate my community and perhaps support your efforts as a member of the Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council.

Re: LAMC 41.18(a)

1. What is the average entrance or driveway spacing in LA, especially in areas with high densities of unsheltered people? (The proposal would exclude 20% of sidewalks at 100 ft spacing and 100% at 20 ft spacing.)

Re: LAMC 41.18(c)

1. Assuming ADA-compliance, are tents that pedestrians may choose to avoid by entering the street a cause for "unreasonable evasive action"?

Re: LAMC 41.18(d)

1. How many people would the proposed restrictions displace? Absent such an estimate, what fraction of the city's land is within 500 ft of a park, school, or daycare, and how many underpasses, tunnels, and subways are on school routes? **Regulations affecting even 10% of the city's unsheltered population could displace over 2,700 Angelenos.**² Is there a plan to help people relocate?
2. What efforts will be made to ensure continuity of contact between displaced people experiencing homelessness and service providers/case workers?

¹ http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2019/19-0602-S1_rpt_hp_8-21-19unsigned.pdf

² <https://www.lahsa.org/documents?id=3421-2019-greater-los-angeles-homeless-count-city-of-los-angeles.pdf>

3. How will homeless densities change? Has the County Public Health Department or an appropriate City body been consulted as to the consequences of such changes?
4. How will the impact of moving people away from park restrooms be ameliorated?
5. What constitutes "crowded," "like," and "adjacent" in item (3)(ix)?

I thank the Committee for its time and consideration. I hope you find the above questions useful and am happy to assist in answering them however I can. I also invite you to discuss this and any other matter at a future meeting of the CHNC Homelessness Committee. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



Louis Abramson

Homelessness Committee Chair

Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council