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To: City Council and Committees

The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council (CHNC) SUPPORTS the 26 June motion by CMs Bonin and Harris-Dawson to have LA Sanitation & Environment (LASAN) pilot new, augmented cleanup protocols around unsheltered communities in CD 11.

CHNC represents a plurality of all unhoused people in CDs 4 and 13. We also represent a bridge housing facility and its attendant Special Enforcement Zone. We are thus familiar with the complexities surrounding sanitation efforts near regions of dense unsheltered living, and the frustration such complexities induce in all stakeholders. We commend LASAN and the Council for moving boldly and compassionately to identify and implement better approaches here. We especially applaud LASAN’s decision to prioritize service provision---and so the dignity and quality of life of unsheltered Angelenos---in their redesign.

We hope the impact of four proposed innovations are studied closely:

- Adding storage facilities, whose scarcity increases harms from property confiscations during engagements.
- Employing unsheltered community members to maintain conditions between engagements, thus improving neighborhoods while empowering unsheltered people physically, psychologically, and economically.
- Training all team members in homelessness-specific mental health and safety/sensitivity issues, replacing antagonism with trust between stakeholders and the City.
- Prosecuting illegal dumping, which artificially inflates the impact of unsheltered living on local conditions in the eyes of some stakeholders.

CHNC is happy to support such efforts, including by providing grants, community education, or supervision during LASAN engagements to the extent we can. We also encourage the Council to consider Central Hollywood as the site of future pilot studies of this nature.

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26 August 2019
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