

Communication from Public

Name: Sam A

Date Submitted: 07/27/2020 09:42 PM

Council File No: 20-0147

Comments for Public Posting: Please reinstate all care+ and sanitation activities in the secZ around the Venice Bridge Home. Our neighborhood has turned into a dump site for trash, needles, massive amounts of bike parts and junk yard materials all in the 300ft radius of ABH Venice. These services are critical to keep the neighborhood safe and disease free.

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Name: Katie Barsotti

Date Submitted: 07/28/2020 08:02 AM

Council File No: 20-0147

Comments for Public Posting: Hello! I'm a resident of CD 13 writing to oppose SECZs. While I appreciate the need for shelters, the creation of enforcement zones around the shelters is just another way to criminalize homelessness and set back our unhoused neighbors. Furthermore, it takes dollars that could be used for Emergency Management or even more housing and gives it to police. The shelters would certainly help the people who are able to get a bed but they'll negatively affect those who are not able. Imagine lugging all your belongings to a shelter only to find that it's full and you have to travel miles to get out of the SECZ so you won't be arrested. I appreciate that the council wants to help unhoused people but this is not the way to do it.

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Name: Sarah Armstrong

Date Submitted: 07/27/2020 03:38 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I have witnessed the horendous abuse, and carelessness from the LAPD towards homeless individuals. I am friends with several homeless individuals (I myself am a homeless youth), including those who are disabled. You have all this money, and properties not being used yet there are so many people out on the street fending for themselves and when those individuals are disabled in any way it makes their living situations so much more difficult. They should be allowed to keep their tents up especially in extreme weather conditions, it has been very hot lately and it also should be allowed due to health reasons they should be able to live as comfortably as they can, also it is work putting up and taking down large tents. Start making some changes and give these people the support, and respect that they deserve please. We know you can you just choose not to.

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Name: Anna T

Date Submitted: 07/27/2020 03:46 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am asking the City to remove the Special Enforcement Zones from all current and planned homeless shelters. The policing of individuals who are homeless do not solve anything; the funding that goes into policing in the Special Enforcement Zones can be reallocated to other community, social services to help solve the homelessness issue in Los Angeles. I am also asking that agenda item #46 (resuming sweeps in the zones) be opposed. Again, a better use of our time and money should be reinvesting in providing permanent housing for folx who are currently homeless.

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Name: Miki jackson for AHF

Date Submitted: 07/29/2020 10:35 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Miki Jackson with AHF on Item 46 Sweeps are not an acceptable solution to our disastrous homelessness crisis. Removing unhoused people's possessions, medications and vital documents is a way of the government further making people "second class citizens". This violates first amendment rights and criminalizes people for being being unhoused. This is made worse by the pandemic that is raging. This makes the public health emergency of both the pandemic and the conditions of so many being homeless , each of which is a public health emergency unto itself far worse. No services money should go to these sweeps.

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Name: Jake Kroeger

Date Submitted: 07/29/2020 10:53 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please vote no on Item 46. Pushing unhoused people around town with law enforcement is not the solution to the ongoing homelessness crisis in LA. Rather, re-allocate money from unnecessary law enforcement programs (like people in the streets have been demanding that you do) that would have been spent on this to provide more housing solutions.

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Name: Jackie

Date Submitted: 07/29/2020 10:58 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is a pandemic emergency and to already begin with these sweeps is inhumane and in particular because the city even BEFORE the pandemic has failed to properly address this situation. You don't just eliminate homelessness by taking it off site. What is also terrible is using police to do these actions which inflicts violence and cruelty, and this is yet ANOTHER reason why we want to defund the police and be able to house the vulnerable people who are hurting and do not have a home. There are veterans, women experienced domestic violence trauma, disabled folks, LGBTQ people, mentally ill people, and these are among the MOST vulnerable of our folks who do not have equal rights. We need to think about the people, not the appearance, because it is at this point that we are protecting property and that is so disgusting. Again, we are in a pandemic and are we truly going to let these people die and be alone? LA must do something and cancel rent, because there will be way more people evicted and homeless and entire families at that. Go out there please and talk to the people who are suffering because it seems like no one is listening. Stop criminalizing poverty, stop using police to terrorize homeless

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Name: Danielle Castrence

Date Submitted: 07/29/2020 11:20 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Danielle, District 4 I oppose agenda item #46 and 37. It is disgrace for city council members: Krekorian and Busciano to suggest resuming comprehensive CARE+ sweeps in the middle of a pandemic. We should be spending 8.4 million dollars on LAPD to harass our homeless populations but to provide homes and not zones. Your sweeps are heinous crimes against humanity. We need to cancel rent or at least extend rent moratoriums. In regards to #37, it makes no sense to give LAPD 350,000 to investigate themselves. Is this the best that you can come with in regards to our continued expressed interest to Defund the LAPD? This is an opportunity for all of you not to save face or to make our streets look pretty but to provide for our homeless constituents and to not continue to make this pandemic worse.

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Name: Shannen Roberts

Date Submitted: 07/29/2020 01:29 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: 1. Eliminate special enforcement zones. 2. Resuming CARE+ now would be in violation of CDC guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic. CARE+ sweeps are a threat to overall public health! 3. "Cleanups" force elderly and disabled people to take potentially painful steps to move their belongings or take their tents down Increasing sweeps around A Bridge Home shelters is harmful and costly and it's an admission that these shelters don't meet the needs of all unhoused residents in the area. 4. Place-based zoning to keep people out of an area doesn't work. It requires significant enforcement, which leads to increased criminalization and increased expense.

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Name: Amanda

Date Submitted: 07/30/2020 12:18 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not resume sweeps of homeless encampments. It's cruel, costly, and counterproductive to enforce sweeps in normal time and even more dangerous to do so during a pandemic. Not only is it against CDC advice, it is an expensive effort in a time when those millions can be spent to provide services and affordable housing to our community.

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Name: Despina Stokou
Date Submitted: 07/30/2020 01:04 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: What happened to the project KeyRoom? Why are these hotels standing empty when our most vulnerable population is on the streets? How on earth do you think sweeps is what this city and its voters are standing for AFTER ALL THAT WE HAVE BEEN THROUGH THESE MONTHS. Have you not been listening to the public sentiment? We want our taxpayer money used effectively and we want our money used humanly. The sinisterly called CARE program is NEITHER. Not only is it against CDC advice, it is an expensive effort in a time when those millions can be spent to provide services and affordable housing to our community.

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Name: Tamsin Rawady
Date Submitted: 07/30/2020 06:52 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I was very disappointed with the vote yesterday to resume "sweeps" of the homeless encampments. As we heard from caller after caller this program is cruel, costly, and only creates trauma and additional pain to our most vulnerable population. When the pandemic hit, the CDC recommended against encampment sweeps saying they disperse people and spread illness. Why resume "sweeps" now when our infection rates are worse than ever and only growing?

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Name: Pauline

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Name: Sienna

Date Submitted: 07/31/2020 12:33 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not resume sweeps! This is a stop gap measure that does not result in real change. It's horribly dangerous and cruel during a pandemic.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 08/04/2020 01:27 PM

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Name: Sima Sherman

Date Submitted: 07/28/2020 02:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please vote YES to resume comprehensive CARE+ cleanups. The area around the MTA Bridge home on Main Street in Venice has become a massive lawless homeless encampment with fights, drug use, needles, tents and trash. It's not fair to the residents in the area who feel unsafe and are in need of the support that the City - Mayor Garcetti and Chief Moore specifically, promised us during our town hall when they tried to "convince" the neighborhood that this Bridge Housing project will be good for the area and will allow for less encampments, more cleanup and safer streets. The exact opposite has occurred, where trash is piled 5 feet high, families can longer walk in their own neighborhood and sidewalks are blocked by encampments. This bridge home is in the middle of a residential neighborhood, and as tax-paying citizens this issue is compounded by the lack of street-cleaning services for the last 5 months due to Covid. I urge all the council-members to visit our streets and sidewalks to see first hand how deplorable the actual conditions are for residents and visitors alike and how much this area has deteriorated since this bridge-housing shelter has opened. We demand that you support your actual stake-holders and do the right thing by enforcing the no camping laws and resuming clean ups.

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Name: Robin Rudisill
Date Submitted: 07/28/2020 05:10 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I support this motion by Councilmember Buscaino as a matter of Public Health.

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Name: Venice REsident

Date Submitted: 07/28/2020 05:16 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear council member We love our Venice community and support the diversity. However, the growing homeless encampments need to be cleaned up. I was walking past the venice library with our children over the weekend and were unable to walk down the public sidewalk due to the tent camps. We were approached by 2 homeless women who wanted to know if we had extra money. One of them tried to grab my daughter's handbag to look at it. While we understand the homeless issue, we shook not have to fear for our safety in our own neighborhood. the tent camps must be cleaned up and our streets made safe again. Sincerely, Venice resident of 12 years

Communication from Public

Name: Rochelle Shipman

Date Submitted: 07/28/2020 10:39 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We need HOMES not ZONES! We are still in a pandemic, now more than ever. Shuffling elderly folks around and encouraging so much movement to unhoused, unmasked residents of LA is not responsible or respectful.

Communication from Public

Name: Susan Collins

Date Submitted: 07/28/2020 11:30 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Thank you Council Members for bringing this important motion up for a vote. Please vote in favor of enforcing the Special Clean Zones around the Bridge Housing Shelters. The City of Los Angeles made a firm promise to the communities that these areas would be kept clean and would be provided with additional police security. Martin v. Boise states that the homeless are immune from citation once all the city's shelters have reported as full. Operation Room Key and local shelters are not reporting that they are at capacity, therefore the residents of this city deserve to have the cleanliness of our sidewalks and parks restored. This motion only applies to a small area of Los Angeles, but failing to provide these Clean Zones, is a failure of our leaders to fulfill the promises made to our communities. Hopefully, this process will provide the needed encouragement to people currently living on the street to accept the help they need and provide the taxpaying residents with long overdue relief from the filth, harassment, and crime that inevitably come with the encampments which are abundant around each of the Bridge Housing Shelters. Please vote in favor of restoring the Special Clean Zones. Thank you, Susan Collins

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Name: Maria Coray

Date Submitted: 07/29/2020 08:28 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Special clean ups must be resumed around Special Cleaning Zones - Third street behind Gold's Gym in Venice. The area is awful. Trash and waste everywhere.