

Communication from Public

Name: Joe Lisanti

Date Submitted: 07/27/2020 04:46 PM

Council File No: 20-0147

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote yes to resume comprehensive CARE+ cleanups around the Bridge Home on Main Street in Venice. The surrounding area has become a massive homeless encampment with fights, screaming, drug use, needles, tents and trash. It's not fair to the people who pay mortgage, rent and property taxes. We were promised that the area would be a no tent zone and that Bridge Home would make the neighborhood nicer, but instead the exact opposite has happened. My friends and neighbors are afraid to leave their homes. Please do the right thing begin the clean ups. Thank you for reading.

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Name: Zoe T

Date Submitted: 07/27/2020 05:23 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not resume sweeps in Special Enforcement Zones. Sweeps explicitly violate the COVID safety guidelines set out by the CDC, since LA does not have enough shelter beds. LA's new homeless shelters created under the Mayor's A Bridge Home program are surrounded by "Special Enforcement Zones" (SECZs) where LAPD police houseless neighbors and carry out sweeps. It's no secret that these shelters do not have enough beds or resources to help everyone who needs it. So why do these shelters include Special Enforcement Zones where police are funded to harass people who aren't in the shelter? This harms people without housing, it doesn't solve anything for the neighborhood, and it's a big expense for the city. City leaders must commit to reimagining public safety and an unarmed response to non-violent calls. You must abolish the punitive SECZs. Do not resume sweeps. Struggling Angelenos need #HomesNotZones!

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Name: Catherine Fogarty Galie

Date Submitted: 07/28/2020 02:36 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of district 13 and I'm asking the city council, especially Mitch O'Farrell to follow the CDC guidelines for preventing the spread of Covid 19 and immediately end the cruel and dangerous sweeps of homeless encampments. We need better solutions.

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Name: Joseph Kirkland

Date Submitted: 07/28/2020 03:09 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, My name is Joseph Kirkland, and I live in the Los Feliz. I am writing to say it's unconscionable to restart CARE and CARE+ sweeps. This kind of spot zoning is not only wildly ineffective but increases incidents with violent police. This is a costly failure we need to never restart, let alone in the middle of a pandemic. Thank you.

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Name: Eleanor Bray

Date Submitted: 07/28/2020 11:59 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge the city council of Los Angeles to vote NO on item #46. Not only does it go against guidelines from the CDC about infection control, but sweeps are cruel. These are human lives.

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Name: ROBERT P PATERNO

Date Submitted: 07/29/2020 09:29 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose agenda item 346INcreasing sweeps, cleanups, and place-based spot zoning cause harm and hardship to our unhoused communities, even more so in a time of pandemic when they have no safe space provided where they can follow social distancing and other health precautions. It takes resources away from providing relief and into enforcement, leading to unnecessary criminalization of poverty and our most vulnerable population at a time when they most need our support and care. Stop this harassment, put resources into services and shelter.

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Name: Marisa Prietto

Date Submitted: 07/29/2020 10:57 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to oppose agenda item #46. This motion by council members Buscaino and Krekorian is heinous. Place-based spot zoning is inefficient and more importantly, incredibly cruel. It requires further criminalization of the homeless, which is not something the people of Los Angeles want. We want care, not cops. Sweeps around ABH shelters are harmful, as ABH shelters already run at capacity. So-called "cleanups" of unhoused communities are draconian and disgusting. NO on #46.

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle Ultreras

Date Submitted: 07/30/2020 12:58 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I was horrified to learn the city council was beginning sweeps of unhoused encampments again. Besides being inhumane in normal circumstances, we are in the middle of a pandemic and this goes against CDC recommendations. Our unhoused community needs to be treated with dignity. Instead of spending money on sweeps, it should be spent on services for them.