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Summary: The Arleta Neighborhood Council board supports Councilmember David Ryu's resolution of March 9, 2018, whereupon this state law as it relates to conservatorships would better meet the needs of the most vulnerable individuals who suffer from chronic homelessness accompanied by severe mental illness, drug addiction, repeated commitments, or exceptionally frequent use of emergency medical services; and would maintain the many checks and balances necessary to protect individuals with mental illness from being incorrectly or unnecessarily placed on conservatorship, while facilitating their path to permanent housing and necessary supportive services. The community of Arleta continues to be witness to people living in the open with severe mental illness and/or drug addictions. Frequently, these same individuals are also experiencing homelessness as evident by encampments—but not limited to—sidewalks, freeway sidings, alleys, bus stops, houses of worship, flood control channels, parks, senior centers, convalescence institutions, and in vehicles.

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ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL Community Impact Statement

September 17, 2019

RE: SB 1045 (Stern/Wiener) Conservatorship; Council File 18-0002-S28

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Residents (including *minors* going to school and away from campus) frequently encounter people with mental illnesses and/or with substance abuse disorders *exposing* themselves (usually in the process of public defecation, as they are waking up from under their covers, while changing into other clothing, and/or during cleansing/grooming) to commuters and the general public at (but not limited to) street intersections, bus stops, and near driveway entrances to commercial or government establishments. Other times the same ill personnel are seen rummaging through trash cans at busy intersections and throwing the receptacles onto the roadways and/or relieving themselves in full view of school buses, commuter buses, motorists, and pedestrians at any given hour of the day or night.

SB 1045 is a resource that must be exercised by the City of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County as people with mental disorders or drug addictions living in the streets can no longer refuse treatment as they pose a danger to themselves and the rest of society. We urge our local governments to take action and use this law and evaluate the usefulness of this pilot program for a year and if it is found to be beneficial to the patients its provisions can further be employed for an additional year until 2024.

APPROVED

September 17, 2019
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