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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(18) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: Community Impact Statement in support of Council File 19-0450, recommending a report on the City's strategy to address homeless encampment clean-ups (a.k.a. "Sweeps"), including "efficacy of existing clean-up efforts, detailing key objectives and providing metrics of success or failure."

Community Impact Statement

Council File 19-0450 (Homeless Encampments Clean-Up Efforts Report)

6/18/2019

To: Honorable City Council, Los Angeles City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, room 395, Los Angeles, CA 90012 c/o Office of the City Clerk

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC) requests that this community impact statement be attached to Los Angeles City Council file 19-0450.

At the SLNC special board meeting on June 18, 2019 The SLNC board voted to [support/deny] the submission of a CIS regarding council file 19-0450 with 18 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 board members abstaining.

This council file was brought to the June 18, 2019 special board meeting by Darius Derakshan and Nithya Raman, co-chairs of the SLNC Homelessness Committee; this CIS was presented by Samantha Danner, an SLNC homelessness liaison and Homelessness committee member.

At a May 13, 2019 SLNC Homelessness Committee meeting, Derakshan described how homeless encampment clean-up efforts, often referred to as “Sweeps,” adversely affect people experiencing homelessness. Sweeps can be very disruptive to unhoused people who are making progress toward finding housing because such clean-up efforts often result in the removal of necessary medications, identifying documents, and other materials like housing vouchers. Current clean-up practices are the result of compliance with the outcomes of lawsuits against the City of LA, and the experiences of all of those involved with cleanups, from unhoused people to police officers and sanitation workers, suggest that there is room for improvement in these cleanup practices. There are many ways to address the need for cleanliness in encampments with more compassion. For example, if these cleanups became a more regular occurrence, with trash receptacles available to encampment residents and a regularly-scheduled pickup day, both housed and unhoused residents would have a better idea of what to expect regarding cleanliness and safety.

We therefore support Councilmember Bonin’s motion, now with the Homelessness and Poverty Committee, to study the efficacy of current clean-up efforts and to report back with actual metrics of clean-up success and/or failure. Furthermore, we hope that the report will recommend best practices and strategies that address the needs of all those involved with cleanups. Such information and action is sorely and immediately needed to address issues of public health, safety, and homelessness reduction efforts.

Sincerely,
SLNC Governing Board June 18, 2019
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