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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(15) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Date: 09/15/2019

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Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 19-0602-S1

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The Atwater Village Neighborhood Council is registering this Community Impact Statement in opposition to council file 19-0602-S1. This ordinance, the city's response to the Martin v. Boise circuit court decision, which renders the current writing of LAMC 41.18 unconstitutional, continues the city's counter-productive approach to the homelessness crisis. This bill would make it illegal to sit, sleep or lie within 500 feet of a school, park or daycare center, and 10 feet from any utilizable entrance, driveway or loading dock. Instead of funding much needed services like pit stops or addiction treatment, if this ordinance were to pass resources would again be diverted to criminalize the unhoused and punish them for their poverty. Given the structural forces that lead most unhoused Angelenos to reside on the streets, this approach is needlessly cruel. Additionally, this measure makes it criminal to approach another person based on the mere perception of danger, echoing notorious "Stand Your Ground" laws. Further, this policy as written would be nearly impossible to enforce, and would bring about a host of unwanted side effects. For example, children waiting for their parents to pick them up after school would be turned into criminals if they were to sit down on the sidewalk. Measurements related to doorways will be litigated ad nauseam at enormous expense to the taxpayers of Los Angeles. This ordinance, much like its predecessor, would struggle to withstand a legal challenge. As such we oppose the adoption of this ordinance as written, and strongly urge the city to reconsider its approach to the issue of homelessness and utilize proven best practices from other cities.