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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(6) Nay(2) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Item Number: 26

Summary:



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**9.23.2019**

**To:** City Council Homelessness & Poverty Committee

**Re:** CF 19-0602-S1: Obstruction or Interference / Passage of Pedestrians / Public Right-of-Way / Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) / Section 41.18 / Amendment

The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council (CHNC) **OPPOSES UNLESS AMENDED** the 30 July motion by CMs O'Farrell and Martinez to modify LAMC 41.18 as outlined in the 21 August report approved by the Committee. Original research and reporting by the *LA Times* shows that clauses (d)(3)(i), (d)(3)(ii), and (d)(3)(iii) of the new statute comprising 500 ft exclusion zones around schools, parks, and daycares could markedly disrupt the lives of over 12,000 Angelenos and fully half of our unsheltered stakeholders. These amendments are too far-reaching for us to support given the justifications presented to us at this time.

A summary of our rationale is below, which is based on a full report by Louis Abramson, PhD, attached as a public comment to this CF. We hope our input aids the Committee in redrafting LAMC 41.18 in a manner we may endorse.

**Summary of Findings** -- CHNC finds that the proposed amendments would:

- **Displace up to 12,400 people** per the 2019 LAHSA Count, or 46% of unsheltered Angelenos;
- **Proscribe 38% of sidewalks**, more than the *LA Times*' restricted area estimate;
- **Place over 11,000 unsheltered Angelenos in regions where at least 50% of sidewalks are off limits**, and 3,400 in regions where at least 75% are proscribed;
- **Affect CDs 1, 9, and 13---to which we belong---most dramatically**, at least doubling the average unsheltered density to one person every 250 ft of available sidewalk.

Given these consequences---which neglect entranceway restrictions---the need for and size of the proposed buffer zones should be scrutinized with the aim of minimizing or eliminating them. Public health and safety data should be used to motivate the geometry of any that remain. Lastly, plans to ensure post-promulgation contact with caseworkers and mitigate harms from densification should be in place before final action is taken.

APPROVED  
23 September 2019  
6 Yea 2 Nay 0 Abstain 1 Absent