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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(15) Nay(2) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 10/02/2019

Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

Date: 10/11/2019

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 19-0602-S1

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: CIS from the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council, discussed and approved at the Brown Act-compliant board meeting of Oct. 2, 2019. This CIS opposes amendments to LAMC 41.18 'Sit/Sleep/Lie' ordinance as outlined in council file 19-0602-S1. SLNC urges a reconsideration of the City of Los Angeles' punitive approach to addressing issues surrounding homelessness.

Community Impact Statement

Council File 19-0602-S1 (Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.18 Amendment)

10/2/2019

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 council file 19-0602-S1.

At the SLNC board meeting on October 2, 2019, the SLNC board voted to support the submission of a CIS opposing amendments to LAMC 41.18 as described in council file 19-0602-S1 with 15 yes votes, 2 no votes, and 0 board members abstaining.

This council file was brought to the Oct 2, 2019 board meeting at the request of members of the Homelessness Committee and was presented by Samantha Danner.

This council file concerns proposed amendments to LA Municipal Code ordinance 41.18. It concerns the city of LA's response to the Martin v. Boise circuit court decision, which renders the current writing of LAMC 41.18 unconstitutional. The current proposal 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.

Further, as this policy is over-broad and vague as written, it would be nearly impossible to enforce, and would bring about a host of unwanted side effects. If this poorly-written proposed ordinance is codified, it would invite a host of litigation around door measurements at enormous expense to the taxpayers of Los Angeles. This ordinance, much like its predecessor, would likely 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.

Sincerely,
SLNC Governing Board

APPROVED
15 yes, 2 no, 0 abstain