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

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Type of NC Board Action: Against

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Date: 11/20/2019

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Council File Number: 19-0602-S1

Agenda Date: 10/28/2019

Item Number: 12

Summary: On October 28, 2019, the NoHo Neighborhood Council voted 15-0-2 to oppose Proposed Sidewalk Ordinance 41.18. Because it would separate persons who need assistance from case workers who follow up with clients at their last known location in lieu of an address, and shift vulnerable populations from civic and non-profit support services hubs, such as libraries and churches, to commercial and residential areas not prepared or otherwise ill equipped to accommodate them, we find the law as presently proposed to be poorly tailored, ineffective, and needlessly cruel.

**Community Impact Statement in opposition to City Council # 19-0602-S1
Proposed Sidewalk Ordinance 41.18**

Dear Honorable Councilmembers,

At its October 28, 2019 meeting, the NoHo Neighborhood Council voted to oppose Council File 19-0602-S1, otherwise known as Ordinance 41.18.

The law as presently proposed would make it illegal to sleep, sit, or otherwise lie within 500 feet of parks, schools, and event venues. A Los Angeles Times analysis found that this would ban a quarter of the city's land, 124 square miles, from usage by persons without a home who need a place to sleep for the night.

In North Hollywood, the same analysis found that 26% of the neighborhood area would be thus excluded, including a 500 foot buffer zone surrounding NoHo Park, Whitnall Park, and the 170 freeway overpass, adding to an already arcane set of restrictions facing those with limited options for safe shelter.

The law is misguided, as it further criminalizes the freedom to utilize public space rather than offering substantive solutions to Southern California's affordable housing crisis.

It would prompt thousands of immediate enforcement actions and mandatory cleanups, undermining recent efforts by law enforcement to employ new strategies for engaging with persons experiencing homelessness constructively without incident.

It would separate persons who need assistance from case workers who follow up with clients at their last known location in lieu of an address, and shift vulnerable populations from civic and non-profit support services hubs, such as libraries and churches, to commercial and residential areas not prepared or otherwise ill-equipped to accommodate them.

Ultimately we find the law as presently proposed to be poorly tailored, ineffective, and needlessly cruel.

Sincerely,

The NoHo Neighborhood Council

