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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(13) Nay(3) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 07/20/2021

Type of NC Board Action: Against

#### Impact Information

Date: 07/26/2021

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Summary: On behalf of over 40,000 stakeholders, the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council (LFNC) opposes this motion and urges a compassionate and measured approach to assisting those struggling with a lack of housing. The pandemic originally spurred the change in policy regarding individuals who are living in tent encampments on the street. This motion seeks to change a policy that would affect many people in Los Angeles but it does not provide any evidence that the pandemic and its associated risks have ceased, nor does it include any corresponding order from a health authority regarding the risks of changing the policy. The recent census has revealed that income inequality is at its highest level in 50 years. Those with the most unstable sources of income, with the least opportunities and privileges, will be those that bear the brunt of economic instability. The pandemic disproportionately affected the incomes and health of those that are the most vulnerable, while those already advantaged, with higher incomes, saw increases in their wealth. Suffice it to say, at this time people living in tents on the street are in a vulnerable state. Rather than pursuing punitive measures toward the issue of a lack of housing and inequality, the LFNC encourages the City Council to pursue measures to reduce the cost of living in Los Angeles, and increase the availability of housing. The Los Feliz Neighborhood Council opposes the motion by Councilmembers Buscaino and Lee that would return Los Angeles to punitive measures in its approach to the unhoused.