

Communication from Public

Name: Westside Regional Alliance of Councils
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Council File No: 20-1376-S3
Comments for Public Posting: The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) supports the motion in 20-1376-S3 and urges the Council to take up this matter at the earliest opportunity. See attached WRAC position letter. Christina Spitz Vice-Chair, WRAC



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Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
Brentwood Community Council
Del Rey Neighborhood Council
Mar Vista Community Council
Neighborhood Council of Westchester-Playa
North Westwood Neighborhood Council
Pacific Palisades Community Council

Palms Neighborhood Council
South Robertson Neighborhoods Council
Venice Neighborhood Council
West LA-Sawtelle Neighborhood Council
Westside Neighborhood Council
Westwood Community Council
Westwood Neighborhood Council

September 22, 2022

Hon. Eric Garcetti, Mayor, City of Los Angeles
Hon. Kevin de León, Chair, City Council Homelessness & Poverty Committee (HPC)
Hon. Joe Buscaino, Councilmember, CD 15
Hon. Mike Bonin, Councilmember, CD 11
Hon. Paul Koretz, Councilmember, CD 5
Hon. Nithya Raman, Councilmember, CD 4
Heather Hutt, appointed Caretaker, CD 10

Via email to all of the above

Re: Council File 20-1376-S3: SUPPORT

Dear City officials:

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) is an alliance of all fourteen Neighborhood and Community Councils on the Westside of Los Angeles, located in CDs 5 and 11 and portions of CDs 4 and 10.

Our Alliance has passed a number of motions over the past year, supporting proactive and logical solutions to address the homelessness crisis on our streets, including support for implementation of LAMC Sec. 41.18 (provided that individuals are offered shelter and refuse the offer); support for regulation of vehicle dwelling; and support for an earlier motion in City Council to designate all public schools as sensitive sites for enforcement under LAMC Sec. 41.18. Currently, unhoused individuals are camping near libraries in various neighborhoods of the Westside, creating unsafe and unclean conditions similar to the conditions present near schools which led to the Council's recent passage of code amendments to ban camping within 500 ft. of all schools and daycare centers in the City.

Therefore, the following motion has been passed by more than a majority WRAC member Councils and is an adopted position of WRAC:

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils strongly supports the motion in Council File 20-1376-S3 (Buscaino) for an ordinance amending LAMC Sections 41.18 and 56.01 to prohibit sitting, lying, sleeping, and storing personal property in or upon any street, sidewalk or other public-right-of-way within 500 ft. of a library.

The language of the above motion was approved by the following WRAC member Councils: Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council; Brentwood Community Council; Mar Vista Community Council*; Neighborhood Council Westchester/Playa; Pacific Palisades Community Council; Venice Neighborhood Council*; Westside Neighborhood Council; Westwood Community Council; Westwood Neighborhood Council (*modified version maintaining the spirit of the motion).

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No member Councils have opposed this motion or submitted a minority letter to accompany this position.

We respectfully urge the HPC to schedule this Council File for hearing at the earliest opportunity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robin Greenberg and Christina Spitz

Robin Greenberg, Chair-Elect

Christina Spitz, Vice-Chair

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