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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(17) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council is opposed to the ordinance amending section 41.18 of the LA Municipal Code as designated in Council File 20-1376.



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COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Community Impact Statement in opposition of City Council File 20-1376 Opposing LAMC 41.18 and 56.11

November 4, 2020

Dear Honorable Councilmembers,

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council is opposed to the ordinance amending section 41.18 of the LA Municipal Code as designated in Council File 20-1376. This amendment would make it illegal to sit, lie, sleep, or store property on any street, sidewalk, or street, or within 500 feet of any freeway/ramp/tunnel, or within 500 feet of any supportive services facility built after January 1, 2018. Especially in light of the lack of available supportive housing, this motion is cruel and unjust. We urge the City Council to stop trying to criminalize homelessness and instead, focus on solutions for our unhoused neighbors.

Criminalizing homelessness by making it illegal to sleep near supportive services facilities or near any freeway, ramp, or tunnel will cut people off from their communities and access to supportive wraparound services in these facilities. If the amendment is enforced with citations or arrests, it will further drive vulnerable people into poverty and make it even more difficult for people to transition into housing.

The pandemic is still raging; there have been several, intense heat waves this year; and fires across the state have made the air quality frequently unhealthy. Unhoused Angelenos are one of the most vulnerable populations in the City to these adverse conditions, and the City Council must focus on providing housing and services, not restricting access to shelter, such as the basic shelter provided by freeway overpasses from the elements.

Finally, the amendment would also resume CARE sweeps, which are traumatic for unhoused Angelenos and frequently result in the loss of all personal items and important documents. Certain elements of the CARE/CARE+ deployments should continue, such as LSAN's Livability Services Division *Mobile Hygiene* program, which provides shower services, handwashing stations, portable toilets and trash receptacles.

Sincerely,
The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council

Passed 17 Yay 0 Nay 0 Abstain