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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(13) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(1)

Date of NC Board Action: 11/09/2020

Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

Date: 11/16/2020

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 20-1376

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: We, the Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council, urge you to oppose any legislation that allows the city to ban sitting, sleeping, and lying: within 500 feet of freeways, ramps, and tunnels; within 500 feet of any facility opened after January 2018 that provides housing, shelter, services, safe parking, or storage to unhoused people; or that criminalizes storage of property in the areas listed above. We also urge you to oppose legislation criminalizing the refusal of offers of shelter by city employees. Instead, we ask that you adopt Councilmember Bonin's substitute motion, which offers a much more productive, just, and humane path forward for the City. ● Citations, arrests, and fees are impediments to obtaining employment, housing, and other needed resources. ● Displacing people can disrupt relationships with homeless outreach and caseworkers, who are necessary to enter into stable housing and services. ● Encampment sweeps by police and sanitation workers result in the loss of important possessions: documents, items of personal value, even medication. ● When documents are confiscated, people applying for housing and other services are set back—ID cards and certain forms are often needed to obtain assistance. ● When medications are confiscated or thrown out by police, the consequences can be fatal. As of September 21, coroner data shows that 964 unhoused Angelenos have died this year. ● Unhoused deaths represent 11% of all deaths in LA, despite representing 1% of the overall population. ● Unhoused deaths were almost twice as likely to be male and 1.6 times more likely to be black. ● Unhoused people were over two times more likely to have died from accidental and preventable causes compared to housed populations. . For the above reasons, we urge you to oppose the passage of Council file: 20-1376, and instead adopt Councilmember Bonin's substitute motion.