

Communication from Public

Name: Randy Kistler

Date Submitted: 11/09/2020 01:38 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the support of this proposal. It is about time someone did something that will make a difference. Thank you Councilman Blumenthal!

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Name: Nathan

Date Submitted: 11/09/2020 05:23 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The Wilshire/San Vicente homeless problem needs to be resolved. Everyone driving by feels on-edge and while I don't drive often, I often see people aimlessly on the street in the middle of traffic. Someone is going to get killed.

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Name: Kelly Long

Date Submitted: 11/09/2020 07:19 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I have lived in the same apartment for 16 years (Mayfield/San Vicente) I have worked at Topa Town and Country shopping center for 17 years. I am a 1 minute walk to work. I moved here for the safety and security of this area. For the last going on 5 years now I am living in skid row. I don't pay high prices for my living and my business to live like this. COVID is not the excuse so don't even think it. It's been going on longer than that. I am angry. I am scared. I am fed up. I don't feel safe anymore and I can't afford to leave. I'm stuck because of my COVID situation. I used to have pity for the homeless till they started effecting me. I get harassed constantly. My neighbors get harassed. A month ago a homeless man was half naked having sex in broad daylight with the grass right in front of my apartment. That same week a homeless couple came onto our private property and took a bird bath right in front of my living room window. I saw her half naked just a couple feet from me. When they left they left shoes, socks, empty soap bottles. Then one time we found a homeless man sleeping in our laundry room. It only fits 1 person it's that small. That is down right wrong and there is nothing we can do. The police won't and can't do anything. It's just not fair for all of us who live and pay MONEY to live here. But yet the homeless can live here free and everyday people are giving them free stuff to survive. How about giving me free stuff to survive. Do to COVID I need the money desperately. I now carry pepper spray day and night just to walk less then 1 minute to my car or work. Because when I walk out of my apartment gate I see the encampment. It's less than a half a block from me. This is not fair to all the hard working people in this area. At night they are loud and screaming at all hours. They block the street of San Vicente day and night fighting with each other and nobody can drive. They are mentally sick, drug induced, and drunk. I read all the articles that say they are kind and not dangerous. Well those people that write those articles do not live where I live so they are wrong. I want all those people to live in my apartment for a month then say that. A couple days ago a couple tried to put a tent up right in front of my apartment. I was freaking out, shaking, and started crying. Me and a couple women that were walking by told them they had to leave or we were going to cal the police. They left without first giving me a guilt trip. One tent goes up more will

come. I will not allow that. This is for my safety and the people who PAY to live here. Now it's growing to Mayfield?!?! That's not ok. Not ok at all. They need to go. They need to go now. My tax dollars are supposed to shelter them. I pay way too much taxes for the Brentwood encampment to keep growing. They are supposed to be sheltered. That's what I'm paying for. I'm tired of hearing all the political excuses. Where is all my money going? If it's not going to shelter them I want my money back. I sure need it!!!! If you decide to respond don't respond with BS excuses. Because that is just what it is. I want results and I want it now. I want an actual timeline when they will be moved. I want actual dates when that is going to happen. Get them out!

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Name: Roz Gamble

Date Submitted: 11/09/2020 06:08 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Homeless Encampment on San Vicente in Brentwood What is being done about this? No one seems to be dealing with this homeless issue and more tents are going up in Brentwood. Why haven't they been moved off the street onto the expansive federal grounds where they would be much safer? No one should be living on the street in the richest country in the world. It's an appalling situation and nothing is being done to fix it.

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Name: Jason Lobell

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 04:39 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello. This is Jason with Abundant Housing LA, addressing Item 42. This cruel motion and draft ordinance are the wrong approaches to solving homelessness. All people have an equal right to access public spaces and no one should be arbitrarily banned from large sections of the city. Pushing people from one public space to another does not end homelessness. As outreach workers and homeless service providers work tirelessly to move those most vulnerable to COVID-19 into permanent housing, this proposal conflicts with their efforts and depends on the misuse of limited housing and financial resources while jeopardizing the health and safety of those most in need of being inside. The guidance and approach of the Departments of Public Health and Health Services have been for everyone to shelter in place and to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among the homeless population. This motion effectively makes homelessness illegal in Los Angeles constitutes the largest increase in the criminalization of homelessness in decades. I urge the council to vote no on this motion and instead focus on increasing access to immediate housing in every neighborhood so that our unhoused neighbors can come safely indoors.

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: This homeless skid row in Brentwood and surrounding cities is OUT OF CONTROL. CLEAN UP OUR SIDEWALKS. I drive by at night and on san vicente they are having a BBQ (charcoal grill with a HUGE flame) with 20 of them in the street. Cars pulled up and parked in the middle of a driving lane. I have lived here for 10 years and never seen anything like it. Is this something housed citizens are allowed to do? Block off a street and BBQ with 20+ people and park cars in the middle of a lane meant for driving. COVID IS NOT AN EXCUSE. CLEAN UP OUR SIDEWALKS AND STREETS. THIS IS RIDICULOUS. WE CANT EVEN WALK AROUND BRENTWOOD OR ANY WESTSIDE CITY. It's not even safe to walk on San Vicente anymore. Not safe to do anything. And no one is doing anything. PLEASE DO YOUR JOBS. NO ONE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO JUST CAMP AND LIVE WHERE EVER THEY WANT.

Communication from Public

Name: Leslie Elkan

Date Submitted: 11/09/2020 03:22 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of updating LAMC 41.18 and LAMC 56.11. This will help us address the homelessness crisis afflicting our community. Please see my letter, attached.



November 9, 2020

Re: LAMC 41.18 & LAMC 56.11 (Council File 20-1376)

Dear Council President Martinez:

The Sherman Oaks Business Improvement District, www.VillageAtShermanOaks.com, is a very special mix of shops, service providers, restaurants, banks, markets, fitness facilities and other small businesses. It is the heart of Sherman Oaks commercial district. Our BID was created two decades ago and has served the needs of our community well.

We receive calls, texts and emails daily from beleaguered mom and pop business owners crying that they have to clean up defecation from their front and back entrances and parking lots each morning before they can open for business. We receive exasperated calls, texts and emails from nearby residents daily complaining that they are unable to take their children for a stroll in the Village because they are regularly confronted by naked men walking the boulevards. These sidewalk vagrants are intimidating, sometimes threatening and even violent towards pedestrians and business owners.

LAHSA has not helped us at all. The police have told us they are ordered hands-off the homeless so they cannot help us, either. We are losing businesses to vacancies because they cannot keep customers who run from the stench and the exhibitionism. We don't feel that allowing this serves the homeless individuals nor the community.

We strongly urge and support the motion to update LAMC 41.18 and LAMC 56.11. Updating these two municipal codes as our city attorney proposed on 10/26/2020 will help to begin addressing the street homelessness crisis.

Thank you for your consideration.

Leslie Elkan
President
Village At Sherman Oaks Business Improvement District

Cc: Councilmember David Ryu

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