

Communication from Public

Name: Dulce Vasquez

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Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 is a human rights violation, empowering police to abuse and harass the most vulnerable Angelenos. 41.18 ordinance will dramatically increase criminalization in LA. We cannot arrest our way out of homelessness. I commend Councilmembers Raman and Bonin for their persistent, dedicated outreach efforts to start housing entire encampments. And I implore all Councilmembers to learn from them and take similar action. 41.18 is NOT it. This is a step back for many people and is a code that will be enforced SELECTIVELY in areas where wealthy homeowners do not want to see unhoused people. They SHOULD SEE them every day until they help take action to actually people get housed, not jailed. In one of the wealthiest cities in the country it's abhorrent that our leadership has failed so many people at every turn. Don't keep failing them. Reject this absurd human rights violation.

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Comments for Public Posting: Please vote yes on 41.18

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Comments for Public Posting: As a leader at First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood, we are fully committed to serving our homeless friends as we operate three outreach programs which partner with LA County Dept of Mental Health and many service providers. Our shelter hosts those who are gravely disabled and we have been successful in moving them into appropriate facilities. With the over population of tents on Gower, Carlos and Bronson, we are flooded with human waste, rats the size of cats and drug selling transactions. These challenges are threatening the church's ability to keep its doors open to the public. While we fully support the effort to end homelessness and have invested our property and financial resources, we will not be able to operate the church or its programs to the homeless due to the threat of health and safety. We strongly and emphatically encourage City leadership to vote in favor of enforcing 41.18 and keep sensitive areas of our community clean. Thank you!

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Comments for Public Posting: please give us our streets back we cannot walk or ride bikes on san fernando road dangerous dirty ugly very unsafe as a single women i am afraid corner of lorne and sunland not safe please do not allow any futher encampments and please remove the ones that exist

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Name: Morgan Soloski
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Comments for Public Posting: I write in strong opposition to proposed Ordinance 41.18. This motion failed last time because it was bad policy then, and it's bad policy now. This will not address homelessness; instead, it effectively criminalizes homelessness and leaves enforcement to be meted inconsistently out on the district level. The only way to solve homelessness getting people housing, not moving them out of the way. Bringing this motion just to force council's hand is nothing more than a campaign stunt. We can't afford to sacrifice real solutions for political games. This motion does not provide any new resources or housing for unhoused individuals - these are the things we all know are needed to solve the homelessness crisis we face. Homelessness in Los Angeles continues to grow, and a wave of evictions is expected soon. Spending time discussing anti-homeless enforcement when we lack adequate shelter and housing is a distraction from the crisis, not a solution. Scarce shelter and housing resources should be allocated based on need and appropriateness. Reallocating shelter beds as a pretext for clearing a specific location means that people who need and want those beds won't be able to get them. We need to make delivery of services more efficient, not bend the system to fit with enforcement priorities. Each time this motion returns, it's treated with a sense of urgency never applied to housing and shelter programs. Motions to provide street services languish in committee and pilot programs to house people aren't scaled up. That is where we need urgent action by council. Unhoused Angelenos face disproportionate risks of police violence. Motions like this greatly increase the number of hostile encounters between unhoused people and law enforcement, further increasing that risk. At a time when the public is demanding that we reimagine public safety, further involving police in the provision of homeless services is not the answer.