

Communication from Public

Name: Ray Bishop

Date Submitted: 11/06/2020 01:07 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Thank you so very much Councilman Blumenfield. You have demonstrated that you are truly the City representative for our community as you respond to our concerns. Best Wishes, Ray Bishop Corbin & Oxnard

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Name: Lynn Gilson

Date Submitted: 11/06/2020 01:37 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: LAHSA pilot project to provide housing to everyone living along the freeway in Council District 3 is a success. Homeless individuals were helped to find adequate, safe, housing with toilets and running water. We should not allow the success of helping the homeless individuals not in shelter to be under-mined by loopholes in law that would allow new homeless individuals to re-occupy those freeway underpasses. This effort has been successful and must continue to allow those in need to obtain shelter, keep the underpasses clear, and free of disease, human waste, and scurrilous, illegal drug activities. Please support this effort.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 11/06/2020 06:13 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I think we should have narrow enforcement buffers around new homeless service sites and freeway underpasses.

Communication from Public

Name: Natalie Jackson

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:25 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: On October 21 2020, LA City Councilmembers Blumenfield, Buscaino, Rodriguez, Krekorian, Price, Cedillo, and Lee presented a motion to drastically expand the criminalization and banishment of unhoused Angelenos across the city. On October 26th, the City Attorney released a draft ordinance based on this motion, which, if passed, would amend LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 to allow the city to ban: Sitting, sleeping or lying down within 500 feet of freeways, ramps, and tunnels Sitting, sleeping or lying down within 500 feet of any facility opened after January 2018 that provides housing, shelter, services, safe parking, or storage to unhoused people Storing property in the areas listed above Additionally, it would ban sitting, sleeping, or lying down in ANY PUBLIC SPACE IN THE CITY if “an offer of shelter is provided before enforcement occurs.” This motion does not provide any new housing resources, wrap-around services for those experiencing homelessness, or any solutions to decrease the unhoused population in LA. Instead of focusing on these actual, proven solutions, City Council members are attempting to expand harmful criminalization policies which have only proven to fail and exacerbate homelessness. In his statement to LA Times regarding this motion, Councilmember Bob Blumenfield revealed the true motivation behind it: to “create visible progress” for some housed constituents by forcibly displacing encampments from one location to another, and establish ‘enforcement zones’ to prevent unhoused Angelenos from returning to these locations. It is especially cruel to present this motion during an ongoing pandemic, when mass evictions are expected as the Winter season approaches. Where will people shelter from the rain when there aren’t enough housing resources available and the city bans people from resting beneath underpasses? With the death toll for unhoused Angelenos already over 1,000 in 2020, this motion would contribute to another record increase in deaths and an increase in harmful police encounters with the unhoused community. In both cases, unhoused Black Angelenos are disproportionately impacted. The Services Not Sweeps coalition rejects this motion and demands that all processes involved in propelling this motion forward be halted immediately, as this motion poses a direct threat to the health and safety of our unhoused neighbors and their surrounding

communities. We demand that City Council and the Mayor's office instead invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing a healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, and take concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer. We demand that the city take the following actions immediately: Focus efforts on providing hotel rooms, motel rooms, and permanent housing to ALL unhoused Angelenos (not just those in specific areas that are visible to the general public) End Special Enforcement and Cleaning Zones (SECZ) permanently Respect CDC guidelines and work with health department officials to ensure that basic sanitation needs are met without the threat of displacement Halt all CARE+ "comprehensive cleanup" operations Remove law enforcement from outreach Repeal LAMC 41.18, LAMC 56.11, and all ordinances used to criminalize unhoused residents. – Services Not Sweeps Coalition

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Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 06:22 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, On October 21 2020, LA City Councilmembers Blumenfield, Buscaino, Rodriguez, Krekorian, Price, Cedillo, and Lee presented a motion (council file 20-1376) to drastically expand the criminalization and banishment of unhoused Angelenos across the city. The text of the motion instructs the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. This motion does not provide any new housing resources, wrap-around services for those experiencing homelessness, or any solutions to decrease the unhoused population in LA. Instead of focusing on actual, proven solutions to a crisis that continues to grow during this pandemic, City Council members have decided to once again spend time and city resources on another attempt to expand harmful criminalization policies which have only proven to fail and exacerbate homelessness. I demand that City Council and the Mayor's office instead invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing a healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, and take concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer, and furthermore to oppose the motion to instruct the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11.
Signed, Veronica

Communication from Public

Name: Sab

Date Submitted: 10/28/2020 01:49 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am a dtla resident and I would like to state that I encourage the passing of the new law that would help to clean up the neighborhood and offer actual solutions to the houseless population of Los Angeles. I'm tired of local officials turning a blind cheek to the homeless problem in LA. It has become the worst it has ever been the last few years making it hard for local residents to use sidewalks safely, and instead having to walk onto busy streets. This makes it especially hard for disabled residents who have to figure out a route that avoids the sidewalk entirely. This also allows the homeless problem to remain in limbo, what initiative do the homeless have to seek help when they can freely do what they want unbothered? They need to be housed and offered alternative choices that help their mental health. If this law does not pass the Los Angeles homeless demographics will only increase in numbers because of the cities' complacency. These people need help and community residents deserve a sidewalk to walk on safely. Let's get Angelinos home safe!!!

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Name: Julian Halpern
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Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 is immoral and unethical

Communication from Public

Name: Broc Sargent

Date Submitted: 10/29/2020 10:13 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Diving Lyft and Uber, I've seen multiple regular civilians get attacked when walking near encampments on the sidewalk. I'm constantly dodging trash and zombie people nearby too. Please help regular people trying to lead normal lives. This is no joke and effects those in middle- low income areas, minorities, and immigrants the most because they live around areas that are overtaken by the homeless who most are on crystal meth, fentanyl and heroin. People on the west end and Beverly Hills are very privileged not to be around this. The most destructive drugs are the cheapest and most potent they have ever been. Please do not sacrifice the safety of regular people and children for the right of these homeless to burn out of society and effect those actually trying. Broc

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: I would encourage a vote In favor of this measure to ensure clean up and passable sidewalks around bridge housing. Currently, there are multiple encampments making entire streets non-passable I'm j. The enforcement zone in Venice.