

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lauren

**Date Submitted:** 11/16/2020 05:22 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 (Council File 20-1376) to drastically expand the criminalization and banishment of unhoused Angelenos across the city by amendmending LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. I am AGAINST Council File 20-1376. 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.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Raylene moreno  
**Date Submitted:** 11/16/2020 06:15 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please stop wasting our tax dollars on such absurd and inhumane legislation. Stop persecuting our neighbors and provide real solutions for the homeless. We need help in the form of services.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kelly Masuda

**Date Submitted:** 11/16/2020 06:35 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** 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, this motion expands harmful criminalization policies which have only proven to fail and exacerbate homelessness.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Shannon Purser

**Date Submitted:** 11/16/2020 06:46 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Frankly, I am appalled that you council-members look at the vast number of homeless people in Los Angeles and would rather make their lives harder than house them. I'm from a conservative state and at first I was excited to move to Los Angeles. I thought I was moving somewhere more "progressive." But democratic talking points mean nothing without action. How can we stand by and watch people suffer on the streets? How can \*you\* stand by? YOU have the power to end the housing crisis. YOU have the opportunity to fund affordable housing and HELP the homeless instead of criminalizing them. Do better and do NOT allow this motion to pass.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 11/16/2020 07:04 PM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kendall D

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**Name:** Siri Borgen

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Signed, Siri Borgen

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sierra Kaiulani

**Date Submitted:** 11/16/2020 08:42 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing on behalf of my unhoused neighbors as a Los Angeles neighbor who cares for every aspect of our community, even for those who have been outcasted by society. Unhoused individuals have not only struggles, but ambitions and skills, and for some reason they have not been treated with equal respect to any other stranger primarily because they carry around what others refer to as "trash". I ask you to reflect on how much "trash" piles up on your kitchen counter or dining room table at home. How many little items has someone asked you why you even own that hold some value to you? How many of you still have a shirt from a loved one since passed? We need to reconsider the humanity of the people, because they are people. They may not be able to afford walls with doors and locks, but they shouldn't suffer emotional, physical, and safety consequences because of that. We as citizens of the city are responsible for caring for the people who live in our city, and that includes our unhoused neighbors. If we valued these people as humans whom at a basic level are no different from us in reference to what they need to survive, then we need to end the idea that these individuals don't deserve the right to sleep where is most safe for them. There are so many bureaucratic loopholes to be met as far as regional housing in Los Angeles Homeless housing solutions that "offering them a place to sleep" doesn't actually mean they get to rest their head in that bed any time soon if at all. Taking away their ability to find refuge creates further instability in their lives, ie. making things worse. That is not the role of the city. Instead, the city needs to House the Unhoused. We have the resources to do so and thus far we have lacked initiative, become frustrated with the process, and made it bureaucratically impossible to have our neighbors efficiently housed. We have the resources to house our unhoused neighbors in hotel rooms, motel rooms, and permanent housing. ALL unhoused Angelenos deserve housing solutions and if we want them to move simply because we don't like the way their homes look, then we are responsible for offering solutions. It is a compromise. We also need to repeal LAMC 41.18, LAMC 56.11, and all ordinances used to criminalize unhoused residents. They serve no purpose outside of maintaining a visual appearance of the city and offer no real solution. Many generalize our unhoused neighbors as degenerate rejects without having a conversation

with one to know why they are there and where they want to be. They are deserving of decent respect of human rights and these ordinances violate that. We do not need to make it impossible to rest. We do not require walls to be legal, so why are we making it illegal to sleep without them? We also need to remove law enforcement from these social programs and put social workers and mental health professionals in these situation instead because they have garnered more trust and respect within the unhoused community than officers have. In resolution, I also encourage us to all think about why it is that unhoused individuals are treated with such disdain and avoidance by their housed equivalents?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kira Morrison

**Date Submitted:** 11/16/2020 09:02 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am urging our City Council members to OPPOSE this motion that would continue to recklessly criminalize, harm, and harass our unhoused communities. This motion does not provide any new housing resource, 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, you 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. We need to invest in programs and housing that can create a healthy and safe environment for our unhoused neighbors, NOT criminalize them.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Conrad

**Date Submitted:** 11/16/2020 09:17 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** STOP CRIMINALIZING SURVIVAL. STOP SPENDING ALL OF YOUR TIME AND ENERGY IN POSITIONS OF POWER ON CRUELTY AND INSTEAD THINK CREATIVELY, EXPANSIVELY AND MORALLY. Use funds at your disposal to create services - job assistance, rent assistance, health care, education, mental health services. HELP PEOPLE IN NEED. YOU CAN MAKE THAT CHOICE. WE NEED YOU TO MAKE THAT CHOICE. DO NOT PASS MOTION CF 20-1376.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Bridget Illing

**Date Submitted:** 11/16/2020 04:43 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Commenting to urge to council to reject this item. It's unconstitutional and downright cruel to criminalize the unhoused community, while offering no services or assistance. This is not a solution, and it's not even a bandaid. It's a cruel attempt to create more suffering and hardship for a community that is already struggling. This is just one more attempt to criminalize homelessness, which has been proven over and over again to fail and exacerbate the issue. Please look out for your constituents who are most at need, and do not pass this item.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Public Health Educator

**Date Submitted:** 11/16/2020 10:01 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** This motion is a cruel, heartless attempt to further criminalize our most vulnerable community members during a pandemic. Instead of focusing on these actual, proven solutions, this motion will expand harmful criminalization policies which have only proven to fail and exacerbate homelessness. It does not provide additional resources for individuals who are already without a place to turn, and will only serve to fill our jails and prisons. 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. This motion will further harm our unhoused neighbors, many of which died during the heatwave and an untold number of whom have succumbed to COVID-19. As a matter of public health, this motion flies in the face of common sense policy and actions to prevent homelessness and support people who are already struggling during a pandemic. Please do NOT pass this motion and support real steps to end homelessness and poverty in Los Angeles.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Emily Skehan

**Date Submitted:** 11/16/2020 12:08 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a resident of Council District 4 writing to strongly oppose Councilmember Bob Blumenfield's attempt to criminalize our unhoused neighbors. We are facing extreme budget deficits due to the impacts of COVID-19, and spending unnecessary resources on criminalizing, policing, and harassing vulnerable people living on the streets is an absolute waste of our taxpayer money and humanity. The only thing that will solve homelessness in LA is housing. We should be spending resources on creative solutions, like the permanent repurposing of Project Roomkey properties, increased PSH, and targeted housing vouchers. It's both inhumane and illogical for us to spend more resources as Councilmember Blumenfield has proposed- we know it doesn't work and it's cruel. I urge the council to reject this out of date, traumatizing, and wasteful approach.