

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: LAMC 41.18 and 56.11 do not provide any new housing resources or wrap-around services for those experiencing homelessness, nor does it decrease the unhoused population in Los Angeles. Spending city time and resources on expanding harmful criminalization policies that exacerbate homelessness and the ongoing pandemic is unproductive. Cloaked in language that pretends to protect the health of unhoused residents near freeway onramps and over/under passes, LAMC 41.18 does not protect unhoused residents or the greater public health of the community during the pandemic. Staying sheltered and wearing masks and general hygiene are the best public health practices to combat the virus. Policies should focus on providing healthy and safe living environments for unhoused communities while they are on the streets. As an Angeleno that teaches in South Central LA I demand City Council invests its time and legislative power into programs that provide transitional and permanent housing and I oppose the current motion to undermine the safety of our greater community and further criminalize poverty in our city.

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Name: Isabel Wade

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Comments for Public Posting: I write to express strong opposition to ordinance 41.18, that criminalizes poverty and does nothing to help the county-wide emergency surrounding homelessness. You have failed your constituents time and time again and 41.18 will stoke the racist and discriminatory practices that leave our unhoused neighbors with even fewer options. I demand that you, as my representation, decriminalize poverty, focus your efforts on affirmative solutions, such as providing hotel rooms and working tirelessly to write legislation to provide permanent housing options in the city. Additionally, you must end the Care plan that further increases displacement and results in illness, death, and further chaos that dehumanizes residents of the city. We are not falling for the charades and lack of transparency of a supposed democratic city council that has proved time again that its pockets are valued over its constituents and will show up until we have new leadership or you all start to take the concerns of your city seriously.