

## Communication from Public

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**Council File No:** 21-0329-S4

**Comments for Public Posting:** Re: Special Hearing on LAMC 41.18 reportback (Council File 21-0329-S4) Please see attached letter from the LA Community Action Network Human & Civil Rights Committee, submitted at Homelessness and Housing Committee October 4, 2023 Councilmember Nithya Raman Chair, Homelessness and Housing Committee Councilmember Bob Blumenfield Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson Councilmember Monica Rodriguez Councilmember John Lee 200 S. Main St. Los Angeles, CA 90012 RE: Special Hearing on LAMC 41.18 reportback (Council File 21-0329-S4) Dear Councilmember Raman and fellow Committee members: In April 2023, the Council voted unanimously 13-0 on a motion that asked the Chief Legislative Analyst, in coordination with Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and relevant City Departments including LAPD and Bureau of Sanitation, to report back within 60 days regarding expenditures in the City’s enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 41.18 sec a-e (Council File 21-0329-S4). While this report back is well over 100 days past due, we hope that the City will present their findings soon. We are writing today to urgently ask for a Special Hearing of the Los Angeles City Council for this report back which includes community-based participatory action research and analysis of real-time impacts faced by houseless Angelenos. The Los Angeles Community Action Network (LA CAN) and a panel of local and National organizations are requesting to be added to the set of official report backs. While LA CAN supports true calls for transparency regarding the City’s continued use of enforcement as a “solution” to houselessness, we also recognize that a CLA report back could never include the cost and impact of the City’s enforcement as it is lived and felt by our houseless neighbors. To that end, the Human and Civil Rights Committee at LA CAN worked in partnership with people and organizations from around the city—from Skid Row to Reseda to Leimert Park to San Pedro—to survey houseless neighbors and record their experiences with City departments including LAPD, the Bureau of Sanitation, as well as LAHSA and other service providers. We have organized those survey findings into our forthcoming report, “41.18: Separate and Unequal,” which we look forward to presenting at a Special Hearing. Our request is rooted in a long-standing City Hall

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October 4, 2023

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