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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(9) Nay(0) Abstain(3) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Impact Information

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Council File Number: 21-0929

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The North Westwood Neighborhood Council has expressed opposition to council file 21-0929. Community Impact Statement is attached below.



- COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

Council File: [21-0929](#)

Title: Unlawful Sitting, Lying, Sleeping / Unlawful Personal Property Storage, Use, Maintenance / Schools / Signage

Position: Opposed

Summary:

The North Westwood Neighborhood Council opposes this motion to criminalize our unhoused neighbors. Banning unhoused Angelenos from living within 500 feet of over 1,000 public schools is a stunt that will only lead the City further away from truly effective measures instead.

Our city is facing a homelessness crisis, one which city leaders will readily admit that we do not yet have the resources to address. Available beds and social services lag far behind the number of people who need them. Too many of those who are placed into interim housing are unable to transition to permanent options that are in short supply.

Yet this motion criminalizes people with no other place to go, for merely seeking shelter within a wide radius of hundreds and hundreds of locations. It does nothing to solve homelessness, merely forcibly pushing people from place to place. The motion expresses a view that unhoused people are inherently criminal, misusing schoolchildren to further that end.

We particularly oppose this motion because of the over 17,000 estimated unhoused LAUSD students and their families. If this motion passes and these families are forced away, many children will no longer be able to attend their school, progress through the educational system, and receive meals and other programs at school. Instead of using education to help young people in homelessness, this motion deprives them of that right.

We urge the City Council to take a new approach founded on services, housing, and listening to the needs of the unhoused. We wholeheartedly oppose this motion, a telling example of the limitations of the new 41.18 criminalization policy the City recently enacted.