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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(15) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 09/16/2021

Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

Date: 09/17/2021

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 21-0970

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: WHEREAS, The residents and their elected representatives of the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council believe that nonviolent protests at officials' houses is protected speech. The practice of protesting at powerful elected and unelected officials' homes has a very long tradition in the United States and is protected under the 1st Amendment. WHEREAS, the elected representatives of the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council, and our constituents are being unconstitutionally silenced by City Hall. Los Angeles City Council has limited public comments at meetings so severely, that the public is forced to get answers in the field. The principle behind protests of this kind over the decades has been that people feel unable to access their leaders through "ordinary" means, such as requesting meetings and showing up at City Hall, so they take the protest to their houses. WHEREAS, the residents and their elected representatives of the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council do not approve of members of Los Angeles City Council limiting free speech and infringing on 1st amendment rights of the 3.9 million people of the City of LA. NOW, THEREFORE The residents and their elected representatives of the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council demand that the City of LA reinstate the public comment time on City Council meetings so the constituents have ample time to air their concerns to their elected public officials. If city council can only give 20 minutes to 3.9 million people, it forces constituents to obtain answers from their elected officials via alternate means. NOW, THEREFORE, The residents and their elected representatives of the LHNC demand that this unconstitutional, provincial motion mirrored off of a San Jose law be withdrawn on the grounds mentioned above. To limit free speech of the public only erodes democracy and elected public officials must be held accountable for their decision making when it violates the constitution and the peoples human rights.

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September 16, 2021

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

CF 21-0970

The Board Approves This Community Impact Statement Yea (15), Nay (x), Abstain (x) on September 16, 2021

Honorable City Council
Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring Street, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: CF 21-0970 SPECIAL MOTION 1 / PROHIBITION OF PROTESTING / 300 FEET OF TARGET HOME / ORDINANCE

Dear Honorable City Council members:

On September 16, 2021, in a Brown Act compliant meeting, Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council considered the following resolution re: Motion CF 21-0970 -Special Motion 1 / Prohibition of Protesting / 300 Feet of Target Home / Ordinance. The stakeholders and elected officials have come to the following conclusions listed below:

WHEREAS, On September 15, 2021, LA City Council Rules Committee voted to approve the motion written by Nury Martinez and Mitch O'Farrell to ban protests within 300 ft of an elected public officials home. They seek to amend the LAMC with a law that "has survived a court challenge" in the City of San Jose.

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WHEREAS, The residents and their elected representatives of the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council do not agree with Nury Martinez/ Mitch O'Farrell using the sensationalist example of anti vaxxers at their home to write this motion. It is well known that the people normally protesting at their homes are doing so to shine a light on the unconstitutional actions of the LA City Council- which Ms. Martinez presides. These protests often address the abuses and crimes against the unhoused. Council members' residences are often paid for with taxpayer money in the form of wages and are exempt from ethics reporting on form 700.

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Sincerely,

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