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Summary:



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Council File: [21-4118-S9](#)

Title: Designation of Prohibited Locations / Council District 5 / Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.18

Position: Opposed

Council File: [21-4118](#)

Title: Designation of Prohibited Location Resolution Series / Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.18

Position: Opposed

Summary:

The North Westwood Neighborhood Council opposes the motion in Council File 21-4118-S9 to criminalize our unhoused neighbors at the listed locations, including Westwood Park. Banning unhoused Angelenos from living within 500 feet of the park will only cause displacement and dispossession. This motion and others under the new 41.18 structure (those in the 21-4118 series) lead the City further away from truly effective measures instead. We urge 21-4118-S9 be repealed.

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 Council File 21-4118-S9 criminalizes people with no other place to go, for merely seeking shelter within a wide radius of Westwood Park and other public locations. It does nothing to solve homelessness, merely forcibly pushing people from place to place and expressing a view that unhoused people are inherently criminal.

NWWNC and its partner organizations have hosted Westwood Connect Day at Westwood Park, connecting unhoused neighbors to medical, legal, housing, and hygiene services and resources. We believe that Council File 21-4118-S9 will undermine or undo the hard work building trust and providing aid of efforts like this.

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 Council File 21-4118-S9 (and others under the 21-4118 series), a telling example of the limitations of the new 41.18 criminalization policy the City recently enacted, and hope for its reversal.