

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Hugh Schurtz  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** In Favor of Legislation introduced by Councilman Bob Blumenfield for Freelance Workers. I was under Federal Contract for my late Veteran Father as his Designated Family Caregiver. His Trust required his assets pay for his care. The VA Contract had an hourly & day rate for care that was to come from his assets. It also defined ownership of my personal residence. The US Supreme Court determined a Federal Agency contract had precedence over any State Court decision and was final. (Auer v Robbins) The VA and SSA allow a Disabled person to own property and earn wages. Not so in Los Angeles. LA Assessor says the Disabled cannot own property unless a probate Judge decides such despite no rule of such in CA Government Code 27286. Probate Law requires a disabled person would be required to have assets the person enjoyed in life including an allowance if money was given in life, so the County should have signed over the Joint Tenancy property. It refused. The Lawyers and Pais Montgomery (Executors that did so & of Ms. Spears) state VA Contracts aren't valid in probate court which is false yet Judge David Cowan is on trial for discrimination against a Disabled person and states probate law doesn't apply and agreed with Lawyers that Disabled in California are indentured. The home was defined and only a filing error that Wells Fargo admitted they did caused an issue on title (yet all documents to do it properly were notarized) State Fair Housing & Employment ignores requirement to pay due to type contract. Fiduciaries in CA are allowed to give false and misleading testimony about Federal Contracts & Judges refuse to admit them since they are State Judges. This leaves Caretakers with a Contract without protection and creates a situation Homeland Security defines as Labor Trafficking by fraud. The State has a Penal Code (368) for Financial Abuse of a Disabled person yet the LAPD Van Nuys Division refuses to file charges Adult Protection and Independent Living Center submit. Not paying a Caretaker because they are disabled (I have it in writing under Attorney letterhead) because the Caretaker has disability & taking their home in a Federal Contract should be reason for LAPD to arrest Lawyers and Executors for Penal Code 368 and Labor Trafficking yet they find the law "confusing" Although Probate Court law agrees with the Contract the Judges say they are too busy to know the law. Councilmember Blumenfield legislation will help Caregivers receive money the person they cared for for years to pay them as promised, insure a Disabled Family Caretaker keeps property defined as caretakers and keep Lawyers and Executors from making more disabled people homeless to line their pockets. It frees the LAPD from liability from never helping the Disabled. (A huge problem) since they don't understand Penal Code 368 (Elder/Vulnerable Financial Abuse) It also helps stop Human Trafficking and will make less people homeless. Pass the legislation and correct the past abuses the LAPD has allowed by not filing Penal Code 368 charges. Thank you. People deserve to be paid per their contracts verses being labor trafficked. critical protections for freelance workers. Modeled after the 'Freelance Isn't Free' law in NYC, the goal is to ensure that workers get paid promptly & have some leverage in industries that historically have been rife with abuse. Quote Tweet CBS Los Angeles @CBSLA · Jan 26 If adopted, the motion would recommend a "Freelance Isn't Free Act," similar to one already enacted in New York.  
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14 Bob Blumenfield @BobBlumenfield · Jan 27 A lot of Angelenos work without contracts and aren't considered 'employees' under federal, state and local labor laws, and they have none of the basic workplace protections. Care workers, editors, artists, and independent contractors like domestic workers are some of the... 1 3 Re freelancers who are vulnerable to unfair pay disputes and other issues and will benefit from this legislation. Thanks to organizations like the @freelancersu who have been pushing hard for similar legislation around the country.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Latia Suttle

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**Comments for Public Posting:** LADOT needs to create a report on alternative models and methods that do not rely on armed law enforcement to achieve transportation policy objectives. This motion was supposed to go to city council to be voted upon but has been sent to yet another committee meeting which seems like it is an attempt to halt it or slow it down. I express the urgency in why this motion needs to be passed and why this report needs to be created. It is not necessary to have armed law enforcement to achieve transportation policy objectives. Black and brown communities are far too often being harassed by law enforcement, experiencing police brutality and/or being murdered during routine traffic stops. I urge this motion to be passed and to end armed law enforcement to achieve transportation policy objectives.