

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Edward Wilson

**Date Submitted:** 07/28/2020 10:38 AM

**Council File No:** 00-9999

**Comments for Public Posting:** On behalf of my wife and myself we can no longer walk down our sidewalk as they are covered in tents. Our neighbors are selling their homes at a loss just to get out of the danger we face every day. Please do something to clean up our neighborhood so our home is safe again. We were promised a safer neighborhood if we supported the bridge housing. Please keep your promise. Ed Wilson 700 Main St Venice, CA

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 07/28/2020 02:53 PM

**Council File No:** 00-9999

**Comments for Public Posting:** WHAT ARE YOU ALL DOING FOR DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES ESPECIALLY THE INDUSTRIAL ZONE FROM ADAMS TO VERNON AND FIGUEROA TO SAN PEDRO. THERE ARE HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF CRIMINALS - DISGUISED AS "HOMELESS" TO COMMIT CRIMES. A)TRAFFICKING OF GUNS, B)TRAFFICKING OF DRUGS, C)PROSTITUTION, D)URINATING, E) DEFECATING ALL THESE CHAOS IS IN THE STREETS. F)BREAKING IN OUR BUSINESS, OUR PROPERTY, G)BREAKING CITY FIRE HYDRANTS H)STEALING ELECTRICITY FROM CITY POLES I) CONSTANTLY SETTING UP FIRES. J)THEIR LACK OF HYGIENE AND DISRESPECT FOR COVI 19 GUIDELINES MAKES THEM EASIER TO SPREAD COVI19

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Deborah Murphy

**Date Submitted:** 07/28/2020 05:57 PM

**Council File No:** 00-9999

**Comments for Public Posting:** GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT: My public comment is in regards to Michael L. O'Brien, who retired from the City of Los Angeles Dept of City Planning in 2014 and passed away on July 16, 2020. He will be honored during the adjournment of the July 29, 2020 Council Meeting by Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell. Please see the attached document from which my public testimony will be drawn. I would like to speak during the public comment phase of the meeting. I will call in to the

Los Angeles City Council

July 29, 2020 Public Comment

From: Deborah Murphy, [deborahmurphy@me.com](mailto:deborahmurphy@me.com), resident of CD13

**Re: Michael L. O'Brien**

**August 26, 1946 - July 16, 2020**

Michael L. O'Brien, Landscape Architect and former city planner and landscape architect for 28 years with the City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning, died July 16, 2020 at his home in Echo Park, California, after a being diagnosed with kidney disease and lung cancer. He was 74 years old.

Michael was born in Prairie Village, Kansas and was the only child of Maurice and Virginia O'Brien. After attending local schools, including Bishop Miege High School in Roeland Park, Kansas, he studied Linguistics at the University of Kansas and received a B.A. with Distinction from the Department of French and Italian and the Department of Linguistics in 1967. Michael then relocated to Los Angeles where he received his M.A. in Linguistics at UCLA in 1968.

Mr. O'Brien discovered his passion for landscape architecture in the early 1980's and enrolled in the Landscape Architecture Program at UCLA Extension where he received his Professional Designation Certificate in Landscape Architecture in 1983.

After working in several landscape architecture and architecture offices in the Los Angeles area, he started his 28-year employment at the City of Los Angeles as a Landscape Architectural Assistant in the Bureau of Engineering in 1986. The next year he transferred to the Department of City Planning, where he was engaged in the development of cutting-edge policies, programs, and projects from landscape and urban design to environmental and zoning regulations.

Michael is best known for his unrelenting commitment to the development and adoption of the City's first Landscape Ordinance which incorporated one of the first Xeriscape programs in the country in 1996. The ordinance incorporated water management, energy mitigation and green waste recycling in response to State and Federal mandates as well as addressing drought and energy consumption issues in Southern California. Consistent with his dedicated commitment to low impact sustainable landscaping, the ordinance promoted the use of drought-tolerant water efficient native plants. As stated in the purpose of the Landscape Ordinance "WHEREAS, appropriate landscaping aids in stabilizing the environment's ecological balance by contributing to the processes of air purification, oxygen regeneration, ground-water recharge, storm water runoff retardation, mitigation of the urban heat island effect, erosion control, and conservation of soil, energy and water; ...".

Michael was forever the teacher and was a vital part of the faculty at UCLA Extension Landscape Architecture Program where he developed the Human Factors in Landscape Architecture course that challenged students to know everything about how people of all abilities experienced the world around them. One of the key lessons that Michael engaged his students in was to navigate around Downtown Los Angeles in a wheelchair, so they would learn first-hand what it was like to move along a bumpy and narrow sidewalk, to try to access a crosswalk without an access ramp, to wait for the bus on a dirt path, and face other challenges that persons with disabilities address every day. He also taught in the University of Southern California Landscape Architecture program.

Michael was also very involved in community events and programs in the neighborhoods where he lived in the past 36 years - Echo Park, Elysian Park, and Silver Lake. Michael was an active member of the Steering Committee for the Citizens Committee to Save Elysian Park (CCSEP), the Neighborhood Issues Committee for Echo Park Improvement Association (EPIA), and a collaborator with other Echo Park community organizations. He originated many publicly attended walking tours throughout the community with Echo Park Historical Society and CCSEP.

In the early 2000's, Michael was part of a dedicated team of community members and landscape architects to redesign Glendale Blvd south of the terminus of the Glendale Freeway in Echo

Park/Silver Lake. Their vision was to make a distinctive entrance to Echo Park from the north without resorting to the palm tree or jacaranda dominated streetscapes around Los Angeles. A palette of majestic pines, rosemary, and other low-water use plants was utilized to welcome visitors and residents to Echo Park along this wide boulevard where trolley cars used to carry passengers to and from downtown Los Angeles.

Michael was committed to historic preservation of cultural landmarks including building and landscapes, and was involved in the nomination for Historical Status for Echo Park Lake with the City's Cultural Affairs Department; the nomination for the WWI Memorial Grove, that was recently restored in Elysian Park; and the Cultural Historic Monument designation for the Mid-Century Modern J.R. Davidson and R.M. Schindler-designed Sabsay House in Silver Lake, where he lived for 15 years in the 80s and 90s.

He was also an avid collector of Western, North West Coast native American, and Japanese art and artifacts and gathered a large collection of landscape architecture and native plant books in his library.

Michael will be remembered for his dedication to community service, his commitment to sustainable landscapes and historic preservation, his expletive laden lack of patience along with his generous spirit and the huge heart that he had for the Echo Park community and the City of Los Angeles.

Michael leaves an indelible impression on his friends, neighbors and colleagues and will be greatly missed.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jane Doe

**Date Submitted:** 07/28/2020 08:58 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** LAMC 41.18 is being violated on the 900 North block of Highland Avenue. We are forced to move into traffic because we cannot access the street The homeless encampment denies our right to access the sidewalk.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Katina

**Date Submitted:** 07/28/2020 09:03 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Why isn't the city doing PSA's for wearing face masks. Send alerts on cell phones like was done during the protests. Send pics of how masks must be worn to be effective - not below the nose!!! Have the PUBlic Health Dept print signs showing how masks must be worn and deliver to businesses to post. Posters should state that If masks not work correctly- customers will be asked to leave. Far too many people are wearing masks incorrectly. We need regular and descriptive messaging!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gina Viola

**Date Submitted:** 07/29/2020 11:28 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** General Public Comment – This process of giving public comment on all items at the beginning of your meeting really highlights your total lack of interest in the community's input. Our only solution for addressing any discussion you've had on items is to post on social media. This council just continues to be a complete failure in all aspects. It's become increasingly clear to me that you solely exist to green light developers and then use the LAPD to remove Black, brown and poor people from those developments. Our calls to defund the police are falling upon greedy ears that cannot see past your own interests to make this a reality. The Board of Supervisors is leaving you in its dust towards being on the just side of history. We will replace you all!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ernest Moore

**Date Submitted:** 07/29/2020 04:05 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** This is for general public comment! The local government and network TV stations are not giving a voice to other demands from Black Americans in this city. They only give exposure to demands by the Black Lives Matter Organizers that do not represent all American Negroes. As for police reform, we want to defund the LAPD and funding for my Black American Malitia (B.A.M). We will start by policing the police, DA, and judges. We will make sure that no corruption will be tolerated in LAPD!! When can we get started?