

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Lopez

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 09:44 PM

Council File No: 00-9999

Comments for Public Posting: This motion failed last time because it was bad policy then, and it's bad policy now. Councilmember Buscaino is wasting the council and the public's time on a political stunt by attempting to revive a motion that should be dead and buried. Bringing this motion just to force council's hand is nothing more than a campaign stunt. We can't afford to sacrifice real solutions for political games. This motion does not provide any new resources or housing for unhoused individuals - these are the things we all know are needed to solve the homelessness crisis we face. Homelessness in Los Angeles continues to grow, and a wave of evictions is expected soon. Spending time discussing anti-homeless enforcement when we lack adequate shelter and housing is a distraction from the crisis, not a solution. Scarce shelter and housing resources should be allocated based on need and appropriateness. Reallocating shelter beds as a pretext for clearing a specific location means that people who need and want those beds won't be able to get them. We need to make delivery of services more efficient, not bend the system to fit with enforcement priorities. This motion failed the first time because it is unworkable and unrealistic. This will not address homelessness; at best, it reduces the visibility of homelessness. The only way to solve homelessness getting people housing, not moving them out of the way. Each time this motion returns, it's treated with a sense of urgency never applied to housing and shelter programs. Motions to provide street services languish in committee and pilot programs to house people aren't scaled up. That is where we need urgent action by council. Unhoused Angelenos face disproportionate risks of police violence. Motions like this greatly increase the number of hostile encounters between unhoused people and law enforcement, further increasing that risk. At a time when the public is demanding that we reimagine public safety, further involving police in the provision of homeless services is not the answer.

Communication from Public

Name: Violet Elder

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 10:43 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in opposition of 41.18. The reason this motion failed before was because it was a bad policy then, and it is still a bad policy now. Councilmember Buscaino is wasting the council and the public's time on a political stunt by attempting to revive a cruel motion that should be dead and buried, should be something you're all ashamed of ever having proposed the first time, much less a second. This motion does not provide any new resources or housing for unhoused individuals - these are the things we all know are needed to solve the homelessness crisis we face. Homelessness in Los Angeles continues to grow, and a wave of evictions is expected soon. Spending time discussing anti-homeless enforcement when we lack adequate shelter and housing is a distraction from the crisis and a political game and campaign stunt, not a solution. This will not address homelessness; at best, it reduces the visibility of homelessness. The only way to solve homelessness getting people housing, not moving them out of the way. Focus less on getting better optics for this humanitarian crisis, and more on actually SOLVING it. Each time this motion returns, it's treated with a sense of urgency never applied to housing and shelter programs. Motions to provide street services languish in committee and pilot programs to house people aren't scaled up. That is where we need urgent action by council. Unhoused Angelenos face disproportionate risks of police violence. Motions like this greatly increase the number of hostile encounters between unhoused people and law enforcement, further increasing that risk. At a time when the public is demanding that we reimagine public safety, further involving police in the provision of homeless services is not the answer. You all had a lot of big talk about defunding the police and reimagining public safety last year, but still have yet to truly put your money where your mouth is (probably because all your money is going to police coffers still). Criminalization of homelessness is so deeply and obviously cruel, especially when so many people are unhoused due to governmental action (or inaction) in the first place.

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Name: Patrice Fisher

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 11:37 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The whole of LA City Council is now aware of the unethical and probably illegal attempt to sale the Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza Mall to David Schwartzman and his latest attempt to find funds to purchase the Mall and financial partner, Len Blavatnik. You are supposed to be representing the best interests of your constituents and the City of Los Angeles. Your silence and lack of action to stop this sale make you complicit. I urge you to do everything within your power to stop this atrocious sale and back the Crenshaw and surrounding communities' bid submitted by Downtown Crenshaw Raising to purchase Our Mall and 40 Acres! Trustingly submitted, Patrice Fisher Member of Downtown Crenshaw

Communication from Public

Name: Roman Gatila

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 02:39 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I represent DTLA - Alexandria Commercial Spaces 501 S. Spring Street. DTLA has lots of Historical Buildings which has commercial businesses just like Alexandria Hotel. Having homeless people living along sidewalk will affect our business as well as the safety of our tenants. Government should provide housing program particularly for the homeless only. Motivate them to connect and join the program. I vote YES on PROHIBIT SIDEWALK CAMPING.

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Name: Maize

Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 04:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a native Angeleno, I'm voicing my support for Oil Can Harry's to receive historical status. It holds a valuable place in the LGBTQ history of our city, and continues to provide safety and support for all members of the LA queer community. Over the years, we've lost so many important landmarks to real estate developers who don't understand, or seem to care, that they're trading LA's cultural touchstones for overpriced condos. It would be a tremendous loss for all of us to watch another landmark torn down, and for what? Housing that the majority of LA residents can't afford? Queer spaces are hard to come by, especially ones that have so much cultural significance. They teach younger generations about LGBTQ history. They serve as reminders of where we came from, the struggles, the sacrifice, the injustice... I believe diversity is LA's best quality, it's why our culture is so nuanced and rich. We should strive to protect and honor it always. Please give Oil Can Harry's the recognition it deserves.

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Name: Simone Istwa

Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 06:03 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This bar is where my queer community has always lived. There is no other place in all of Los Angeles with the atmosphere of Oil Can Harry's. The aggressive nature and mainstream glamour of West Hollywood clubs doesn't cut it for all queer people, some of whom are in various stages of their transition or being out. The "true freaks," as we lovingly call ourselves, go to Harry's to feel connected to a deeper, more inclusive sense of queerness. We have to save this bar to keep the character and uniqueness of the Los Angeles nightlife alive!

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Name: charley damski
Date Submitted: 07/08/2021 06:12 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: This is the most important place in the valley

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Comments for Public Posting: Oil Can Harry's has been one of the only places that made LA feel like a possible home for me. A place to feel safe and dance and have fun. For everyone. A singular spot you couldn't find anywhere else in the world. Don't lose it. LA deserves a diverse influx of people and Oil Can Harry's is a place that can give those people a home.

Communication from Public

Name: Melissa Furioli

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Comments for Public Posting: Honorable Council Members, I believe that preserving this site is an incredibly important part of the city's history, for her LGBTQ+ community. Please do all that you can to make it so. With warm wishes and gratitude, Melissa Furioli

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Comments for Public Posting: Fully in support of this motion - please make this happen.