

Communication from Public

Name: SORO People's Committee

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Council File No: 14-1057-S9

Comments for Public Posting: To our esteemed councilmembers, We are an organization representing the working class of the South Robertson neighborhood in zip codes 90034 and 90035. Many of us have experienced housing insecurity and homelessness; all of us oppose the cruel motion within Council File 14-1057-S9. The goal of this motion is to criminalize vehicle dwelling. At a time when far more Angelenos are falling INTO homelessness than exiting homelessness, when service providers are failing to do basic outreach, and when people's cars are their last buffer against living on the street, how can the city council be so shortsighted? Criminalizing vehicle dwelling will do nothing but make it harder for people to find housing. Costly tickets and arrest records make many people ineligible for support programs, while also making it even harder to secure housing in the first place, as most landlord require a background check with no arrest record. Please do the right thing. You cannot eliminate poverty by criminalizing it and trying to banish it. You must attack the root cause by building permanent supportive housing systems -- shelters and temporary housing solutions are not enough. Sincerely, Your concerned stakeholders



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