

Communication from Public

Name: Olga Lexell

Date Submitted: 12/09/2021 09:44 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S9

Comments for Public Posting: This is absolutely disgusting. How can you make it illegal for people to dwell in their vehicles? Having lived in my car for a period of time myself, this is an unbelievably cruel motion. A car is often the last place people have before they're forced into a tent on the street. If I didn't have my car, I never would've bounced back from that period of my life. I am embarrassed that my own councilmember, CM Koretz, would introduce this motion.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 12/09/2021 09:51 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S9

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose this motion. This will significantly worsen life in the city for those with little other options and push people into more danger.

Communication from Public

Name: ricci sergienko
Date Submitted: 12/09/2021 09:58 AM
Council File No: 14-1057-S9
Comments for Public Posting: I oppose this deeply cruel motion

Communication from Public

Name: Robert

Date Submitted: 12/09/2021 10:39 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S9

Comments for Public Posting: Oppose 14-1057-S9 Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Koretz's new fascist motion banning people from sleeping in cars is unjust and inhuman. Vote for Kenneth Meija for LA City Controller. Friends don't let friends vote for new Jim Crow Koretz. Robert Peppey CD13

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Name: Jelena Woehr

Date Submitted: 12/09/2021 10:45 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S9

Comments for Public Posting: Banning sleeping in cars will kill people. Tired drivers are more impaired than drunk drivers. Imagine a nurse driving home at 3 AM from a 20-hour shift having to choose between getting in a car accident and getting harassed by police for pulling over to take a nap? Not only should it be perfectly legal to sleep in cars, there should be designated, lighted, and monitored safe sleeping lots managed by the city, both for tired drivers needing to rest and people with nowhere to go but their vehicles. Koretz is my council member and his introduction of this motion ensures I will never again vote for him. What a wrongheaded and cruel thing to propose.

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Name: Dov Gold
Date Submitted: 12/09/2021 10:45 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose this deeply cruel motion

Communication from Public

Name: Flower

Date Submitted: 12/09/2021 10:48 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S9

Comments for Public Posting: Criminalizing sleeping in one's car is a complete overstep on behalf of the city council. You have gotten away with far too much criminalization despite backlash from the people you allegedly represent, that seems like a major crack in the foundation of our democracy here in Los Angeles. Koretz's motion would mean that unless you have a house or apartment there is nowhere in LA where you can sleep - that is absolutely unacceptable and shows how disconnected the council members are from the actual needs of Angelenos. Just say it, you hate people who don't have access to resources like you do... You should be ashamed of yourselves for thinking this way and you will always be remembered for doing nothing to help people while getting your rocks off throwing them in jail for just existing.

Communication from Public

Name: Callon-Riain McKeon

Date Submitted: 12/09/2021 10:48 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S9

Comments for Public Posting: You are a fascist monster, the Nazis also targeted the homeless, 18% of which are children. How dare you rather vulnerable children, if there is a hell may you forever burn in it you sick demon, go back to the hell you came from, you are a predator of the vulnerable, human garbage.

Communication from Public

Name: Heather

Date Submitted: 12/09/2021 10:49 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S9

Comments for Public Posting: I honestly wish I could get through a week without having to beg elected officials to treat people, even poor and unhoused people, like human beings instead of eyesore. If you don't want people sleeping in their cars, maybe build some fucking housing/apartments?

Communication from Public

Name: Akio Katano

Date Submitted: 12/09/2021 10:51 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S9

Comments for Public Posting: The proposed restriction on sleeping in a vehicle is hideous, cruel, and irrational. It does nothing but make the most vulnerable to street homelessness MORE LIKELY TO FALL INTO STREET HOMELESSNESS and will INCREASE the number of encampments. It is absolutely absurd that we're even discussing this, and it puts the lie to any concern that the council claims to have for the poor and homeless.

Communication from Public

Name: Nicole Arbusto

Date Submitted: 12/09/2021 10:55 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S9

Comments for Public Posting: This is regarding LAMC 85.02. I don't understand why the city continues to expend energy on criminalizing homelessness. Fining people who are living in their cars is cruel and pointless. How on earth is someone who has lost their housing supposed to save money to get an apartment if they are facing fines for the only solution they've been able to access. I truly don't understand the thinking behind this motion. How many times do we have to ask STOP CREATING BARRIERS for the poor. Please vote no and stop coming up with ways to push unhoused and poor people further away from getting housed and moving out of poverty and despair.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/09/2021 11:04 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S9

Comments for Public Posting: This is a disgustingly cruel idea. As the city council ignores free fema money to house the homeless, while others struggle to pay their mortgages and rent to stay housed, we shouldn't be considering motions to criminalize poverty. Shame on all of you for your lack of empathy.

Communication from Public

Name: Giorgia mannucci

Date Submitted: 12/09/2021 11:06 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S9

Comments for Public Posting: Ban and criminalize car dwelling is immoral, to say the least. After all the people that have lost the house during the pandemic, this council doesn't do anything else that find band-aid solutions and criminalize. The council conduct is unethical and just plain evil. Thank goodness for the community based organization that provide support and help for those in need. Some of you are running for different positions in spring, we are all keeping the tabs on you. Giorgia Mannucci.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/09/2021 11:26 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S9

Comments for Public Posting: Homeless and impoverished people with nowhere else to go should not be punished for sleeping in their car. Doing so would waste taxpayer dollars on unnecessary policing, and further entrench people in poverty and homelessness by posing fines that many would be unable to pay. Taxpayer money would be more effectively used if it were invested in affordable housing and other actual solutions to homelessness. I would like to remind the council that the Supreme Court ruled that the Eighth Amendment to the United States Constitution's prohibition on cruel and unusual punishment ruled that it is unconstitutional to punish homeless people for sleeping in public when those people have no home or shelter to go to. Given that services are already overstretched, it is unreasonable to assume that everyone sleeping in their car is doing so by choice. Furthermore, it is good practice to keep essential items such as sleeping bags or other protection from the elements, as well as food and a way to cook said food, inside one's car for use in case of an emergency - including, but not limited to, a natural disaster or traffic accident that leaves one stranded far from civilization, for example. While I recognize that the law as proposed requires a combination of activities from Subdivision 1 and Subdivision 2 in order to find an individual guilty of violating this law, I believe that it is nonetheless unreasonable to criminalize individuals in any way for following best emergency preparedness driving practices by storing essential items in one's car. Individuals should not be subjected to searches for said items, and the presence of said items should have no bearing on the finding of an individual to be innocent or guilty. Moreover, this proposal reveals a true breadth and depth of ignorance on the lived realities of homeless people, and a cruel and callous lack of empathy and compassion. Nobody's life should be so devalued, and I sincerely hope and pray for those who drafted this law to grow a heart.

Communication from Public

Name: Sean Kleinman-Sishc

Date Submitted: 12/09/2021 11:35 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S9

Comments for Public Posting: When the city criminalizes sleeping in one's vehicle, those with no other option will sleep on the street. Seeing as the council has been militantly criminalizing sleeping on the street, I have a hard time seeing how this proposal is anything other than an expansion of the city's continuing war on the poor and vulnerable

Communication from Public

Name: Carter Moon

Date Submitted: 12/09/2021 11:48 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S9

Comments for Public Posting: Where do you expect human beings to go? You rip apart their tents and put them in the trash to leave them to die of exposure. You refuse to get them hotel rooms, you fail to build enough shelter beds. And now you want to ban people from even taking shelter in their cars, when they can manage to hold on to them? These are full human beings, just as capable of thought and love and anguish as you or me, and you treat them like animals, excess livestock to be culled from the herd. As it rains today throughout Los Angeles, we know people will die cold and alone, and you want even more of them to die even faster. It is an abomination what you do to this city every day. In my most desperate hours I pray that hell is real just so I can know you people will eventually pay for what you do. Shame on you all.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/09/2021 11:48 AM

Council File No: 14-1057-S9

Comments for Public Posting: I OPPOSE needlessly punishing people forced to sleep in their cars. This is an unnecessary and cruel policy that would only harm people already clearly suffering economic hardship and does not seek to provide any real solutions to the problem it pretends to address.

Communication from Public

Name: Danielle F
Date Submitted: 12/09/2021 11:56 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose this very cruel motion.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 12/09/2021 12:04 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S9

Comments for Public Posting: This motion sucks. It's way too vague. Koretz should feel ashamed of being so lazy.

Communication from Public

Name: Hyeon Park

Date Submitted: 12/09/2021 12:07 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S9

Comments for Public Posting: As someone who previously was unhoused and spent several weeks living in my car until my situation stabilized in Los Angeles, I vehemently oppose the criminalization of sleeping in your car. People who are doing so are often at the end of their resources. I received two tickets during the time I was unhoused and they severely impacted me negatively. Criminalization of poverty does nothing to alleviate the unhoused crisis in Los Angeles and is frankly, inhumane and cruel. Unhoused people deserve fair representation and dignity. KORETZ AND BUSCAINO, SHAME ON YOU.

Communication from Public

Name: Collin B

Date Submitted: 12/09/2021 12:07 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S9

Comments for Public Posting: Please oppose this motion and all other motions that look to criminalize before there are tangible solutions and services in place. Perhaps a different solution like using 100% reimbursed FEMA money to use hotels to shelter people, even temporarily, is a better option than writing tickets. Please stop with this nonsense. No on this motion.

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Name: Vasquez

Date Submitted: 12/09/2021 01:09 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S9

Comments for Public Posting: I am not in support of this. I believe that it is too Open to interpretation. I routinely sleep in my car when on break from work or school. I hate that this could put me in jeopardy and receive a fine, which in a time of a pandemic and financial standing, would be a big hassle. I do not believe the problem is solved by providing citations to people who do such a thing. It's an exploitation of peoples financial conditions. I do not support such a measure. There's need to be an actual solution and not just an antagonizing, desperate action. Thank you.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 12/09/2021 12:54 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S9

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of CD5, I urge the LA City Council to vote NO on this ordinance. I do not think we should fine people and subsequently jail them for sleeping in their vehicles. From a review of what is publicly provided, I do not have sufficient information to feel confident that the vehicle lodging permit program will actually be accessible to people who need it therefore triggering many fines and increased imprisonment for my neighbors and would create a burden of cost on the city for which I am a taxpayer. I do not support this.

Communication from Public

Name: Katya

Date Submitted: 12/09/2021 01:44 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S9

Comments for Public Posting: Making it illegal to sleep in your car is state violence, highway robbery, and straight up extortion. This is the wrong way to address homelessness. Its embarrassing and disgusting. Don't do it. Don't criminalize sleep.

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Name: Grace Doyle

Date Submitted: 12/09/2021 03:15 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S9

Comments for Public Posting: No one's first choice is to sleep in a car. We don't need to create a disincentive for people - they will sleep in their car if they have no other option. The better option you could provide: rent control, shelters, upward mobility services. The homelessness committee should be presenting legislation that will help people out of homelessness - not criminalizing people for being poor.

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Name: nick

Date Submitted: 12/09/2021 06:03 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S9

Comments for Public Posting: this is beyond idiotic, which is not surprising coming from this council. It's beyond disappointing... I guess the quid-pro-quo commission increases from the developers if you can drive out the homeless? Also a \$100 ticket is not going to deter people from sleeping in their cars... you're just taking money from people that already don't have enough. What would LA be if it were always illegal to sleep in cars? how many artists, actors, future startup creators would call LA home?

Communication from Public

Name: Amy MacKay

Date Submitted: 12/09/2021 07:39 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S9

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am appalled at this motion to criminalize people sleeping in their cars. You cannot eliminate poverty by fining it out of existence, you must address the core issues bringing people into these desperate situations in the first place. Covid 19 decimated the lives of so many Angelenos and people are still struggling. Without continued resources to address the larger economic issues people are facing, how are they to survive in a city where the cost of living just continues to sky rocket? In the nine years I've lived in Echo Park, I've seen the cost of my apartment go from \$775 to \$1850. According to Apartmentlist.com the national median rent has increased by 11.4% so far this year, compared with just 3.3% for the first six months of 2017, 2018 and 2019. Others forecast that by the end of the third quarter in 2023, rents will increase by \$252 over the current level in Los Angeles County. How are people to afford these ever increasing rents with wage stagnation and rampant inflation? This motion seems exploitative, as if you were taking the most vulnerable people in our community and using them to make money as opposed to truly helping. People need shelter and with such limited resources to find affordable housing in this city, they have to use what means they have to survive. For those lucky enough to have the resource of a car it is a great privilege to have that option as opposed to sleep on the streets, where it is BOTH criminalized and incredible unsafe. What other options are there? According to LAHSA, Los Angeles now has the fewest number of housing units per adult of any major American city. THIS is the situation you should be trying to change, NOT criminalizing people sleeping in cars.

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Name: Kelsey DiLaura

Date Submitted: 12/09/2021 11:07 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S9

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, until there is enough affordable housing for people, they should not be penalized for having to sleep in their cars. Where do you expect them to go?? I can't believe we're having to talk about this AGAIN. Ticketing someone sleeping in a car will not help them, it will just make it harder for them to afford housing.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 12/09/2021 11:54 PM

Council File No: 14-1057-S9

Comments for Public Posting: Poverty is not illegal nor criminal. Fix your disgusting city's epidemic of unhoused humans with ACTUAL resources— not these cruel do-nothing bandaid measures like banning car sleeping. How is this so hard for LA to figure out while every other major city somehow does a better job at providing care for the unhoused? Humans are dying on the streets of your horrible city on your watch. Do something. Do your damn job, you contemptible trash.