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Don't criminalize poverty and homelessness

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I reside in Herb Wesson's district (I have endorsed him in the past and know the family) but I am writing to all of you. The City Council is voting Tuesday June 23, 2015 on two motions that will criminalize poverty and homelessness. I am asking you all to vote NO on both of these:

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If you all pass these two motions and the city gets sued again for a cruel, vague and badly written law....don't blame Carol Sobel. It is on you.

It would also prove--again--how the city continues to mismanage funds and administer cruel and unusual punishment to vulnerable people.

Please, do us all a favor, think twice before passing these. There are far better solutions. And you know it.

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Before making such an abominable decision, I challenge each of you to not use ANY of your

bathroom facilities, wear the same clothes, lock up your wallets, dig in garbage cans for food and recyclable cans and STILL go home to the comfort of your homes to rest your head for ONE week. How many of you could do that for a single day? Yet you write up this new ordinance to make the lives of these people even more hellacious than you already have? Shame on you! Anyone who votes YES, you are an embarrassment to Los Angeles and I cannot imagine how you will ever be at peace as you fill yourself with your organic Whole Foods meals and sleep in your Egyptian 800-thread cotton sheets. Shameful.

IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776.

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Until these people have their basic needs met which includes a roof over there heads and aren't forced to drift from shelter to shelter on a regular basis, they will never have the means to be self-sufficient. I can't imagine living like that, can you?

Sincerely,

Holly Mosher
Venice, CA

Sent from my iPhone