

Communication from Public

Name: Sikivu Hutchinson

Date Submitted: 07/30/2020 07:57 AM

Council File No: 20-0147

Comments for Public Posting: The “Special Enforcement Zones” (SECZs) where LAPD aggressively police houseless neighbors is a cruel, costly practice. It harms people without housing, it doesn’t solve anything for the neighborhood and it’s a big expense for the city. It also violates CDC Guidelines. If city leaders are truly committed to reimagining public safety and an unarmed response to non-violent calls, they must abolish the cruel, costly, punitive “Special Enforcement Zones” that surround homeless shelters Struggling Angelenos need #HomesNotZones. Stop criminalizing the unhoused and fill vacant city properties with permanent supportive public housing.

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Name: Allie Kiekhofer

Date Submitted: 07/27/2020 11:52 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not resume sweeps in Special Enforcement Zones. Sweeps explicitly violate COVID safety guidelines set out by the CDC — since LA does not have enough shelter beds, those displaced by sweeps literally have nowhere to go. A Bridge Home shelters are surrounded by “Special Enforcement Zones” (SECZs) where LAPD police houseless neighbors and carry out sweeps steps from the doors of shelters with no vacancy. The irony is horrifying. It's no secret that A Bridge Home and other shelters do not have enough beds or resources to accommodate everyone in need—not to mention, the temporary shelters have many restrictions with regard to possessions and permitted activities. Why are these shelters, supposedly safe havens, surrounded by Special Enforcement Zones where police are funded to harass people who can't get in? This policy solves nothing for the neighborhood and feels like an attempt to make homelessness palatable to cater to rich Angelenos while literally sweeping unhoused people out of sight and out of mind. Worst of all, it's a big expense for the city. Abolish the punitive SECZs and DO NOT resume sweeps. Struggling Angelenos need homes, not zones!

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Name: Elise Swanson

Date Submitted: 07/29/2020 10:02 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: July 29, 2020 President, Nury Martinez Los Angeles City Council City of Los Angeles 200 North Spring Street Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles CA 90012 RE: Support of CF 20-147 Amending motion by Councilman Joe Buscaino Dear President Martinez and members of the Los Angeles City Council, The San Pedro Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors voted unanimously on July 16, 2020 to support Councilman Joe Buscaino's motion CF 20-0147 to amend the Council action of March 17, 2020 and AUTHORIZE the Bureau of Sanitation to resume Care+ Cleanups with the Special Cleaning Zone established around a Bridge Home shelters. The Chambers has been a strong advocate of two homeless shelters in downtown San Pedro: A 110-bed Bridge Home located at 515 N. Beacon and a 40-bed LA County shelter located at 8th and Beacon, San Pedro. We have raised money and collected donations in support of both shelters, and we are working closely with shelter staff to continue ongoing assistance. We have also supported a navigation center in our community. We are in strong support of the Councilman's amending motion because of the debris and tents that remain in the encampment as the residents begin to move into the shelters. We need the tools to clean-up the area and assist the residents and businesses that have been living with the encampment in their neighborhood. We are sympathetic to the plight of the homeless that have lived on our streets especially during the current public health crisis. However, we have opened 140 beds within walking distance of our largest encampment and have accommodations for them to move into shelter so we can begin to clean and sanitize the area. The San Pedro Chamber of Commerce urges you to vote in support of Councilman Buscaino's amending motion to allow CARE+ clean ups to continue for the health and safety of the entire community. Sincerely, Elise Swanson President/CEO San Pedro Chamber of Commerce



July 29, 2020

President, Nury Martinez
Los Angeles City Council
City of Los Angeles
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles CA 90012

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Sincerely,

Elise Swanson
President/CEO
San Pedro Chamber of Commerce

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a member of The Sidewalk Project, an arts activist and harm reduction organization working with the homeless community in Los Angeles. We have been listed as a public health organization by the City of Los Angeles I am opposed to resuming comprehensive CARES+ cleanups in Special Enforcement Cleanup Zones. I am asking all council members to vote AGAINST the motion to resume these cleanups. Special Enforcement Cleanup Zones subject the homeless in these zones to increased policing, and potential loss/destruction of their belongings for merely being in close proximity to a shelter they were unable to get a bed in. These Cleanups and Cleanup zones are criminalizing the most marginalized members of our city, those without homes. Rather than sweeps, lets spend our money on compassionate solutions for the homeless. In the short term we can provide more hand washing stations, toilets, dumpsters and mobile showers for homeless encampments. In the long term we should be housing people. In addition if street cleanings are done we should remove law enforcement personnel from any street cleaning efforts. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Amanda

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not resume sweeps of homeless encampments. It's cruel, costly, and counterproductive to enforce sweeps in normal time and even more dangerous to do so during a pandemic. Not only is it against CDC advice, it is an expensive effort in a time when those millions can be spent to provide services and affordable housing to our community.

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Name: Jessica Tardieu Haines

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Comments for Public Posting: Doing sweeps of homeless encampments does not actually help people get off the streets. These sweeps cause trauma, and often destroys property that help keep the unhoused safe - like medication, blankets/tents for warmth, or important documents such as birth certificates that they need if they are ever to move forward in getting off the street. This is also costly as the budget for extra policing is millions of dollars that could go to actually helping get resources to those on the street. We are in a pandemic so this is the worst time to do sweeps, but this isn't something that helps even under normal circumstances. Please do not resume sweeps of homeless encampments. Put these resources toward giving people a place to go and a way to find the care they need and resources so they can get work.