

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Christopher O'Brien

**Date Submitted:** 10/29/2020 01:47 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** This is the single worst and I humane proposal I've ever heard of. The person who made it should be so ashamed that they quit their job, sell their home, change their name, and move away forever. It's that embarrassing and disgusting. This proposal should be treated like complete garbage and not acknowledged or addressed. Thank you.

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**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/29/2020 08:18 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** This is not a solution for lack of housing. Stop wasting time and energy on trying to make your district look pretty and focus on housing your residents.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Allie Kiekhofer  
**Date Submitted:** 10/29/2020 08:24 AM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** There is an unhoused man on the street in Hollywood where I work who uses a broom and dustpan to sweep up the area around his tent every day. Luckily, for the past few weeks, he has been left alone. I can't imagine the destruction that would be wrought if LA sanitation came through to "clean up" his area. Council has been trying to resume CARE+ sweeps for months now and you all haven't even decided what they entail. The text of this motion is posturing to make it sound like CARE+ sweeps are meant to benefit LA's unhoused population, but we all know what they really do: violently displace and destroy the property of people who are trying to safely shelter during a pandemic, without giving them any other options. Housing justice advocates and organizers in LA have repeated time and time again what works to address homelessness: building relationships with unhoused people and getting them housing. CARE+ cleanups, by contrast, push people around without acknowledging their situation or their needs. Numerous solutions to address the housing crisis have been proposed. Occupying hotels is one option. Occupying city-owned property is another. Using the millions of empty parking places in LA is a third. No matter what, CARE+ is a program that exacerbates displacement. Even if not originally designed to aggravate our unhoused population, that's what it's doing now. There are so many things you can do that would ACTUALLY improve hygiene at encampments and support safe dwellings. Put city trash cans at encampments so people actually have a place to put their waste. Put handwashing, shower and water stations at encampments so people don't have to walk a mile to change a tampon. Drop off sterile disposal bins for medical waste and have the city come back and collect them. But whatever you do, don't try to say you're just trying to keep streets clean. That's not what this is doing. Do not pass this motion.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ryan Hitchcock  
**Date Submitted:** 10/29/2020 10:27 AM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Joe, my man, you clearly have rage issues, as evidenced by the fact that you turn red as a beet whenever someone lobbs even vague criticism in your direction. If this motion read “I move that I, Joe Buscaino, go around personally kicking every unhoused person in the teeth,” it would more honestly reflect your true feelings. Why does seeing tents on the sidewalk enrage you so much, dude? Is it because they’re a visual reminder of your own callousness? Your own failure and unwillingness to make even the most perfunctory effort to do anything that might actually go toward meeting struggling peoples’ material needs in this city? You said unhoused people haven’t “faced enough consequences” for being unhoused. I’d say having a hateful, Republican-in-Democratic-clothing, control-obsessed person like you as their representative on LA City Council is more than consequence enough. Also, tying this motion to COVID-19 is wildly disingenuous and only reveals which of your constituents you think are actually worth protecting (the wealthy homeowners, in case you need it spelled out for you).

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jane

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Joe Buscaino cares more about aesthetics than human lives. If he were to actually observe a real sweep, he would know that they are traumatizing experiences in which people's belongings often get thrown out. My friend Shawn had this to say about sweeps: "you can't breathe, you start seeing red, you start getting dizzy, things are spinning. You try to scream but there's no one to scream at. And you just can't believe that someone took everything that represents your existence in this world and threw it away." He is now housed, but he still gets triggered by the sound of a diesel engine signifying the arrival of the garbage truck. If Joe truly cared about clean streets, he would follow the Services Not Sweeps model of encampment cleanups that actually prioritize public health and hygiene. Stop terrorizing the poor in the perverse hope that it will end homelessness. Only homes end homelessness. #ServicesNotSweeps #HousekeysNotHandcuffs

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**Name:** Jonathan P Douglas  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Services, not sweeps!