

Communication from Public

Name: Adria

Date Submitted: 11/30/2020 05:10 PM

Council File No: 20-0147

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Adria and I am writing on behalf of Everyone In / United Way of Greater. I am in strong opposition to Item #33. As we begin this week with a new, more restrictive three-week Stay-At-Home order as a result of the strongest COVID-19 surge since the beginning of the pandemic, now is the worst time to resume CARE+ cleanups. For unhoused people, the guidance and approach of the Departments of Public Health and Health Services has been for everyone to shelter in place and to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This is especially true now as we are seeing the highest increases in the rates of cases since March, which is why CARE+ was suspended to begin with. Taking this action was a critical part of why we did not see the rates of COVID-19 within the homelessness population that we once feared. Everyone is very concerned with the state of street homelessness and the challenge of encampments - none more than those living in them. However, at this moment public health and stopping the spread of this deadly virus should be everyone's first priority. Then, if we want to address some of the concerns of encampments - such as trash - we can start by increasing regular trash pick up and access to sanitation services like restrooms and regular trash pick up. These are the things that can help manage encampments and address public health and public safety concerns - and that can be implemented without forcing people to move all their belongings as they try to protect their health - while we work hard to bring folks inside permanently. But expanding clean ups now is unacceptable. The lives of unhoused and housed Angelenos alike depend on policies that keep us safe. Amending the motion passed by Council in March to suspend CARE+ teams and expanding clean ups now - even on a district by district basis - would be dangerous and unsafe. Furthermore, this action creates a dangerous precedent for a site by site approach to resuming CARE+ activities. The pandemic is affecting all of Los Angeles, which is why we have a county-wide Stay-At-Home Order. Given the vulnerability of our unhoused neighbors, the City should undergo a thorough review process with input from public health officials and service providers before expanding CARE+ activities anywhere in the City. What we should not be doing is waiving motions like this out of committee and fast tracking them. We ask that you not support this motion and instead focus on the urgent

matter of protecting the lives of unsheltered residents from the threat of COVID-19.

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Name: Danielle Carne

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Comments for Public Posting: City Council suspended CARE+ sweeps due to shelter in place orders and CDC recommendations. Suspending CARE+ could potentially be one of the most effective things that the City has done to prevent the spread of COVID. Joe wants to resume sweeps during a Covid surge? Ridiculous, cruel and downright irresponsible. Shame.

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose Councilmember Buscaino's motion to resume CARE+ Sweeps. These Sweeps were halted in response to the shelter in place order and CDC guidelines. Current projections show Southern California will run out of ICU beds before Christmas. It makes no sense to resume the sweeps while we are in the middle of a new and dangerous surge. This proposal will put the health of both the unhoused individuals and the City's workers tasked with the CARE+ Sweeps at risk.

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Name: Kate Tucci-Share

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Comments for Public Posting: I vehemently urge the city council to vote NO on Item 33 and refuse to resume the inhumane sweeps of unhoused people and removal of personal belongings. We are in the middle of an unprecedented crisis brought on by a combination of a global pandemic and an economic crash unlike any seen since the Great Depression. To forcibly remove people from shelters and destroying their personal belongings and property is traumatic and inhumane and causes very serious long-term mental health issues for those impacted most by the current situation. A NO vote on Item 33 is a vote for humanity and compassion for fellow Angelenos.

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Name: Jennifer Gordon

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Comments for Public Posting: NO TO JOE'S CARE+ PLAN AND ENCAMPMENT SWEEPS
Writing in from District 1-Gil Cedillo's district, to demand the LA City Council suspend the Care + program, which contrary to its name, endangers our neighbors both housed and unhoused as the pandemic spikes! COVID in LA is even worse than when City Council voted to suspend CARE+ earlier. Sweeps pose greater risk than before, to both the housed and unhoused community. No one should be going into nonessential work right now, let alone for something so inhumane. #SayNoToJoe #ServicesNotSweeps

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Name: Becky Dennison

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Comments for Public Posting: Venice Community Housing, along with our partners in the Services Not Sweeps coalition and many other coalitions across the City, strongly oppose the motion being considered at your December 1st meeting to resume CARE+ cleanups in specific areas of Council District 15. CARE+ cleanups have shown over and over again to be disruptive and cause temporary displacement at best, and at worst to be abusive and violate civil and human rights. Even temporary displacement at this moment in time, one day after more restrictive safer at home orders have been issued to limit movement and interactions, is irresponsible and exacerbates individual and public health risks to unhoused people and their neighbors. Everyone supports public health-based approaches to street and sidewalk cleaning, but CARE+ is not such an approach. Any existing health risks should be addressed by outreach workers and street medicine professionals who are provided the appropriate resources and PPE, not City Sanitation or police. Lastly, specific Councilmembers or Districts should not be able to get around the March motion to suspend CARE+ during the pandemic, which was a public health-based policy decision, through individual motions targeting specific communities. The City must stop with punitive approaches overall, but especially those that are non-compliant with COVID prevention orders and those that change the rules and increase negative impacts for people depending on the District, or street, in which they live.