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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(17) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Impact Information

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Summary: The Echo Park Neighborhood Council continues to oppose the amendments and additions to LAMC 41.18. This new provision is particularly egregious by designating automatic enforcement zones within 500 ft. of all schools and daycare centers, eliminating the requirements of council approval, encampment outreach, and housing offers. This blanket regulation will drastically increase the areas in which poverty and homelessness are criminalized.



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AUGUST 27, 2022

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The EPNC is sympathetic to the notion that major encampments should not develop close to public schools, however LAMC 41.18 does not attempt to reduce encampment size with meaningful solutions. It simply criminalizes some of the most vulnerable Angelenos, people experiencing homelessness, discarding their belongings and forcing relocation, an action that could disrupt case management. Case management is a vital tool in the superfluously difficult process of housing placement.

We are unaware of any incidents around schools involving the unhoused, either singly or in encampments. This is a solution in search of a problem, spending valuable crime abatement resources where they are not needed. This is about appearances only, and erasing the homeless from view is not a solution to homelessness.

The EPNC believes the solutions to the homelessness crisis rest in mollifying its root causes, such as the cost of living, the lack of public housing, the difficulty of housing placement, and the sparse mental health resources, not in criminalizing those residing on the streets.

RESOLUTION

On August 23, 2022, the EPNC Board of Governors held a Brown Act noticed-meeting, at 7pm through zoom. With a quorum of 17 board members

present and vote count of 17 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions, the Board resolved to write a letter of opposition for the application as set forth above.

Respectfully,
Echo Park Neighborhood Council



Nick Marcone
Secretary, Echo Park Neighborhood Council