

Communication from Public

Name: Jane
Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 03:44 PM
Council File No: 20-1376-S1
Comments for Public Posting: Please VOTE YES on the 41.18 amendment. The new amendment is URGENTLY NEEDED to restore order, sanitation and the rule of law to all communities of Los Angeles. #Support4118

Communication from Public

Name: Hraztan S Zeitlian

Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 03:51 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I support 20-1376-S1, I believe firmly that no person should sit, lie, sleep, or store, use, maintain, or place personal property, in or upon any street, sidewalk, or other public right-of-way within a 500 foot radius, plus the remainder of the public right-of-way to the end of any Block within the 500 foot radius, of a property designated as a sensitive use.

Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie

Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 05:32 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Too many unsafe incidents have occurred because of encampments close to our schools because of drug use which then brings in criminal activity. Elementary school children are very young and especially vulnerable. This should not even be a debate. Enforce the no camping and no parking rules near our schools.

Communication from Public

Name: Terri Sayama

Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 05:56 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Allowing homeless encampments at/blocking public institutions, including libraries and schools is a health and safety issue, not just for the general public but specifically for our children, who utilize these institutions. Not just the 'appearance' of homelessness and encampments, but the reality of trash, human urine, feces, drugs, needles, which the homeless often bring, is a true public health and safety concern. I work in a health care setting and deal with the unhoused population on a daily basis...we provide food, clothing - as needed, referrals to homeless drop in centers, casemgmt services, and even referrals to Recuperative care, where our hospital pays for them to go and be housed for a few weeks. I schedule mental health apptmts, provide referrals for alcohol/drug resources, as well as education and referrals re: how to apply for Cal-Fresh programs; however, unless a client is interested in these referrals, or willing to move into shelters or other designated housing referrals or get connected to casemgmt services vs setting up encampments wherever they want is an ongoing debate. But allowing the unhoused to set up encampments next to a school or library where young children are at, is incredibly reckless and dangerous, unless of course, the library or school is being shut down, and no further children's participation is wanted. Safe parking areas, under bridges or even under FWY underpasses is at least away from places where children are required to be.

Communication from Public

Name: Carolyn Honda
Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 12:39 PM
Council File No: 20-1376-S1
Comments for Public Posting: Council File 20-1376-S1 Dear All Councilpersons, This motion is the bare minimum of what our neighborhoods deserve. Your constituents are watching who will stand up for us with some common sense actions. Our children, elderly, stakeholders and neighbors depend on you to protect us from the harassment, drug use, frightening violence/chaos, death, and filth of encampments that are rampant throughout our city. Please use common sense and start addressing this situation that is running away from us, and running this city into the ground. A concerned and frustrated constituent, Carolyn Honda

Communication from Public

Name: Stephen Schiller

Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 01:36 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Homeless encampments are endangering the public's right to access and USE public libraries. Young adults are reluctant to go to them due to fear of homeless harassments. Young people won't go unless accompanied by an adult, again due to the homeless presence. Therefore, their access becomes limited to the availability of an adult. Library use and access is being taken away to accommodate the homeless community. This is taking away the rights of the community that SUPPORTS libraries in favor of the ones that abuse and damage these same facilities by their actions and presence, not limited to drug use and abuse but also harassment, theft and property damage.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 03:12 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not allow homeless encampments at the libraries. These are safe, public spaces to serve adults as well as children. Allowing homeless encampments would make these spaces unsafe, particularly for women who travel alone as well as children. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Molly McLean

Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 12:23 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Criminalization does not help anyone to eat. Except police who get overtime. Criminalization does not give anyone to sleep. Except maybe police taking naps. Criminalization does not help anyone to love.

Communication from Public

Name: Ted Marsden

Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 12:23 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: This is an unconscionable expansion of 41.18. This is not a solution to the homeless crisis, this is sweeping it under the rug. I do not support this expansion and you shouldn't either. Find better solutions. BUILD MORE HOUSING!!

Communication from Public

Name: Nic

Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 12:36 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: This proposed amendment is the most dramatic expansion of 41.18, creating unhoused exclusion zones across a massive portion of Los Angeles. Despite what council believes, a significant portion of Angelenos oppose criminalization as a tool to address homelessness, knowing that it is expensive, ineffective, and inhumane. For previous amendments, every address of a 41.18 zone was listed, reviewed and voted upon, and transparent to the public. At this point it's unclear how many neighborhoods and people will be impacted by this, but there are thousands of sites within LA City boundaries. Most unhoused people do want some type of housing option but too many of the options offer are bait and switch or are cruelly carceral. People are forced to give up the few possessions they have, can't keep their pets, or have communication with their friends. They have curfews and bag searches. The unhoused are treated like criminals many of the places Project Roomkey offered. Punished severely for unfair rules and unduly controlled. Is it no wonder that staying on the street and being able to keep some personal freedom feels like a better option despite the risks. Clearing encampments only serves to further traumatize these members of our community. Too often personal belongings, important paperwork, and life saving medicines are thrown away without a second thought. Only making it that much harder for people to find stability. So how on earth is criminalizing people who's fundamental "crime" is poverty going to help any of this? It's certainly not going to help those on the street. It's not going to help those trying to provide services. The only people who benefit from this is the reprehensible members of society who value property over human life and those who line their pockets with the cruelty of the prison industrial complex. Los Angeles is better than this.

Communication from Public

Name: Oscar Ortega

Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 02:20 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am firmly opposed to the expansion of 41.18 and demand that the council members choose not to follow through with such a blatant disregard of humanity. We live in a city where the elements can be very unkind and attainable shelter is rare, often taken, or packed full and overloaded, as is often the case with shelters. The city must stop the facade that acts like these serve any purpose other than getting unhoused people out of sight and/or to incarcerate them. Deaths of unhoused people have even increased since the passing of 41.18 by 22%. Furthermore, the expansion including schools, daycares, and the 500 feet around them could negatively impact unhoused youths and students that have few to none other resources to depend on other than those aforementioned. If the city truly wishes to take strides into solving the homelessness issue it would allocate funding into creating affordable housing. To criminalize homelessness in a city, so notorious for having housing that is difficult to afford, would be nothing short of inhumane and tantamount to a crime against humanity. Vote no on the expansion of 41.18.

Communication from Public

Name: Norma O. Chávez

Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 02:25 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support this amendment to 41.18. Housed and unhoused should all respect the law. A law abiding citizen cannot get away with all the illegal activities the unhoused get away with. Those who do not have a home should not accumulate so much garbage and bulky items in their encampments and RVs' surroundings that they obstruct public use. Every day bulky items and trash get collected from those areas and nearby areas and again they bring more bulky items and trash. This encourages irresponsible neighbors to go and do the same making it impossible to keep the community clean. Perhaps there would not be much opposition to the unhoused if they kept their area clean and did not get involved in illegal activity. In my neighborhood we mostly see people dedicated to the use of drugs, the illicit sale of drugs, prostitution and stealing. It is a depressing site! Seeing the state of destruction of our community causes anxiety and depression amongst our hard-working neighbors. Please put a stop to this and vote YES on the amendment to 41.18.

Communication from Public

Name: Haley Feng

Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 07:33 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, I write on behalf of Abundant Housing LA in opposition to the motion dated July 1st, 2022, in Council File 20-1376-S1, which directs the City Council to adopt an ordinance amending Section 41.18 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to make it unlawful for a person to sit, lie, or sleep, or to store, use, maintain, or place personal property within 500 feet of schools and daycare centers, and beyond to the end of any block if a portion of a block falls within the radius of "sensitive areas". AHLA opposes approaches that superficially attempt to remove unhoused people, instead of tackling the systemic root causes of the housing and homelessness crisis. Not only is it ineffective, but it unjustly punishes people who are facing the consequences of inaction and exclusionary housing planning. Please see attached for our opposition letter on this. Thank you!



7/26/2022

The Honorable Nury Martinez and Kevin de León
Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Oppose – Prohibiting sitting, lying, sleeping and storage of personal property in the public right of way near schools and daycare centers - Council File 20-1376-S1

Dear Councilmembers,

We write on behalf of Abundant Housing LA **in opposition** to the motion dated July 1st, 2022, in [Council File 20-1376-S1](#), which directs the City Council to adopt an ordinance amending Section 41.18 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to make it unlawful for a person to sit, lie, or sleep, or to store, use, maintain, or place personal property within 500 feet of schools and daycare centers, and beyond to the end of any block if a portion of a block falls within the radius of “sensitive areas”.

Abundant Housing LA is a pro-housing, nonprofit advocacy organization working to help solve Southern California’s housing crisis. We support reforms to legalize more homes, make homes easier to build, increase funding for affordable housing, and protect tenants, which are all needed to make housing more affordable, improve access to jobs and transit, promote greater environmental sustainability, and advance racial and economic equity. As a community organization, in order to maintain our independence, we do not accept financial support from housing developers or their consultants.

AHLA opposes approaches that superficially attempt to remove unhoused people, instead of tackling the systemic root causes of the housing and homelessness crisis. Not only is it ineffective, but it unjustly punishes people who are facing the consequences of inaction and exclusionary housing planning.

In particular, the proposed amendments to LAMC Section 41.18 would prohibit a person from sitting, lying, sleeping, and storing, using, maintaining, or placing personal property within a 500 foot radius of schools and daycare centers. In a [2020 report](#), researchers from UCLA found that there are over 269,000 homeless K-12 students in California, with 18,979 enrolled in LAUSD schools and 4,000 enrolled in LA County charter schools. For most of these students, schools are an irreplaceable source of essential resources such as water, hygiene facilities, and the internet. Broadly banning homelessness near schools is akin to cutting homeless students off of this critical lifeline. Furthermore, this policy stigmatizes people experiencing homelessness, and particularly homeless youth, treating them in effect as a threat, when in reality their own

marginalization makes them more likely to be victims of violence. When the City of Los Angeles spends more effort sweeping homelessness out of sight than building affordable housing, it sends a clear message of disrespect and indifference to the precious human beings who have no recourse but to try and survive on our streets.

The motion will also significantly expand 41.18 enforcement zone to include the entire city block if any portion of the block falls within the 500 foot radius of designated “sensitive areas”. This will push homelessness further into concentrated and isolated areas far from resources, resulting in the completely unnecessary suffering of homeless individuals and imposing even greater barriers to outreach, while breaking hard-earned trust between homeless individuals and outreach/service providers.

The motion intensifies the removal of unhoused people in public areas, when there are no viable alternative places for these individuals to go. The need for additional shelter beds, interim housing and permanent supportive housing in the City of Los Angeles is a serious and well-documented problem. The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority’s November 2021 [Homelessness Statistics by City report](#) provides clarity in this regard. In the January 2020 homeless count, which predates the widespread impact of COVID-19 in California, there were 41,290 unsheltered people counted in the City of Los Angeles. In the most recent quarter assessed by the report, only 1,331 people were placed into permanent housing, only 3,475 people were placed into interim housing, and only 1,263 people received rapid re-housing assistance. Housing placements are not keeping up with the identified need, let alone with the needs of those people who do not show up in the count because of the difficulty inherent in counting people who may seek to stay out of view due to issues such as public and police harassment.

Homelessness disproportionately impacts Black and Latino Angelenos. Therefore, the removal of unhoused people without tackling the systemic root causes of the housing and homelessness crisis exacerbates racial inequity and the racial divide in educational attainment and economic mobility. 70% of homeless students are Latinos; Black people are 8% of L.A.’s population, but represent 34% of people experiencing homelessness, according to the 2020 homeless count.

Homelessness will not be effectively reduced without addressing the larger housing affordability crisis, which is driven by a housing shortage. For example, between 2014 and 2019 median rent in Los Angeles increased by 28.0% per American Community Survey data, while the Los Angeles Area consumer price index between those years rose only 12.3%. When housing prices rise faster than inflation, people of modest means are forced to live in overcrowded conditions, forgo other necessary expenses and in the most extreme cases, are pushed into homelessness. In fact, the U.S. Government Accountability Office found that a \$100 increase in median rent is associated with a 9% increase in homelessness.

Instead of spending time, energy, and public dollars on unproductive criminalization, we urge you to build permanent supportive homes to house formerly homeless Angelenos, and allow

more housing to be built in general so as not to exacerbate homelessness faster than we are ameliorating it. For these reasons, we strongly oppose the motion and the proposed ordinance, and we request a meeting to discuss constructive policy solutions to homelessness.

Sincerely,

Leonora Camner

Leonora Camner
Executive Director
Abundant Housing LA

Haley Feng

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Digital Advocacy Manager
Abundant Housing LA

Communication from Public

Name: Hannah Bowman

Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 08:13 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am beyond horrified by City Council's plan to massively expand the zones from which unhoused people are banished. This plan is not about solving homelessness or about public safety: it is about disappearing unhoused neighbors because rich and housed Angelenos are uncomfortable facing the reality of our homelessness crisis. The solution to homelessness is housing. Banishment makes it HARDER for caseworkers to reach people and connect them to housing. It destroys stability. Furthermore, criminalization through measures like this provide unnecessary, dangerous contact between unhoused people and police and leave many with criminal records that impede restarting their lives. This policy is cruel. It will do no good but only harm. Council has not even fully considered its effects, which is why volunteers had to provide a map of affected locations. This proposed amendment is the most dramatic expansion of 41.18, creating unhoused exclusion zones across a massive portion of Los Angeles. Despite what council believes, a significant portion of Angelenos oppose criminalization as a tool to address homelessness, knowing that it is expensive, ineffective, and inhumane. For previous amendments, every address of a 41.18 zone was listed, reviewed and voted upon, and transparent to the public. At this point it's unclear how many neighborhoods and people will be impacted by this, but there are thousands of sites within LA City boundaries. Mapping and analysis by volunteers estimates at least 2,100 NEW criminalization zones, totalling at least 46 sq. miles. The actual impact of the law is unknown because City Council has not done the work of determining the specific locations. The proposed mandatory enforcement within 500 feet of schools and daycare centers will have an even greater negative impact on youth and adults experiencing homelessness. Students and children are greatly impacted by homelessness and housing instability. Schools are an important community resource for supporting unhoused students and young Angelenos at risk of homelessness. This blanket expansion does not take into consideration how this could affect this population. Since the passage of 41.18 one year ago, unhoused deaths have increased by 22% (source). 41.18 = death. The 41.18 policy is violence against unhoused people. As a Christian, an advocate for unhoused people, a homeowner, and a parent who is concerned about making our city safe for ALL, I

condemn it in the strongest possible terms. Hannah Bowman

Communication from Public

Name: Maria Alta
Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 08:49 AM
Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council, It is imperative that children have a safe perimeter around their school. Many of the unhoused suffer from mental illness and drug addiction. The issues can lead to dangerous behaviors. There are some places that must have enforcement of no camping and this is one of them. The children must feel safe going to school and being at school. One of the worst examples is the situation at Westminster elementary school in Venice. There was an RV camped outside the school for over a year and many tents. Needles were picked up on a daily basis. LAUSD paid to put a privacy detail on the school fence which cost over \$100,000 according to school personnel. If there was enforcement of No camping that money could have been used to fund another teacher instead of a costly privacy detail. At Broadway elementary in Venice, there have been many incidents that the unhoused have harassed parents and the children are scared to cross Lincoln to go to school. At Westside Neighborhood School in Playa Vista, there is an RV encampment where an unhoused overdosed on the sidewalk and was discovered at morning entry time as the children are entering school. Can you imagine being 5 years old and seeing a dead body on the sidewalk as you are going to kindergarten? There were also RVs on fire, and numerous incidents where the unhoused were yelling in the middle of the street- which causes emotional distress for children. The list goes on and on. I hope you do the right thing and pass this motion.

Communication from Public

Name: Hannah Gibson

Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 08:52 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am strongly opposed to this ordinance. Unhoused people are constituents too, and this ordinance won't solve the problem at all, but will disproportionately harm unhoused people. We simply do not have enough shelter or housing resources to place everyone. Clearing encampments without the adequate placement options results in displacement. The unhoused people are moved and often harmed by being disconnected from services and providers. It especially harms people who are sick or disabled.

Communication from Public

Name: Angelo Brandon Lontok

Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 08:53 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 and the increased criminalization against homelessness does not support the unhoused crisis—it only hides the crisis from public view, while worsening conditions against actual unhoused people. For example, enforcement near schools and daycare centers will cause specific harm to children and students that are at risk of or currently facing homelessness, hindering their access to resources. I have seen firsthand how access to resources is crucial to the quality of life of everyone around us: along with other USC students, I help organize donations to a local community fridge in Historic South Central throughout the school year. Displacing unhoused people without adequate provisions only shifts people away from familiar services and providers. It does not improve the lives of our unhoused neighbors. The LA region has the third-largest economy in the world—we have the resources to shift from criminalization to policies that actually support our fellow Angelenos. We must do better.

Communication from Public

Name: Joni Williamson

Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 09:04 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: We beg you. Please do not let RVs park behind Home Depot anymore. My children go to Westside Neighborhood School and they've seen drug overdoses.. even a dead person in their vehicle. School drop off is absolutely terrifying. It is scary. Please issue a no parking / camping near schools. Joni Williamson

Communication from Public

Name: Emily Boyle

Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 09:07 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I'm a citizen of North Hollywood and I'm strongly opposed to the expansion of 41.18. Why would we use city funding to further punish an incredibly vulnerable group of people who are suffering the impacts of our inability to solve the housing crisis? Attempting to banish human beings from your sight isn't a solution, it's just pulling the blinds in front of the problem; not to mention that it's completely inhumane. Truly, cartoonishly evil. This money could be so much better used to set up affordable housing, provide more funding for case workers. Literally anything.

Communication from Public

Name: Dan from Penmar Rose- Penmar Park
Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 09:10 AM
Council File No: 20-1376-S1
Comments for Public Posting: Please keep our parks and schools safe. No camping around parks and schools. Thank You!

Communication from Public

Name: Tina Amin
Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 09:10 AM
Council File No: 20-1376-S1
Comments for Public Posting: The RVs and camping around schools poses a huge risk to children and their ability to have a safe and trauma free educational experience.

Communication from Public

Name: Valerie Albicker

Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 09:13 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I urge city council to vote no on 41.18. 41.18 is bad policy and must be repealed altogether. The new amendment will do nothing to reduce unsheltered homelessness across Los Angeles and will be devastating to the lives of the unhoused. Despite what council believes, a significant portion of Angelenos oppose criminalization as a tool to address homelessness, knowing that it is expensive, ineffective, and inhumane. As a public school teacher, I recognizes 41.18 criminalize countless children and families. 41.18 fails to address homelessness and further punished instead of address it. Please vote no on 41.18.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 09:26 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 is an overreach and it should be repealed. Its effects reverberate out into so much of our population, not to mention the youth with you so claim to care about. Your defense and expansion of this is a sad display of your own personal fears and disconnect from the world. You live in a world which is closing in on you because of your own actions. Your city is crumbling. Its collapse is slow. Maybe you see it and think it's slow enough that it won't affect you. Think again. Look around. The rubble is you. The death of humans is you. The lack of care for kids is you. The disregard and the way a neck looks the other way when eyes catch a sight of the unhoused, that is you. You are no better than the scum you walk over, making sure your shoes are clean. They are not. Neither are you. Neither is your heart.

Communication from Public

Name: Seo Yun Son

Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 09:27 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, I am a constituent of CD 13 here in Los Angeles and am writing this public comment in concern and dismay at the continued criminalization of our most vulnerable neighbors. This proposed amendment is the most dramatic expansion of 41.18, further increasing unhoused exclusion zones in this city. Since the passage of 41.18 one year ago, unhoused deaths have increased by 22%. Despite what the Council believes, a significant portion of Angelenos oppose criminalization as a tool to address homelessness because it is inhumane and ineffective. I want to thank Councilmember Bonin for standing on the right side of history, and urge the rest of you to do the same. Again, this new amendment will do NOTHING to reduce homelessness across Los Angeles and will be devastating to the lives of the unhoused. We need services, not sweeps. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Liam Karl
Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 09:31 AM
Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I live by USC and occasionally assist with the Community Fridge on South Hill St. We distribute food and water to unhoused people in the surrounding area, and every day is a struggle for those on the streets, and the recurrent sweeps by LASAN have consistently made life harder. Time and again I meet wonderfully kind and generous people who are willing to give despite the little they have, but they are met with overwhelming difficulty getting out of their situation due to the constant threat of having to lose everything to sweeps. The fridge is right near a school, and the proposed expansion of the ordinance 41.18 would hurt immediately the most benevolent of our unhoused neighbors who work day and night to keep the streets clean, provide for the fridge and community, and help others in similarly difficult circumstances. The level of difficulty to reach shelters and move through the system is overwhelming, especially when many unhoused people have little communicative resources and cannot consistently charge their phones or get to their mail. With Project Roomkey sites being reduced and closing down, the difficulty only increases. It's not as if unhoused people aren't trying, the city is just making it harder for people to find shelter at every step of the way.

Communication from Public

Name: Philip Lunn

Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 09:39 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: "Our children are our future". We need to protect them from the mental anguish and trauma as much as possible associated with the homeless situation on the street. Why is this even a question? Of course, we should protect schools from having homeless encampments and associated open drug use, crime, and accumulation of vast quantities of debris on the sidewalks. Please vote with your heart and conscience to protect the children with a vote to enforce 41.18 and other municipal codes to keep sidewalks clear, our streets safe, and our children from being exposed to human suffering on a daily basis on their way to their second home, their school.

Communication from Public

Name: Martha Rider
Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 09:42 AM
Council File No: 20-1376-S1
Comments for Public Posting: Please prohibit camping near schools and preschools. We must protect our children!

Communication from Public

Name: Raymond Dang
Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 09:51 AM
Council File No: 20-1376-S1
Comments for Public Posting: Please vote no on amendment 41.18. Shift the the problem around is not going to fix homelessness. Homes fix homelessness. Please take the money that would otherwise go towards enforcing these draconian measures and build/acquire emergency housing.

Communication from Public

Name: Dianna Cardenas
Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 09:55 AM
Council File No: 20-1376-S1
Comments for Public Posting: NO ON 41.18

Communication from Public

Name: Anthony Quattrocchi

Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 10:11 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, my name is Anthony Quattrocchi and I am a constituent in Los Angeles. This proposed amendment is the most draconian expansion of 41.18, creating unhoused exclusion zones across a massive portion of Los Angeles. Despite what council believes, a significant portion of Angelenos oppose criminalization as a tool to address homelessness, knowing that it is expensive, ineffective, and inhumane. Please vote against this amendment and provide greater services for our unhoused community. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Aidan Rees

Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 10:20 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: City Council members must repeal 41.18. This policy and its potential expansion only exacerbates the issue of homelessness in Los Angeles. Simply put, it criminalizes humans for being poor and having no place to go. There is no solution, just shuffling people around without systems to help them out of homelessness. When I first learned the word “unhoused” it changed everything for me. We are so quick to forget that people experiencing homelessness are our neighbors. They have jobs and families and interests and rights just like those of us lucky enough to have permanent beds. If our homes and support systems were suddenly taken away, we would be in the same position. It shouldn’t be a crime to exist on the streets of LA. ESPECIALLY during a pandemic. Repeal 41.18 because nobody deserves this.

Communication from Public

Name: Marge Roberts

Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 10:20 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I've witnessed an RV on fire one day I was picking up my kids from school. It was a few feet away from our school. Parents have been harassed by camp dwellers when waiting in line to pick up their kids. Our middle schoolers have to walk on the street to transfer buildings everyday and they don't feel safe. This simply cannot go on. Our kids need and deserve a safe environment.

Communication from Public

Name: Kimberly

Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 10:30 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Please enforce no camping around schools - we have had a ton of issues by our elementary school in Playa Vista: 1. Drug overdose where body was found lying on sidewalk as children were walking to school in the morning 2. Drug overdose found in RV 3. RV explosion and fire within 500 ft of the school. All the above occurred within 6 months of each other. There is no reason why we can't enforce no camping near schools. The signs near the schools for no camping are not enough (as they are not enforced) and we need to protect our children and families. Please, please protect our kids - enough is enough!

Communication from Public

Name: Melissa Macfadyen

Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 10:46 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: The City of LA is the real criminal here. If they don't start doing something the population will fall into further decay and gun toting fear as the lawlessness gets worse. An overdose death this week in Venice just one more instance of how the city does nothing to get people off the street where left to their own ways, they are left hopeless and neglected. Refusing to enforce 41.18, as has been the case in CD11, has done nothing to help the homeless and has further enabled them to keep living on the street, with no rules or restrictions. This is a recipe for disaster as the necessity for law and order has been debated for centuries. This is just one more debate where I hope common sense and more laws to control the out of control population prevail. Just a sampling of what's happened in Venice in the last week: Homeless man found dead in Whole Foods parking lot of an apparent overdose, homeless man stabbed his wife multiple times in their car, homeless man starts physical confrontation with housed neighbor and receives restraining order, two homeless men caught trying to steal items from front yard, are chased away yelling threats to the homeowner, etc. etc. etc. Where is the logic that less law enforcement is better for the population? Which population? Our most vulnerable residents are our children and senior citizens yet they go unprotected on a daily basis, trying to get to school, to parks and to their senior services. LA desperately needs to protect schools and senior centers and end the encampments and RVs that surround schools, day care centers, senior centers and parks, at the very least so these most vulnerable of all citizens can cope with their daily existence without fear and until a more comprehensive plan for ending encampments can be implemented.

Communication from Public

Name: Megan Kelley

Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 10:48 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: The following comments are in response to Item 11 on the 07/27/2022 Council Meeting Agenda. If Council Members vote 'yes' to the proposed expansion of 41.18 zones then they are contributing to the isolation, abandonment and stigmatization of our city's most vulnerable population who have histories of trauma, are victims of domestic violence, disability, and/or layers of disadvantage. You are separating unhoused individuals from friends, neighbors and outreach workers who provide them with access to various forms of support, food, medicine and harm reduction resources that the City of Los Angeles and the United States of America is not. Municipal Codes that restrict where a person can legally exist or exist at all are unconstitutional and a violation of Eighth Amendment rights. Every politician who votes 'yes' is guilty of conspiracy. The homeless crisis will never be solved in Los Angeles until all council members, city officials, and housed people within Los Angeles County work together and use a trauma-informed approach. Los Angeles is legislating unhoused people into insanity, substance use, and/or prison, all because it is "too expensive" to offer people services and you rather have poor and unhoused people die and disappear instead of paying to save lives. Since the passage of 41.18 one year ago, unhoused deaths have increased by 22%. Please annul 41.18 and create actual solutions for homelessness.

Communication from Public

Name: Dain McClurg

Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 11:05 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Councilmembers, I am a resident of Koreatown who is adamantly opposed to 41.18 and its expansion. Criminalizing poverty IS NOT THE ANSWER. This policy will do absolutely nothing to solve the housing crisis. All it will do is perpetuate a cycle of harm and violence against unhoused neighbors. Shame on the council for even considering it. We are not asking, we are demanding, that the council pursue solutions based in compassion and care. SERVICES, NOT SWEEPS! HOUSING JUSTICE NOW!

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Chaskes

Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 09:52 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in strong opposition to the proposed amendment to LAMC Section 41.18, which would only prolong and expand the homelessness crisis without helping anyone. As a longtime Angeleno, I am saddened and appalled by the City's failure to address this crisis in an effective yet humane manner. Criminalization, sweeps, and confiscation of personal property is NOT the solution to homelessness; the solution is housing people and providing them the services they need to stay off the street, deal with their problems, and get back on their feet. PLEASE stop "getting tough" and start getting real. Repealing, rather than amending, 41.18 would be a great start.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 11:09 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote to restrict camping near schools. Kids deserve a safe and clean environment!

Communication from Public

Name: Krishna Thangavelu

Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 11:09 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Public safety is the foundation of a civil society and government's number one responsibility. Our children are extremely vulnerable in LA City if they cannot access school safety. There should be regulation of public space throughout the City but particularly around places where children congregate. Please support the ordinance to restrict encampments near schools.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Back

Date Submitted: 07/27/2022 11:29 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: A few notes on this amendment: -This proposed amendment is the most dramatic expansion of 41.18, creating unhoused exclusion zones across a massive portion of Los Angeles. Despite what council believes, a significant portion of Angelenos oppose criminalization as a tool to address homelessness, knowing that it is expensive, ineffective, and inhumane. -For previous amendments, every address of a 41.18 zone was listed, reviewed and voted upon, and transparent to the public. At this point it's unclear how many neighborhoods and people will be impacted by this, but there are thousands of sites within LA City boundaries. -Mapping and analysis by volunteers estimates at least 2,100 NEW criminalization zones, totaling at least 46 sq. miles. The actual impact of the law is unknown because City Council has not done the work of determining the specific locations. -The proposed mandatory enforcement within 500 feet of schools and daycare centers will have an even greater negative impact on youth and adults experiencing homelessness. Students and children are greatly impacted by homelessness and housing instability. Schools are an important community resource for supporting unhoused students and young Angelenos at risk of homelessness. This blanket expansion does not take into consideration how this could affect this population. -Since the passage of 41.18 one year ago, unhoused deaths have increased by 22% (source). 41.18 = death