

Communication from Public

Name: Jamie

Date Submitted: 08/02/2022 09:11 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: The very idea that our city council is past the point of even pretending that their decisions don't prioritize the interests of homeowners and real estate holders above the humanity of the city is deeply depressing. I would say that 41.18 has already done massive harm, but you know that. I would say that it puts students and kids who are housing insecure at risk and the ghoulish implications of not giving a damn what happens to a child, but you know that. I would say that the work the Mejia campaign has done to illustrate the further harm this policy has and will continue to cause will wreak havoc on the lives of Angelinos who have a right to live, the combination of the closure of Project Roomkey is disastrous, that the phrase UNLAWFUL SLEEPING is absurd. But you know all that, and unless people continue to get angry about it, this tacit belief that the unhoused are not really people, that being unhoused is a personal failure and not the culmination of a series of policy failures, some of them YOUR policies, will prevail. This blanket expansion does not take into consideration how this could affect this population. You know this is the wrong decision, and that there is blood on the council's hands if it prevails. Get rid of 41.18.

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Name: Brandon Hauer

Date Submitted: 08/02/2022 09:13 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm asking city council members to VOTE NO on the expansion of 41.18. Having seen these sweeps done by my residence I've seen that 41.18 is barbaric policy and must be repealed altogether. Restricting who can access public space is inhumane and fascist. It's time to stop centering rich, white, liberals & conservatives and start listening to what our unhoused neighbors need. Anyone who votes for the expansion of this policy is a coward who's unfit for office.

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Name: Joan Mao

Date Submitted: 08/02/2022 01:01 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: VOTE NO on the 41.18 amendment. 41.18 is a bad policy and must be repealed altogether.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. You cannot expect unhoused people to pay a \$200 fine. They need permanent housing. Keys, not sweeps.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 08/02/2022 07:10 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: We are disgusted by the council's attempt to pass 41.18. Criminalizing the unhoused is not a solution to homelessness. This code is an attack on the poor and we will not stand for it. We want to see real, holistic solutions that do not lead to further banishment of this population. The individuals and communities that live on our sidewalks are human beings and they deserve worthy solutions, not haphazard offers that hardly ever lead to a permanent housing or a higher quality of life. Stop this attack now! We do NOT want the council to go forward with 41.18!

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Name: Noreen

Date Submitted: 08/02/2022 08:02 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Anyone who considers themselves part of forward-thinking solutions that progress society will oppose this amendment to 41.18. This City is only as safe as its most vulnerable members. Until it is acknowledged that they are in far greater danger against predators, everyone's safety is jeopardized. When they continue to be marginalized and treated like criminals for existing, then we haven't built the mechanisms for them to be understood and valued for their potential as leaders who could end homelessness. This measure is regressive, superficial, and it has been repeating itself for over forty years. Clearly something is not working with this callous strategy. Let's try something else because this effort is the definition of insanity.

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Name: Krystal B

Date Submitted: 08/02/2022 09:19 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: REPEAL 41.18! Since the passage of 41.18 one year ago, unhoused deaths have increased by 22% (source). 41.18 = death. Do better!

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Name: Jenny chung

Date Submitted: 08/02/2022 09:19 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Yes to 4118 we need to enforce and expand areas where the homelessness cannot be on the street so they're forced to use the shelters and homeless n Lasa housing that is already provided they need structure and services and to get off drugs and he needs to be forced and Enforced! There is no homelessness issue in China because drugs are illegal n mental services are provides, then you have a pure monetary issue. In US, we have a drug and mental issue thus homeless!

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Name: Eric Leman

Date Submitted: 08/02/2022 09:26 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: You should just abolish 41.18. It's not helping and it's a human rights violation.

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Name: Kendall

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Comments for Public Posting: There is no justification for continuing the cruelty of 41.18. We have already seen how this policy has taken the lives of the most marginalized among us, it is horrifying that so many council members continue to push for the criminalization of poverty in the face of the overwhelming evidence that it does nothing to alleviate suffering or eradicate homelessness. 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.

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Name: Christina M Dirkes

Date Submitted: 08/02/2022 09:28 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I help provide services to unhoused people living in parks and on sidewalks. 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. Expanding 41.18 will kill more people. Vote AGAINST expanding this!

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Name: Tom Ceraulo

Date Submitted: 08/02/2022 09:29 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 is inhumane and ineffective, and this proposed expansion of 41.18 would bring an 376% increase in exclusionary zones across the city. This is simply unacceptable. Poverty is not a crime. End 41.18 and spend money on housing.

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Date Submitted: 08/02/2022 09:30 AM

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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 because City Council has not done the work of determining the specific locations. Mapping and analysis by the Kenneth Mejia campaign estimates at least 1,900 NEW criminalization zones –a 376% increase in exclusionary zones across the city. 41.18 will cover at least 88 sq miles (that's 20% of the entire city). 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

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Name: Joseph Fink

Date Submitted: 08/02/2022 09:32 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The unhoused are not criminals, they are not monsters. They are human beings in need. They are our neighbors and we have an obligation to treat them as the human beings they are. 41.18 is inhumane, and goes against all common decency and morality. I strongly encourage the council to reconsider this harmful decision.

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Name: Allison McAndrew

Date Submitted: 08/02/2022 09:38 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 should be repealed! It's an inhumane law meant to criminalize the most vulnerable of our neighbors, who require public support. The answer to homelessness isn't "expanding No Homeless zones" or moving them around the city to suit developers' whims. This law won't do anything except hurt and kill people who have already lost almost everything. If people are genuinely concerned about solving homelessness in this city the answer isn't more policing.

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Name: Kwan

Date Submitted: 08/02/2022 09:46 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: This ordinance does nothing to address homelessness and unhoused people on the streets. It just makes their lives harder. Criminalizing homelessness is not the answer. Please repeal 41.18

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Name: Eric Lindvall

Date Submitted: 08/02/2022 09:47 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 is BAD policy. All it serves to do is shuffle deck chairs around on the sinking ship that is our city government's response to the homelessness crisis. Unhoused people are people too, and trying to eke out a meager existence in this city shouldn't be a crime.

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Name: Shelley Wagers

Date Submitted: 08/02/2022 09:58 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Homeless encampments have spread filth and squalor across the entire city. I strongly endorse a blanket ban on these unlawful "camps." AT A BARE MINIMUM, the Coucil must immediately enact the modest, common-sense ordinance to protect schools and daycare facilities.

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Name: Akio Katano

Date Submitted: 08/02/2022 09:59 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 is a moral and constitutional abomination. Sweeping people from block to block is cruel and makes homelessness worse. It is time to abandon this failed criminalization and repeal 41.18 before the city gets successfully sued yet again.

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Name: Tom Guffey

Date Submitted: 08/02/2022 10:00 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: How we treat the weakest and most vulnerable among us says everything about us as a society. Homelessness should not be criminalized.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 08/02/2022 10:05 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Allowing 41.18 expansion will be the biggest failure of the Los Angeles City Council. Criminalizing the unhoused will do nothing to solve the issue and will inevitably lead to more violence and deaths. I hope you know these peoples' deaths are on YOUR HANDS. You need to listen to your constituents, that you represent, who are begging you all to vote NO. 41.18 should be repealed altogether, and not expanded.

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Name: Colin Anderson

Date Submitted: 08/02/2022 10:18 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is no solution to our city's shameful homelessness problem it's a crass and cowardly move to hide it at the expense of our most vulnerable. Los Angeles should be leading the world in innovative solutions in this area. Please try harder and be better.

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Name: Duncan R Nakajima
Date Submitted: 08/02/2022 10:25 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 is bad policy and harms our most vulnerable neighbors.

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Name: Zeke

Date Submitted: 08/02/2022 10:30 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: This expansion of LAMC 41.18 is nothing short of a human rights violation. LAPD's occupation and seizure of Echo Park Lake is all the evidence you need for why 41.18 needs to be repealed. 179 arrests with zero files charged shows that this law stands for nothing. All it does is allow law enforcement to brutalize the unhoused. The majority of those living at Echo Park Lake at the time of the seizure were placed at the Grand Hotel. Now that this site is closing, the never ending cycle continues. The city of Los Angeles was given a blank check by the federal government to fund project roomkey. Why are you closing down sites? When will you actually take action? Right across the street from where you work there are tents lined up around the park. Where will you house them? The whole point of this law is to offer shelter instead of living in tents on the streets. The city of LA is a snake eating its own tail. Repeal 41.18 and HOUSE THE UNHOUSED. You have the resources. Get to fucking work.

Communication from Public

Name: Linda O

Date Submitted: 08/02/2022 10:37 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Repeal 41.18 - Service! Not Sweeps! You cannot criminalize homelessness! Help them, don't make their misfortune a crime. This proposed amendment is the most dramatic expansion of 41.18, creating unhoused exclusion zones across a massive portion of Los Angeles. We, the public oppose criminalization as a tool to address homelessness, knowing that it is expensive, ineffective, and inhumane.

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Name: Fatima Iqbal-Zubair

Date Submitted: 08/02/2022 10:59 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm an Executive Board member of the California Democratic Party and Southern California Vice Chair of the Progressive Caucus. I vehemently oppose 41.18 and demand its repeal. Living in South central LA, I have seen a lack of investments in truly affordable housing, shelters, mental health care and other services. Our city council should be a vessel for these sorts of services and resources, not for excluding where the homeless can reside. I demand an end to the inhumane practices that result from 41.18 and its expansion.

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Name: Martha Kriley

Date Submitted: 08/02/2022 11:11 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am strongly opposed to 41.18 and any amendments leading to its expansion. It must be repealed all together in favor of real housing solutions. Most unhoused people do want some type of housing option, but there's not enough to offer. Clearing encampments merely displaces most of the camp residents to another location. Some are disabled, sick and in need of care. We need to do better. 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 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% (<https://twitter.com/ReporterClaudia/status/1541943333894860800>).

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Name: Julia Rich

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm a 6th grade art teacher in Los Angeles I focus on teaching creative problem solving and design. One of our projects was to redesign a city structure, and my students overwhelmingly chose housing. They spoke of their sadness at the utter lack of resources available to their neighbors. During our research phase, they interviewed family members who had been harassed by landlords and cops, friends who had lost their homes and were struggling with where to sleep. They watched these city council meetings and how you all ignored your constituents pleas for plans for humane housing. They were especially horrified when researching why there hasn't been a better solution than bulldozing tents and criminalizing poverty. Your actions continue to show 0 creativity or leadership. Your actions continue to show just how deep your hands are in the pockets of landlords. My 6th graders were coming up with the most basic plans for developing housing solutions. Get it together! Is your best idea really just throwing poor people in jail? Really? You can't think of anything better? You're only solution is to disappear and endanger people? 41.18 is already killing people, and this expansion will endanger even more. We see you, my kids see you, and we are all United against your appalling expansion of violence, because that's what 41.18 is, violence, I don't know how you sleep at night.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Brockman

Date Submitted: 08/02/2022 11:37 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is a poorly drafted amendment and should be thrown out and rewritten with actual solutions included in the amendment. We are in the midst of a severe housing crisis, and simply making people/encampments move several blocks away does nothing to address the systemic problems that have caused this housing crisis. It also does nothing to address the immediate issue - it is political theater to make constituents think positive action is being taken, and neither provides care nor housing for the unhoused people this affects. This amendment treats some of our most vulnerable citizens as an eyesore to be hidden, rather than people who need our help, and the council should vote no on it and provide a long-term solution with concrete steps to help our neighbors get back on their feet.

Communication from Public

Name: Lalo

Date Submitted: 08/02/2022 12:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing in today to oppose the proposed expansion of 41.18. It is unethical and ineffective—further criminalizing poverty does nothing at all to actually aid those experiencing homelessness. Since the initial passage of 41.18 a year ago, unhoused death has increased by 22%. This is now the most large-scale expansion of the measure, and will unfairly target unhoused children with the proposed mandatory enforcement within 500 feet of schools and daycare centers. By voting in this expansion you are dooming a staggering number of impoverished and underprivileged Angelinos to avoidable deaths, and your constituents are watching this closely and will respond accordingly. Despite what this council believes, a significant portion of Angelinos strongly oppose the further criminalization of homelessness, and you will lose more and more support each time you choose to harm where you could have helped.