

Communication from Public

Name: Marc Tavakoli

Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 02:41 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to strongly urge you to pass Draft Ordinance 41.18 and/or 56.11 with Option A (only penalty for willfully resisting). We must do SOMETHING to reclaim our streets and public spaces. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Brian Folb

Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 04:09 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Councilmembers, My family are the owners of the 2 commercial office buildings located at 6565 and 6464 Sunset Blvd. totaling approximately 200k sq. ft. of office space where we house a number of mostly entertainment related businesses. When we agreed to support the installation of the Bridge Housing facility on Schrader in Hollywood that is immediately adjacent to our 6565 Sunset office building, we were promised that no tents or encampments would be permitted within a 1000 ft. radius of the facility and that no loitering would be allowed. This promise was broken and the surrounding area has been inundated with tents, encampments, trash, loitering and illegal drug use. As you are further aware, this location also houses several churches & schools where young children attend as well as the Hollywood YMCA where many children attend programing after school. None of these facilities would have ever agreed to the installation of the Schrader Bridge Housing facility had they not been promised that tents, encampments, loitering and drug use would not be allowed and that there would not be 24 hour on site police protection. We are hereby demanding these rules that were initially included as part of the agreement and subsequently removed be reinstated immediately, or we demand the immediate removal of the Bridge Housing facility based on a breach of contract with the surrounding property owners who agreed to this under specified conditions. We expect your urgent correction to this violation of the public trust. Sincerely, Brian Folb.

Communication from Public

Name: Ana Martinez

Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 04:38 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I manage the Main Mercantile Lofts building on Main between 6th and 7th. The homeless encampment across the street has drastically lowered our occupancy and has had a terrible impact on our current residents. The amount of trash collected directly in front of our building has created a pest problem and our residents report being harassed by Richard Mayer (aka chocolate), who "runs" the encampment across the street from our building. Unfortunately, our residents are unable to walk their street not only because its inaccessible and a health hazard but also because of the regular crimes being committed. Between beatings and drug sales their safety is always in jeopardy. I strongly urge the members of council to make impactful changes that would prevent these individuals from camping on our streets.











Graffiti done by individuals in the Black

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Name: Chad Monk

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Comments for Public Posting: My Name is Chad Monk and I am writing on behalf of National Health Foundation. We urge the City Council to first develop the Street Engagement Strategy called for in this motion before advancing any changes to LAMC 41.18 and 56.11. If compliance with 41.18 and 56.11 is to be services-led and minimize the role of law enforcement, the development of that engagement process must be thorough and inclusive and made clear before the passing any new restrictions. We support the Council's attempt to move toward working with providers and stakeholders on how to create standards for outreach, create services-led engagement, and improve hygiene services for unhoused d residents. To make good on this, Council must first develop a strategy for these that would align with any place-based restrictions. But we oppose these new restrictions without this critical step. We can create policies and protocols that regulate public space while supporting best practices of trauma-informed care and services-led engagement. A comprehensive Street Engagement Strategy is a necessary step to this – and one that should be developed and made clear before Council makes a decision on municipal codes that could negatively impact the lives of tens of thousands of unsheltered Angelenos.

Communication from Public

Name: Ann English

Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 05:04 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My Name is Ann English a proud resident employed in Los Angeles for the majority of my adult life. I want to strongly urge the City Council to first develop the Street Engagement Strategy called for in this motion before advancing any changes to LAMC 41.18 and 56.11. If compliance with 41.18 and 56.11 is to be services-led and minimize the role of law enforcement, the development of that engagement process must be thorough and inclusive and made clear before the passing any new restrictions. I support the Council's attempt to move toward working with providers and stakeholders on how to create standards for outreach, create services-led engagement, and improve hygiene services for unhoused residents. To make good on this, Council must first develop a strategy for these that would align with any place-based restrictions. But I strongly oppose these new restrictions without this critical step. We can create policies and protocols that regulate public space while supporting best practices of trauma-informed care and services-led engagement. A comprehensive Street Engagement Strategy is a necessary step to this – and one that should be developed and made clear before Council makes a decision on municipal codes that could negatively impact the lives of tens of thousands of unsheltered Angelenos. Thank You for keeping the ultimate endgame of ending homelessness in mind as you move forward.

Communication from Public

Name: Eric Ares

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Communication from Public

Name: Paul Rubenstein, St. Joseph Center

Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 05:52 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Paul Rubenstein and I write today on behalf of St. Joseph Center. We believe it is absolutely vital for the Council to work with stakeholders to develop street engagement strategies first, before moving forward with any changes to LAMC 41.18 and 56.11. Most Council members have asserted that their goal is to have compliance efforts around 41.18 and 56.11 be led by service providers, with a secondary role for law enforcement. To move achieve this aim, the Council must collaborate with service providers and community members to develop shared standards for outreach, including such critical elements as service provider-led engagement and enhanced hygiene services for unhoused residents, before introducing new restrictions on unhoused residents. Working together, we can create policies and protocols that promote access to public space while supporting best practices of trauma-informed care and services-led engagement. We urge the City Council to first develop the Street Engagement Strategy called for in this motion before Council makes a decision on municipal codes that could negatively impact the lives of tens of thousands of unsheltered Angelenos.

Communication from Public

Name: Bill

Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 06:04 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I salute the Council for bringing this to a vote. I endorse Option B. While compassion, as called for by Councilmember Ridley-Thomas is fine and good, life has shown that without penalties some people simply will not follow the rules. Option B allows them to first adhere to the policy, but then if they do not, it's time to make them adhere. Making compliance optional is not going to have any impact on the vast majority of the unhoused I have worked with for several years now.

Communication from Public

Name: anonymous

Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 06:30 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support Option. B. This is not about punishing those experiencing homelessness, but more of protecting them and hoping to find a way for them to receive humane treatment. What part of living on the streets is humane? What part of being left on the streets helps their self-worth and dignity? We all must follow rules/boundaries to be part of society. Option B allows them to first adhere to the policy, but then if they do not, it is time to ask them be a responsible member of our community.

Communication from Public

Name: Rebecca Green

Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 06:50 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My Name is Rebecca Green and I urge the City Council to first develop the Street Engagement Strategy called for in this motion before advancing any changes to LAMC 41.18 and 56.11. If compliance with 41.18 and 56.11 is to be services-led and minimize the role of law enforcement, the development of that engagement process must be thorough and inclusive and made clear before the passing any new restrictions. I support the Council's attempt to move toward working with providers and stakeholders on how to create standards for outreach, create services-led engagement, and improve hygiene services for unhoused residents. To make good on this, Council must first develop a strategy for these that would align with any place-based restrictions. But I oppose these new restrictions without this critical step. We can create policies and protocols that regulate public space while supporting best practices of trauma-informed care and services-led engagement. A comprehensive Street Engagement Strategy is a necessary step to this – and one that should be developed and made clear before Council makes a decision on municipal codes that could negatively impact the lives of tens of thousands of unsheltered Angelenos.

Communication from Public

Name: Laurie

Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 07:19 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The encampments in LA are a human tragedy for those who are living in them - they are also an enormous health and safety issue for the entire community. What baffles me the most is the attitude from some advocacy groups that a tent on a sidewalk is a "home". The idea that a tent or improvised shelter on a sidewalk without access to clean water, sanitation, any sense of security is a "humane" stop gap measure is lunacy and those who continue to push this as acceptable need to be held accountable - this is inhumane and cruel. Would it be acceptable for a dog or cat to live outside on the sidewalk in 90 degree heat without water or proper shelter? No it is not, so why is this somehow acceptable for people. I challenge all folks who continue to push the idea that a tent on a sidewalk is a home to go pitch one and sit in it for just an hour in 90 degree weather. With that said, my comments are not intended to lack empathy or be blind to the reality of the homeless crisis. However, this reality also includes the negative impact these encampments have had on the safety and well being of residents and the economic devastation for business owners. An encampment directly in front of a residential building in DTLA has caused residents to move out of the building and away from downtown. Residents have been repeatedly harassed, physically assaulted (on several occasions), subjected to what resembles loud "block parties" at all hours of the night, and on and on. It amounts to lawlessness. Then there is the trash, human waste, and discarded needles to navigate through. When will enough be enough? Encampments on public right of way need to be removed - for those living in them as well as the community as a whole.

Communication from Public

Name: Nanette Svolos

Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 07:37 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: We are at a Breaking Point with the encampments and the problems surrounding them. Please adopt LAMC41.18 as it is so we can finally begin to find some peace and joy in our communities again and to provide the long-overdue motivation for service resistant people living on our streets. Thank You

Communication from Public

Name: Amy Tannenbaum

Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 09:18 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: My Name is Amy Tannenbaum, and I am a homeless services attorney in Los Angeles working on a project funded by Measure H. I urge the City Council to first develop the Street Engagement Strategy called for in this motion before advancing any changes to LAMC 41.18 and 56.11. If compliance with 41.18 and 56.11 is to be services-led and minimize the role of law enforcement, the development of that engagement process must be thorough and inclusive and made clear before the passing any new restrictions. I support the Council's attempt to move toward working with providers and stakeholders on how to create standards for outreach, create services-led engagement, and improve hygiene services for unhoused residents. To make good on this, Council must first develop a strategy for these that would align with any place-based restrictions. However, the restrictions proposed by this motion are the wrong step, and will hurt all Angelenos, unhoused and housed alike. No one wins when our city turns against its own and relies on criminal enforcement rather than offering care to its residents. These restrictions are both cruel and counterproductive. These restrictions will lead to increased harassment, arrests, and conviction records - all of which, as I have seen first hand in my work, make it astronomically more difficult for unhoused Angelenos to get stable housing and achieve economic security. We can create policies and protocols that regulate public space while supporting best practices of trauma-informed care and services-led engagement. A comprehensive Street Engagement Strategy is a necessary step to this – and one that should be developed and made clear before Council makes a decision on municipal codes that could negatively impact the lives of tens of thousands of unsheltered Angelenos.

Communication from Public

Name: Rabbi Robin Podolsky

Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 09:36 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: My Name is Rabbi Robin Podolsky and I am writing on behalf of Bend the Arc/Jewish Action. We urge the City Council to first develop the Street Engagement Strategy called for in this motion before advancing any changes to LAMC 41.18 and 56.11. If compliance with 41.18 and 56.11 is to be services-led and minimize the role of law enforcement, the development of that engagement process must be thorough and inclusive and made clear before the passing any new restrictions. We support the Council's attempt to move toward working with providers and stakeholders on how to create standards for outreach, create services-led engagement, and improve hygiene services for unhoused residents. To make good on this, Council must first develop a strategy for these that would align with any place-based restrictions. But we oppose these new restrictions without this critical step. We can create policies and protocols that regulate public space while supporting best practices of trauma-informed care and services-led engagement. A comprehensive Street Engagement Strategy is a necessary step to this – and one that should be developed and made clear before Council makes a decision on municipal codes that could negatively impact the lives of tens of thousands of unsheltered Angelenos.

Communication from Public

Name: Theresa Heim

Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 09:44 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Theresa Heim and I am a representative of Westside Coalition in Santa Monica. We all want the same end goal- for this humanitarian crisis to end, but we can't do so with impatience. The unhoused are human beings who deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. Not as litter to be swept away. Many of them have suffered severe trauma and advancing any changes to LAMC 41.18 and 56.11 would only add to it. I implore for the City Council to first develop the Street Engagement Strategy called for in this motion. If compliance with 41.18 and 56.11 is to be services-led and minimize the role of law enforcement, the development of that engagement process must be thorough and inclusive and made clear before the passing any new restrictions. I support the Council's attempt to move toward working with providers and stakeholders on how to create standards for outreach, create services-led engagement, and improve hygiene services for unhoused residents. To make good on this, Council must first develop a strategy for these that would align with any place-based restrictions. With that said, I oppose these new restrictions without this critical step. We can create policies and protocols that regulate public space while supporting best practices of trauma-informed care and services-led engagement. A comprehensive Street Engagement Strategy is a necessary step to this – and one that should be developed and made clear before Council makes a decision on municipal codes that could negatively impact the lives of tens of thousands of unsheltered Angelenos.

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Name: Will Friedman
Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 10:46 PM
Council File No: 20-1376-S1
Comments for Public Posting: I am Will Friedman, a resident of CD 13, and I oppose this council file. Criminalization is not housing.

Communication from Public

Name: Shelly schwartz
Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 10:49 PM
Council File No: 20-1376-S1
Comments for Public Posting: Please pass this amendment for the health and safety of the community and the homeless Our sidewalks must be safe and passable . This is not criminalizing homelessness.

Communication from Public

Name: Susan Collins

Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 11:16 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE ENFORCE 41.18 AS WRITTEN. Your policies have made things so much worse. Dear Lord what will it take before you decide to help the people you're sworn to serve? Everyone loves to talk about "equity", "inclusion" and "compassion" but none of you seem to want to apply equity and inclusion to YOUR compassion towards people with mobility impairments, or small children, forced to walk in the street to enter their schools - often times while walking past open drug use and prostitution. Perhaps you are unaware of how your failure to provide safe, clean passage affects these people, but I can tell you that their world has been extremely limited. If there is an encampment on both sides of their home - they just don't get to go out that day. Somehow, this seems insignificant when you read a statement such as the one that was submitted to Mr. Bonin's office detailing the daily assault of one family living in his district. Mr. Bonin, you're currently being recalled because of the crime, filth, loss of life and destruction of Venice Beach, which also used to be one of this city's biggest tourist draws, but no one wants to go there now. Venice Beach is now known, (worldwide) as "Skid Row West". Your own staff felt it was intolerable to have just ONE person sleeping on a mattress outside her office, and yet we're all asked to witness the unthinkable every day. Ms. Raman, you're currently being Recalled because an entire neighborhood was being held hostage by gangs. Children were forced to take cover on more than one occasion due to gun fire from the encampments on the street, parents have to shield their children's eyes from watching women being sold and performing sex acts in public view. For a woman that once claimed to head a division of "TIMES UP" - an organization focused on preventing the exploitation of women, this is almost as hypocritical as Mr. Bonin's staff requesting the removal of one unhoused neighbor. IT'S TIME TO PROVIDE EQUITABLE COMPASSION TO THE PEOPLE YOU'VE OVERLOOKED FOR YEARS. PLEASE ENFORCE 41.18 AS WRITTEN. THANK YOU, Susan Collins

Communication from Public

Name: Stefanie Cho

Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 11:19 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Thank You Council Members for addressing this important issue that affects the quality of life for everyone in our city. We are past a breaking point with the encampments and the problems surrounding them. Please adopt the ordinance being presented today to specify the particular times and locations where it shall be unlawful for a person to sit, lie, sleep, or to store, use and maintain, or place personal property in the public right of way. In other words, start to regulate public spaces!

Communication from Public

Name: Exhausted Taxpayer

Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 11:38 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Assist, help, move, do whatever is necessary to clean up our streets...The Nation, and the World is laughing at our lack of action and the "unhoused" are taking advantage of all of us! There is no motivation, consequence, accountability for the homeless to do anything...What benefit to society are they providing? They should have to work for their free cell phones and free money. We've enabled them and continue providing handouts...Continued welfare has never worked! And how do they show their appreciation? By trashing and making our neighborhoods smell and look like a 3rd world country...Los Angeles is now trash and I'm embarrassed to say I'm from Los Angeles. If our elected officials aren't going to act on the will of the people, why do they have jobs? The public knows the homeless count is closer to 100K and not the smaller number the government been publishing.



Communication from Public

Name: Bill Pope

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 02:15 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: It is my understanding that the LA City Council has started drafting a new ordinance prohibiting “sitting, lying, sleeping, or storing, using, maintaining, or placing personal property” on a ”street, sidewalk, or other public right-of-way” if doing so: • Prevents passage by handicap people in wheel chairs, walkers, etc. per ADA laws. • Is within ten feet of any operational or utilizable driveway or loading dock; • Is within five feet of any operational or utilizable building entrance or exit; • Is within two feet of any fire hydrant, fire plug, or other fire department connection; • Is within a street, bike lane, or bike path itself, • Is within 500 feet of a a School, Day Care Center, Public Park, or Public Library if it is posted as a “Sensitive Use Area”, • Is within 500 feet of a overpass, underpass, freeway ramp, tunnel, bridge, pedestrian bridge, subway, wash, spreading ground, or active railway, if the City Council determines that sleeping or lodging within that area is unhealthy or unsafe, • Is within 1000 feet of a homeless shelter or service center build after January 1, 2018, or • Is on a section of a public street, sidewalk or right-of-way for which the City Council has agreed to post a “No sitting, lying, sleeping, etc.” sign because one or more of the following has been documented by LAPD or LAFD as having occurred: o (i) the death or serious bodily injury of any person at the location due to a hazardous condition; o (ii) repeated serious or violent crimes, including human trafficking, at the location; or o (iii) the occurrence of fires that resulted in a fire department response to the location. The prohibition is good for one year. Once again it appears to me that the City Council is wasting our tax dollars to accomplish nothing. • How many thousands of “No sitting, lying, sleeping, or storing, using, maintaining, or placing personal property” signs will need to be posted? • How many tens or hundreds of \$Millions will be spent on making and installing the signs? • How many homeless people will read, understand and heed those signs? • How many of LA City’s 46,059 homeless people will see and read the 3 postings of the ordinance? • Do you think LAPD has the time to investigate possible violations when they will not be allow to force a violator to move until 14 days after they are given a warning? • Do you think LAPD can even keep track of who they have warned, or find them again after 14 days? • Where is the violator to go? Most likely to

un-posted residential streets. The proposed ordinance is a violation of Martin V. Boise because it does not offer a violator a shelter or housing to which to move. Therefore it is not enforceable. This is not a solution. It is just another waste of HHH money. The simple and effective solution is to implement the sheltering and housing construction plan I sent City Council Members via email on June 22 titled "How to Shelter Skid Row homeless by October and house within 3 years" and then in November prohibit sitting, lying, sleeping, etc. on ALL PUBLIC LAND NOT DESIGNATED FOR SUCH CAMPING. The sheltering and housing project plan I sent you is called "New Beginnings". An overview presentation is attached. It provides a detailed equipment list and shows how to set up a Tent City type shelter in the Palmdale-Lancaster area for under \$3500 person including land costs. It contains plans for no-energy-consumption Studio apartments that can be built for \$14,000 a unit, \$7000 per bed, including land costs. The apartments are designed so they can be assembled by people with no prior building experience working under the guidance of experienced builders as is done in Habitat for Humanity projects which I have lead. Why is the City Council not considering the New Beginnings shelter and housing construction plan for that portion of LA's homeless who are not severely physically or mentally ill or disabled?

“New Beginnings”

From Tent Cities

to

Renaissance Villages

The cure for current & coming homelessness.

Outline

CA & LA are Laggards in shelter, Why?

Current laws & rulings inhibit fast effective solutions.

Building PSH in developed areas Cost too much & takes too long.

Examples

Housing does not solve Homelessness.

The Homeless Cycle

Housing First is a failure. (Proof: small version of CA & LA lag NY & NYC in sheltering.)

A New Hope – Judge Carter’s injunction says SHELTER not HOUSE.

Homeless Industry

Cities provide Housing. County provides medical, mental and substance abuse care services. ~100 Non-Profits feed & manage housing & p.

Wrong measurement used to determine funding & success of Homeless care providers. (You get what you measure.)

Currently based on number being cared for. No incentive to provide skills needed to stop the churn cycle

Based on number rehabilitated and released. Training is required.

Rate of Homelessness is Increasing (Chart of upturn.)

Job automation, Robotic and AI bullet chart

Temporary solutions no longer effective. \$5 Million to study parks and beaches is a waste of money, steals from the homeless.

Types of Homeless

CanNots, HaveNots, WillNots – Types in each group.

Solutions by Types of Homeless

CanNots, HaveNots, WillNots – Solution for each group.

Only the CanNots need PSH. HaveNots need shelter now, housing and training later. WillNots need jails or tickets to home state/country.

Problem Summary and Solutions

Current services managed by Housing and Urban Development) not surprisingly is focused on Housing, not Humans. *Housing First*

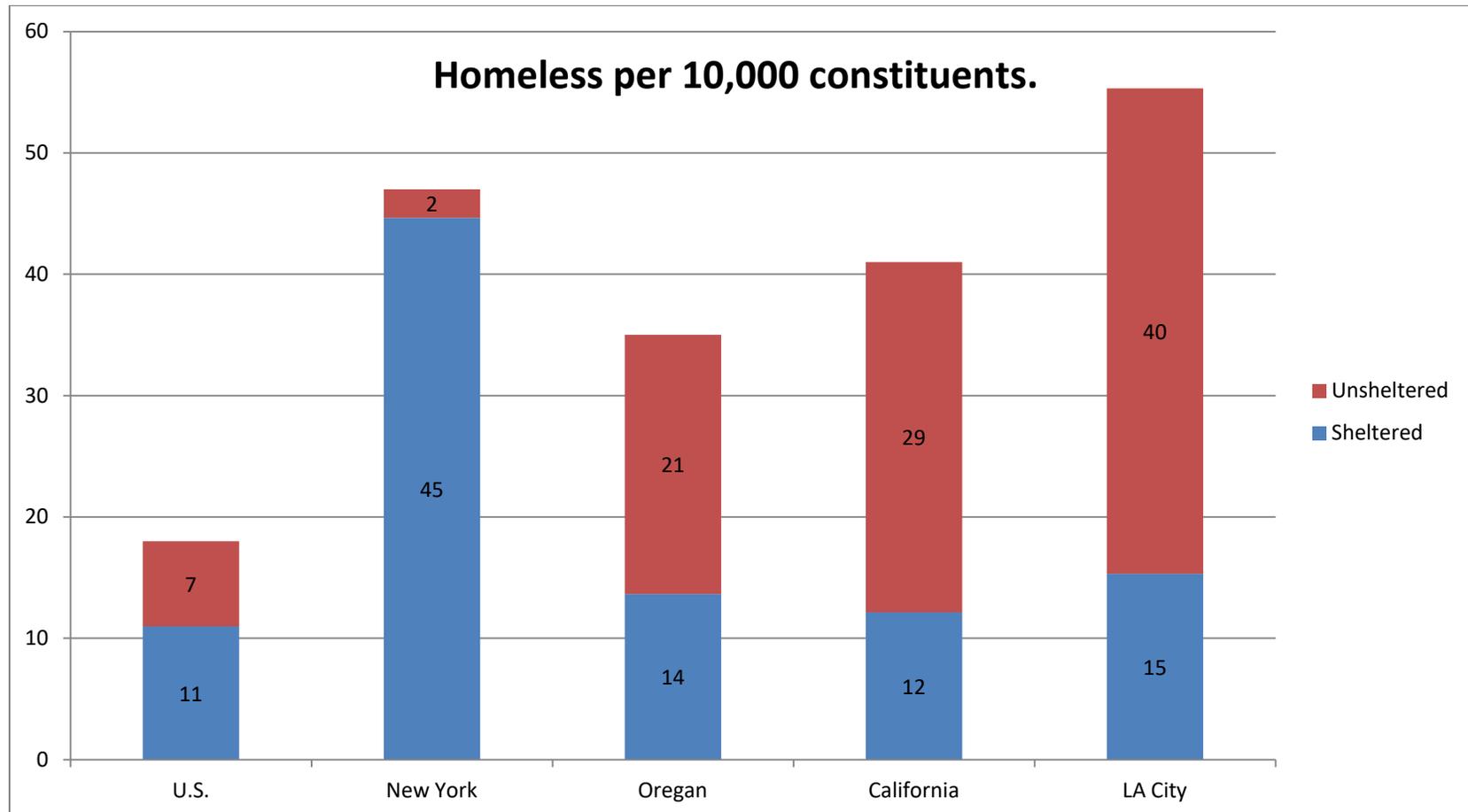
Union objection squashed because housing construction is byproduct of training.

NIMBY Public objection squashed by building on outskirts of town.

What is New Beginnings

A Shelter that turns into Housing as a training exercise for reentry.

California and LA are laggards in sheltering homeless.



California account for more than half the U.S. Unsheltered!

Why?

Current laws inhibit proper cost-effective care of the Homeless.

Count Rulings: (See [America's Homeless Industrial Complex - Causes & Solutions | California Policy Center](#) for details & solutions.)

2006 *Jones v. the City of Los Angeles* allows camping on public land until City provide PSH*.

2012 *Lavan v. City of Los Angeles* made cleanups of encampments nearly impossible.

2019 *Martin v. City of Boise* reinforced ruling in *Jones v. City of Los Angeles*.

Federal Legislation:

2009 Hearth Act added CofC bureaucracy. No funding if being clean & sober/work required.*

State Legislation:

1967 Lanterman-Petris-Short Act prohibits institutionalization of the mentally ill.

2011 AB 109 released tens of thousands of drug users and non-violent criminals from jails.

2015 AB953 *The Racial and Identity Profiling Act* diverted Police from enforcement to sociology.

2016 SB 1380 *Housing First* prevents requiring Detox & Rehab to get housing*.

Ballot Initiatives:

2014 Prop 47 made arrests for illegal drug use and property crimes not worth the effort.

2016 Prop 57 put 32,000 non-violent drug dealers, users and thieves back on the streets.

* "Permanent Supportive Housing" is required only for the ~30% seriously mentally ill or disabled.

The Plan proposed herein provides temporary shelter, then housing as homeless train for re-entry, and lives within *Housing First* constraints if providing shelter, toilets, showers & meals like the Venice *Bridge Home* project equates to "housing" in *Housing First* laws.

It lives within the Hearth Act because homeless people must choose New Beginnings over jail or leaving CA after violating prohibiting camping laws.

Building Permanent Supportive Housing in developed areas takes too long (Hearings, protests, suits) & cost too much.

Site	Total Cost	Cost / Unit	Beds / Unit	Cost / Bed
	\$4.5 Million	\$ 281,000	2	\$ 140,500
	\$3.85 Million	\$450,000	4	\$ 125,000
		\$743,000	2	\$371,500
 <p data-bbox="121 1312 346 1367">EXPECTED TO GET AS HIGH AS \$746,000</p> <p data-bbox="121 1453 514 1502">STREETS OF SHAME HOMELESS HOUSING SPENDING REPORT</p> <p data-bbox="520 1469 661 1502">NORTH BRIDGE NEWS 4</p> <p data-bbox="121 1502 514 1511">PRISONMENT, INDOOR DINING, RELIGIOUS SERVICES, GYMS AND FITNESS CENTERS, M</p>	\$35.8 Million	\$746,000	2 (avg.)	\$373,000

City also spending too much for *Temporary Shelters.*

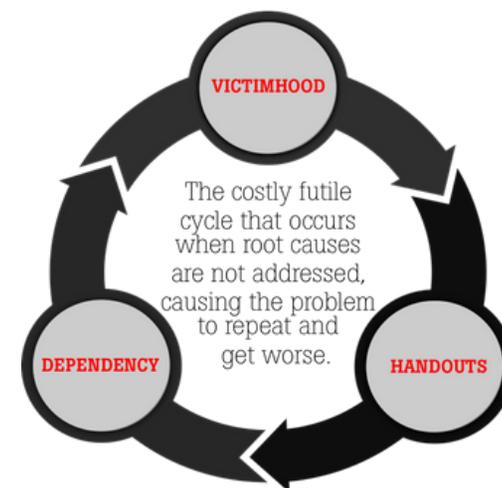
Site	Total Cost	Cost / Unit	Beds / Unit	Cost / Bed
	<p>\$8 Million For 3-year temporary facility.</p>	<p>1 adult Unit X teen units. 154 beds</p>	<p>100 beds in cubicles</p> 	<p>\$52,000 (May include food.)</p>
	<p>\$5.2 Million for 50</p>	<p>\$130,000 for a \$3,000 shed</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>\$65,000</p>
<p>Parks and Beaches</p> 	<p>Mike Bonin wants \$5 Million to study expansion*.</p>	<p>?</p> <p><i>* Expansion would further violate the Public Recreation Plan Section of the Service Systems element of the General Plan which mandates 1 acre of Neighborhood Park for every 1,000 residents.</i></p>	<p>?</p>	<p>Devastating to Public and Tourist Industry.</p>
<p>New Beginnings</p> 	<p>\$136,304</p>	<p>\$13,630</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>\$6,815</p>

Housing does not fix the Homeless Problem.

Without treating the cause:

- The person will either require endless expensive support, or
- Will fall back into homelessness, and
- The cycle will repeat.

The Churn



Training in behavioral, social and job skills is required.

Housing First does not address this and delays it.

Changing *Housing First* to *Shelter First* would allow faster access.

A Possible “New Hope”.

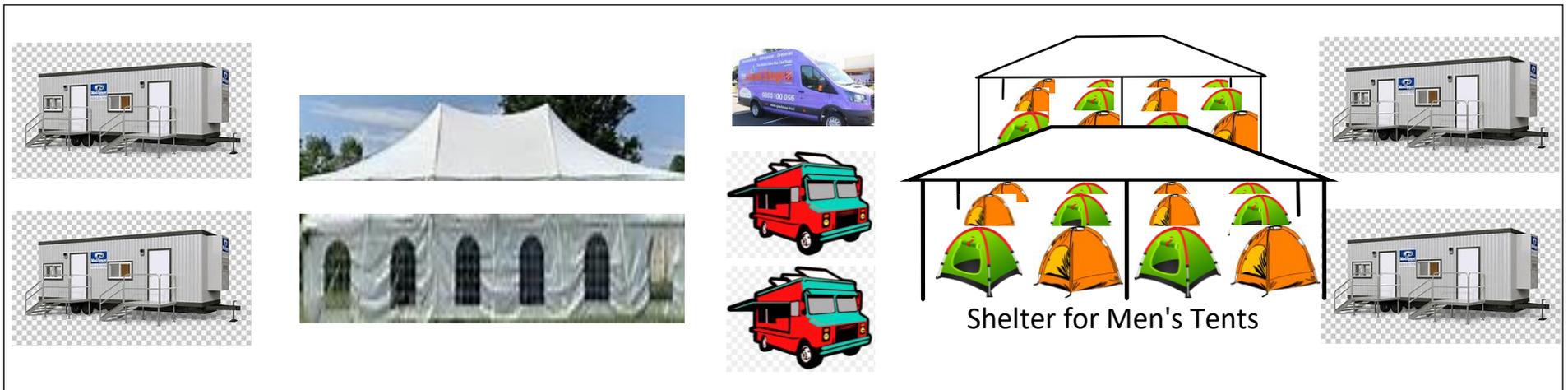
The Judge presiding over *Alliance for Human Rights v. City & County of LA* has said,

“Within no more than 90 days (i.e., on or before July 19, 2021), the City and County must offer and if accepted provide shelter or housing immediately to all unaccompanied women and children living in Skid Row; within 120 days (i.e., on or before August 18, 2021) to all families living in Skid Row; and within 180 days (i.e., on or before October 18, 2021) to the general population living in Skid Row.”

“After adequate shelter is offered, the Court will let stand any constitutional ordinance consistent with the holdings of Boise and Mitchell.” [emphasis added]

The only possible way to meet these requirements is to:

- **Acquire ½ acre per 100 people,** [Such land is available in Palmdale at ~\$20K/acre.]
- **Purchase and deploy food prep, bathroom, shower and office trailers on that land,**
- **Buy & anchor large framed tents under which homeless people & their tents can be moved.**



The Homeless Industry

Cities provide:

- Money (LA City provided \$1.2 Billion HHH Bond money, paid back + Interest by taxpayers.)
- Housing:
 - *New Permanent Supporting Housing* development via For-Profit Developers.
 - *Temporary Shelters* via For-Profit Developers.
 - *Hotel, Motel conversions*

LA County provides:

- Medical and Mental Health services.
- Hospitals & Emergency Rooms for trauma care.
- Substance Abuse detox and rehab programs.

LA Housing Services Authority (LAHSA)

- Maintains the inventory of housing & service Non-Profits in *Homeless Mgmt Info Sys*.
- Coordinates between Cities, County & Non-Profit service groups.
- Distributes funding (grants) from Feds. & State. (H & HHH money also???)
- Directs homeless to proper facility thru the *Coordinated Entry System*.
- Runs the bi-annual Homeless Count.
- Provides Outreach Teams to encourage Homeless to shelters/housing.

Service Provides - ~100 Non-Profits (? For-Profits ?)

- Manage Shelters & Housing. Feed & manage Homeless.

Problem: Funding based on number current in program, rather than rehabilitated.
No incentive to end homelessness. [You get what you measure!]

Results of current approach to homelessness.

Since HHH passed in 2016 raising \$1.2 Billion for 10,000 housing units:

- 228¹ (732²) Units completed by 2020. Average Price \$531,000 per unit.
- HHH Money wasted on For-Profit developers charging \$690,692 to \$746,000 per unit.
- LA County Homeless rose 42% from 46,874 to 66,436
- LA City, with 40% of LA County's people, has 62% of the homeless.
- Property Crimes are up.

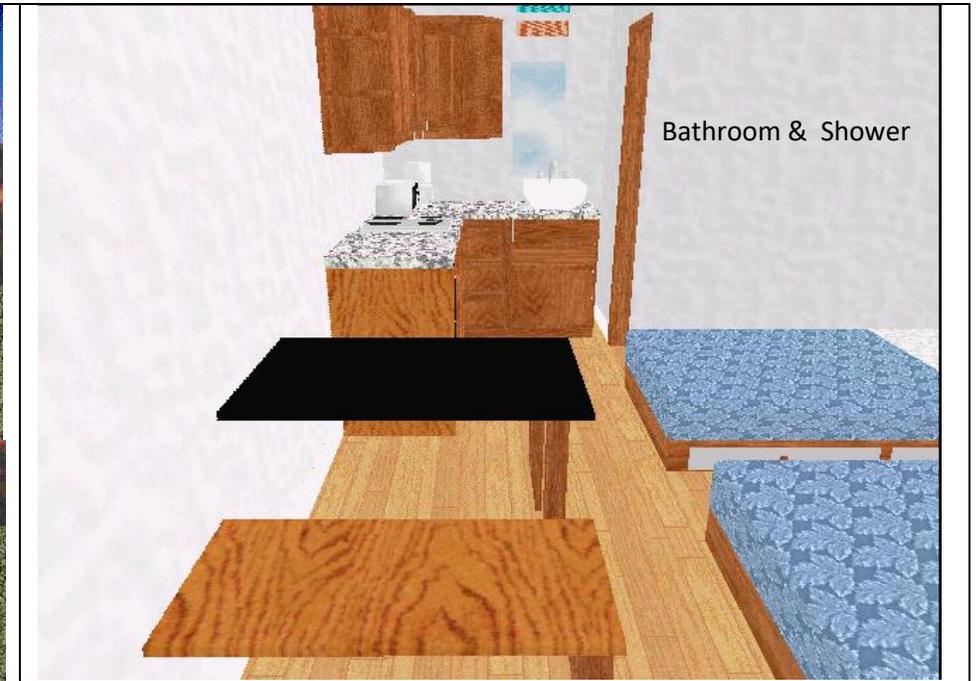
Solution:

- Stop spending \$500,000 to \$750,000 on luxury high-rise apartments on high-priced City land.
- Implement the "*Habitat for the Homeless*" Plan below where homeless assemble their own Studio Apartment on cheap County/State land for \$7,000 a bed.

Habitat for the Homeless.

(Homeless housing assembled by the Homeless for the Homeless)

Location: Palmdale - Lancaster



12'x16' 200SF Studio Apts Solar Heat. Earth cooled. 2 Single Beds/1 Double, Kitchen, Bath, Closet.

Groceries provided. Meals cooked at home.

Total Cost: \$140,000 for 10-Unit, 20-Person building.

Cost / Unit: \$ 14,000

Cost / Bed: \$ 7,000

Problem & Solution Summary

Needs	Current Method	Problems	Suggested Solution
Housing	Use For-Profit Developers to build Homeless housing.	Developers charge \$200,000 ¹ - \$743,000 ² /Apt.	Teach Homeless to assemble own simple wood-frame apartments. Materials cost only \$14,000 ³ /Apt.
	Used Private-Public funding	Private funding takes 2 to 4 years to get.	Use public H & HHH money to hire Instructors and buy materials.
	Build housing in existing City neighborhoods.	Land cost \$ Millions/acre. Fight protest lawsuits. No room to expand.	Build housing in Palmdale/Lancaster. Land costs \$15-\$20 Thousand/acre. There's room for building expansion.
		Homeless preyed upon by drug gangs.	Protect homeless in fenced-gated communities till ready to leave.
Mental & Health Care	?	Scattered homeless locations make care impossible.	Consolidate shelters, care and future housing near medical-rehad facility.
Food, Sundries, Utilities	?	?	Can house and feed a person for 153 years at \$3200 ⁴ /person/yr for what City is paying Developers per unit.
Income	?	Stolen or spent on drugs.	SSI payments managed & protected.
New Skills	?	?	Teach Construction, Food prep and Housekeeping skills for use at shelter. Teach Robotics and AI programming in prep for new jobs outside.
New Job	?	?	Provide job-location assistance.

¹ Converted San Francisco hotel \$45 Million for 232 units. - [Is Permanent Housing the Real Homeless Solution? - SM Mirror](#)

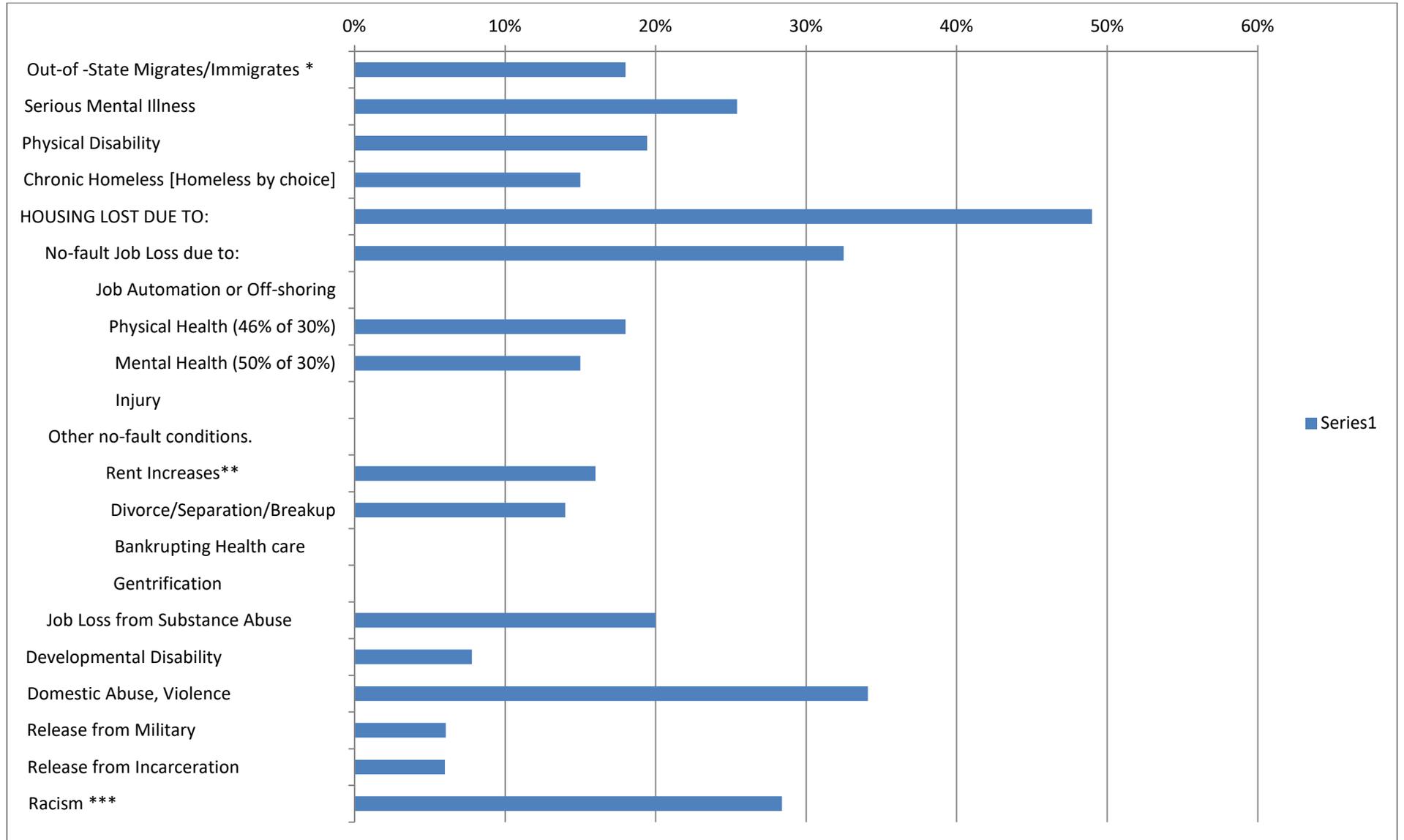
² LA Times

³ See *Building Construction Costs* tab in [Tent City Cost](#) spreadsheet.

⁴ See *Tent City Annual Expenses* tab in [Tent City Cost](#) spreadsheet.

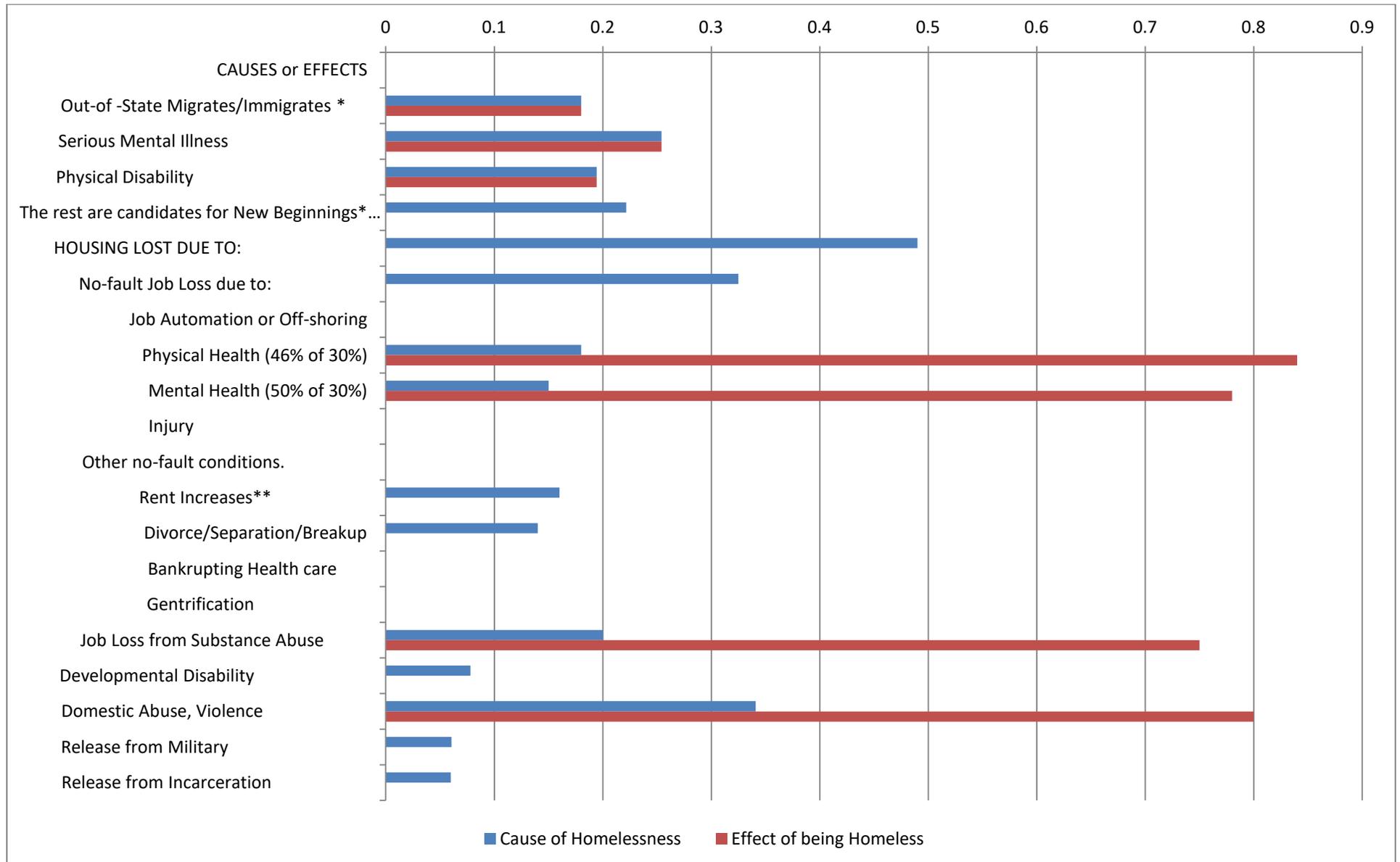
Causes of Homelessness

Causes and Frequency reported. (Not types of Homeless people.)

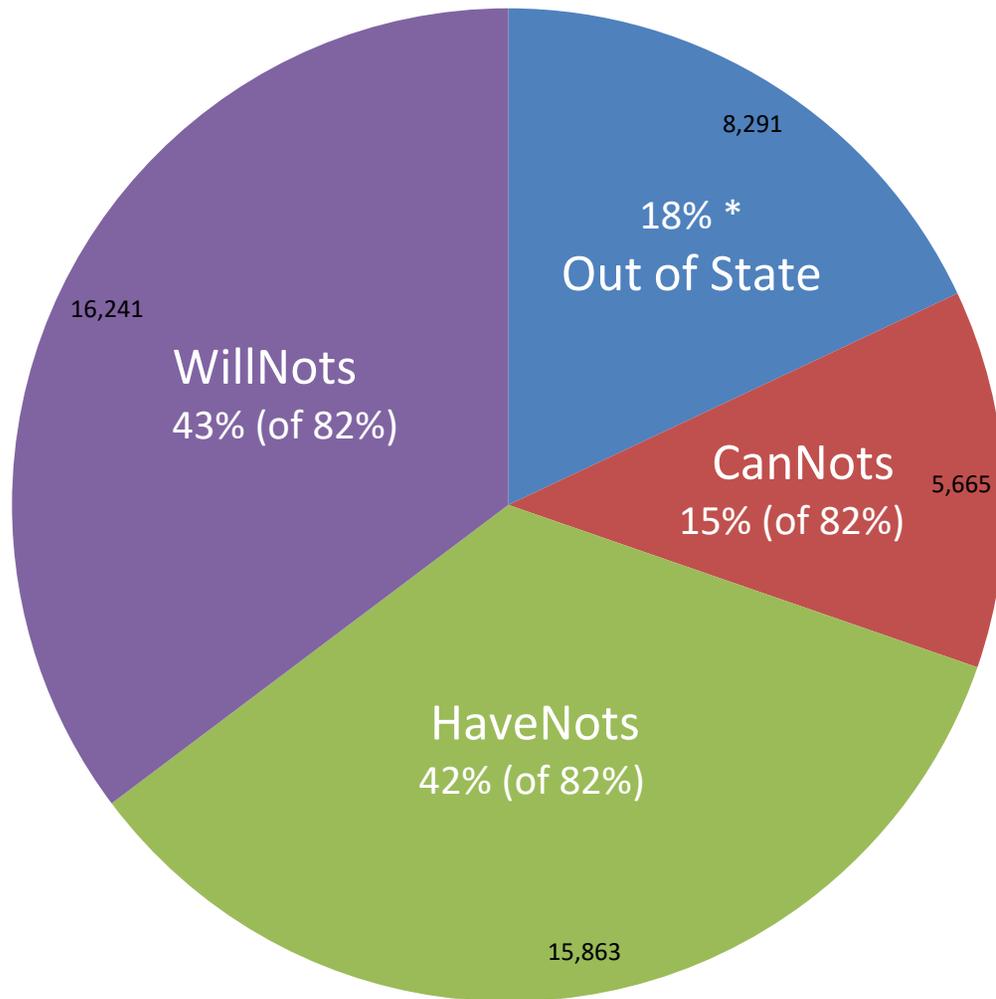


Effects of being Homeless

Homelessness begets ill health, depression, substance abuse, domestic abuse.



Types of Homeless People



■ Non Californians

Never worked, paid taxes in CA.
Out-of-State Adventurers.
Hobo.

■ "CanNots" - Physical or Mental Disability

Critically Ill.
Serious Mental Illness.
Disabled.

■ "HaveNots" - No Job, No Home or No Skills.
Need new skills to succeed.

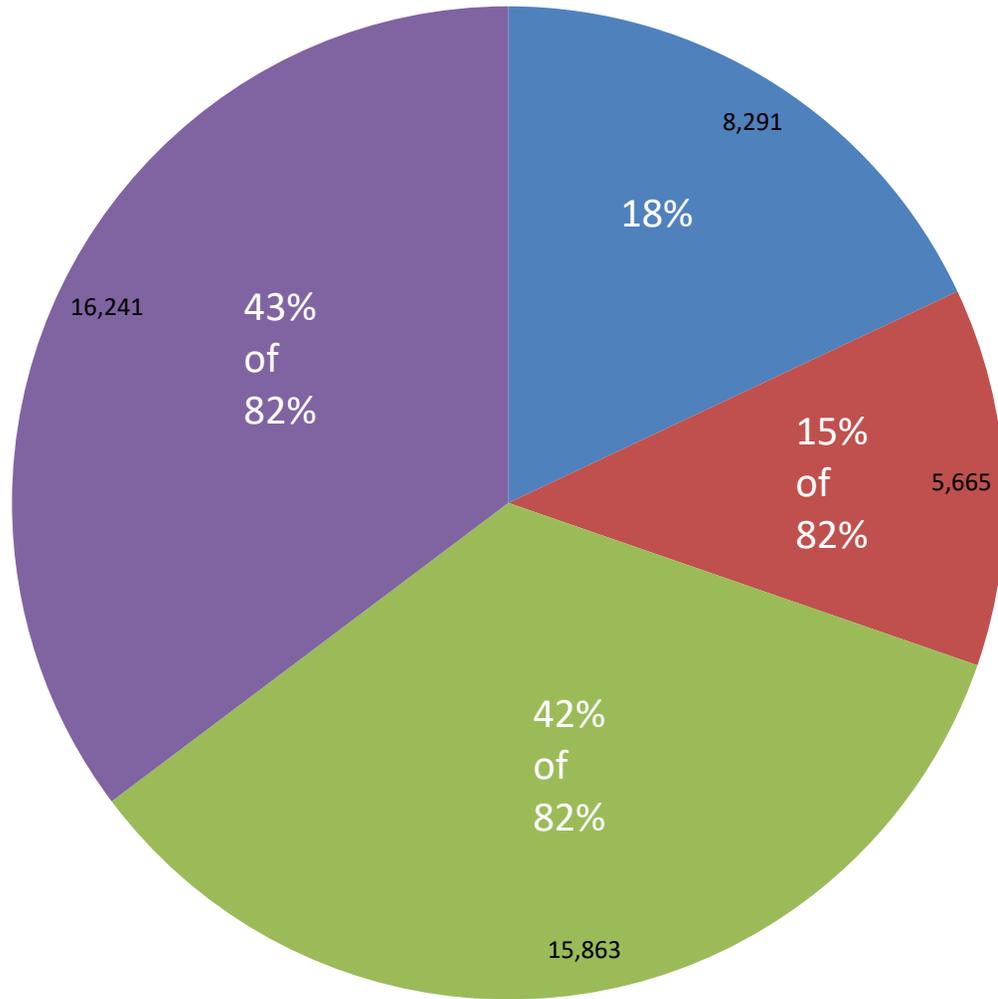
Lost job to Offshoring, automation,
robotics, Artificial Intelligence (AI).
Domestic Abuse. Separation.
Gentrification. Release Mil./Foster.

■ "WillNots" - Chronic Thieves, Alcoholics,
Drug Abusers, "Freespirits"

Release from Jail.

* Guess based on 26% of homeless having no work history in California – 8% bring California kids released from military service = yielding 18% of homeless are from Out-of-State. Then I used *Solutions for Change* Paul Webster's 15-42-43 Model on the remaining 82%.

Solutions by Type of Homeless Person



■ Non Californians

One-Way, Non-Stop Flight to home State or Country.

■ "CanNots" - Physical or Mental Disability

Permanent Supportive Housing or Hospital.

■ "HaveNots" - No Job, No Home or No Skills. Need new skills to succeed.

New Beginnings Tent City while assembling own studio apt or helping at TC to get one.

■ "WillNots" - Chronic Thieves, Alcoholics, Drug Abusers, "Freespirits"

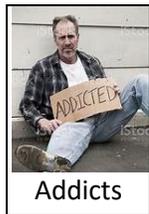
Will probably end up back in jail or leaving California.

Homelessness has different causes. Requires different solutions.



But for most, healing requires regaining self-worth.

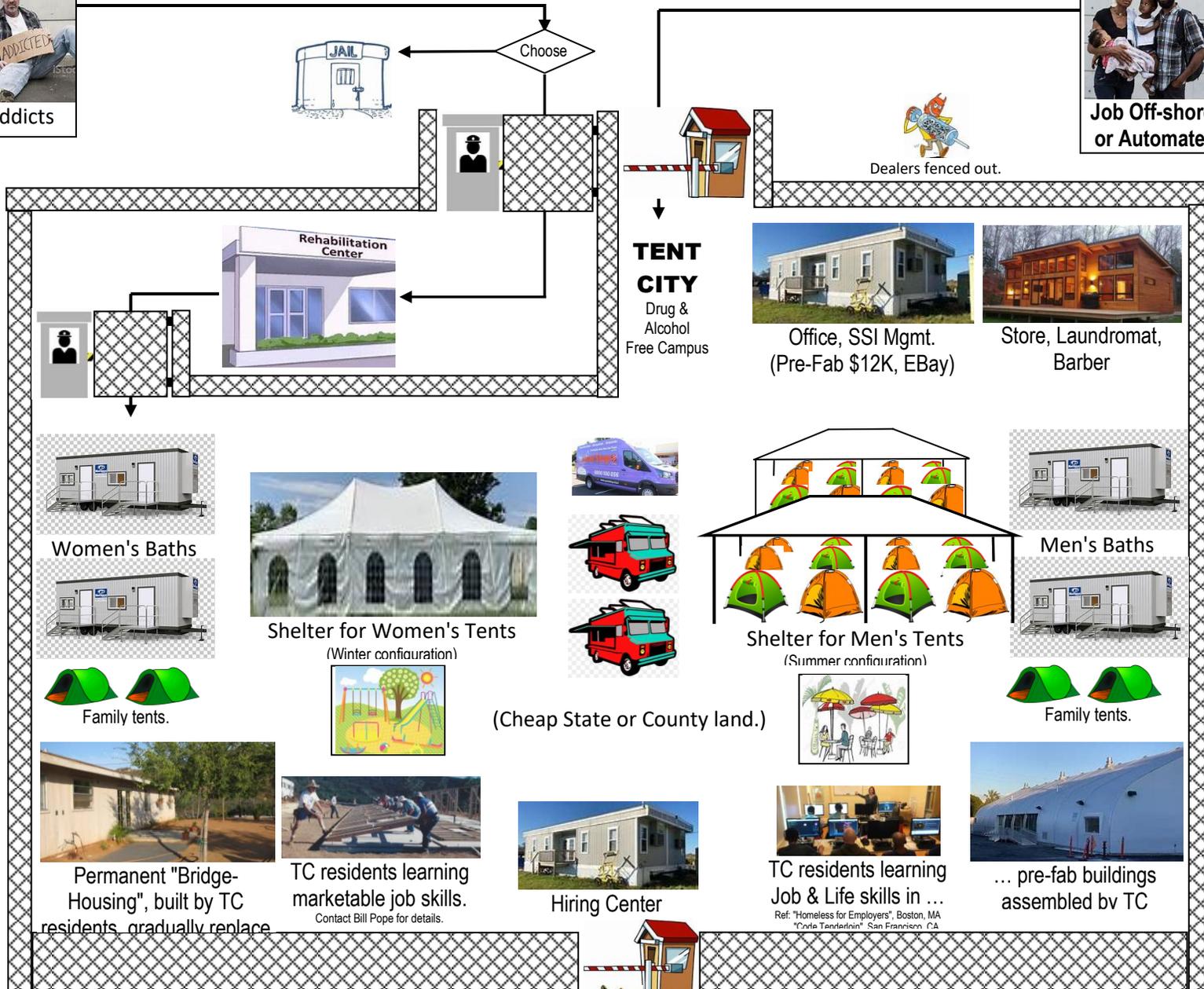
Welcome to "New Beginnings"



Addicts



Job Off-shored or Automated.



Women's Baths
Family tents.



Shelter for Women's Tents
(Winter configuration)



(Cheap State or County land.)



Shelter for Men's Tents
(Summer configuration)



Men's Baths
Family tents.



Permanent "Bridge-Housing", built by TC residents, gradually replace



TC residents learning marketable job skills.
Contact Bill Pope for details.



Hiring Center



TC residents learning Job & Life skills in ...
Ref: "Homeless for Employers", Boston, MA
"Code Tendermint", San Francisco, CA



... pre-fab buildings assembled by TC



Thieves & Dealers fenced out.



Productive Citizens back in Society.

By Bill Pope
BillPope1@verizon.net

“New Beginnings” – From Tent Cities to Renaissance Villages.

The Renaissance of the 15th & 16th centuries **was:**

- A break from the past (The Crisis of the Late Middle Ages, The 100 Year War).
- Revived knowledge of how to make things yourself, like woodwork, art, concrete.
- Departure from myth and superstition. The beginnings of science.
- The worth of individuals....

“A man can do all things, if he will.” - Leon Battista Alberti (1404–72)

“New Beginnings” begins as a drug and alcohol-free *“Tent City”* shelter.

- Mentally-stable people and their personal tents are sheltered under large tents.
- Medically-assisted detoxification is provided, if required,
- Restrooms, showers and basic health care are provided,
- Guests get three nutritious meals a day,
- In exchange for service to the village: building, farming, cooking, cleaning, teaching, etc.

“New Beginnings” morphs into a village of permanent structures, built by its residents.

- Structures are simple to build and modular, but comfortable and classy.
- Structures will employ passive solar heating and earth cooling, reducing expenses.
- At first, residents will be taught and guided by hired professional builders.
- Then residents with experience will teach and guide other residents.
- The new skills learned will enable former homeless to re-enter society with pride.

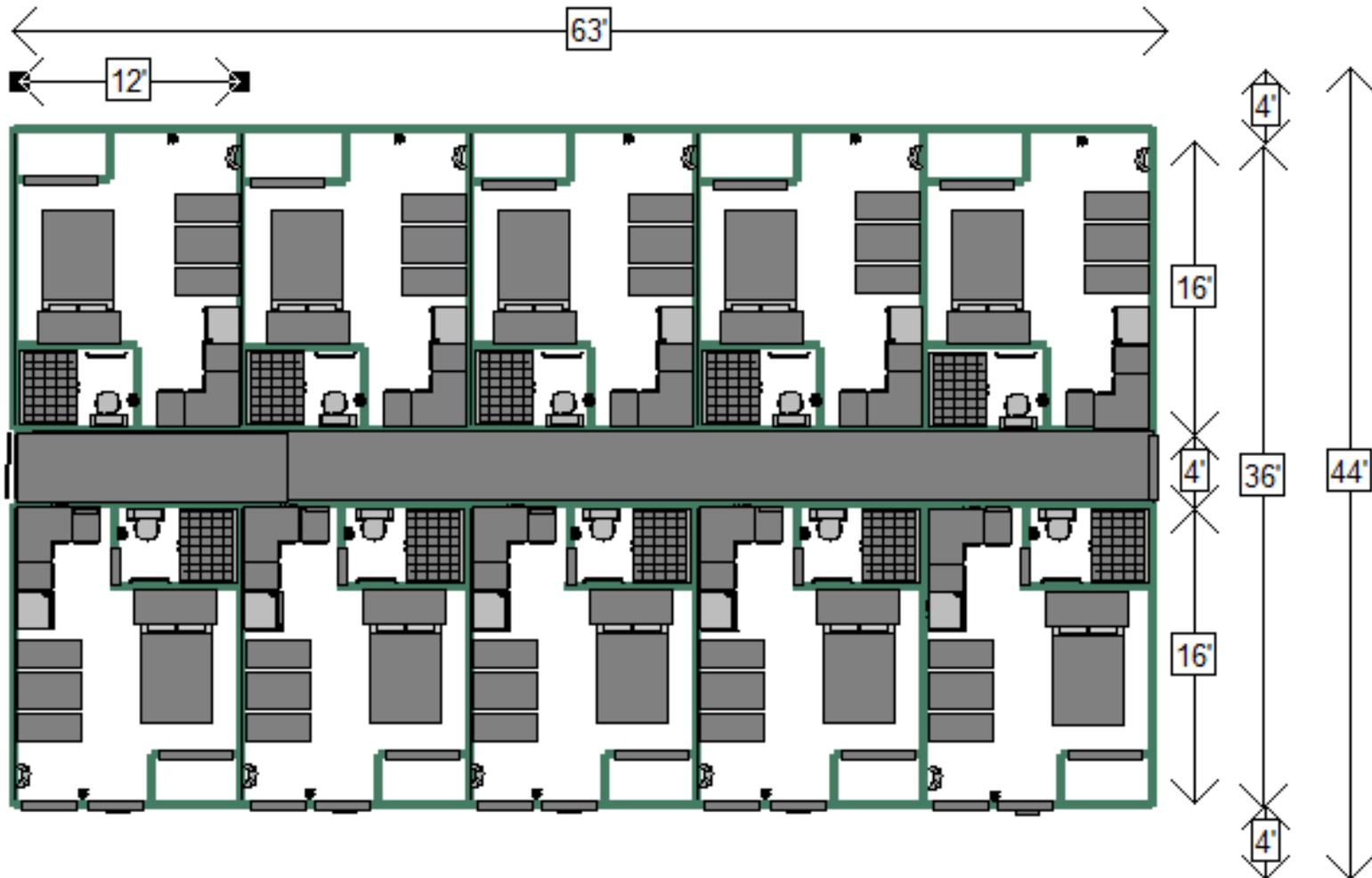
Permanent Housing Structures to be built by Homeless people using the *Habitat for Humanity* approach.



Each building has 10 Living Units accommodating 2 people each for a total of 20 people.

Materials cost about \$14,000 per Living Unit or \$140,000 per building.

10-Unit Building

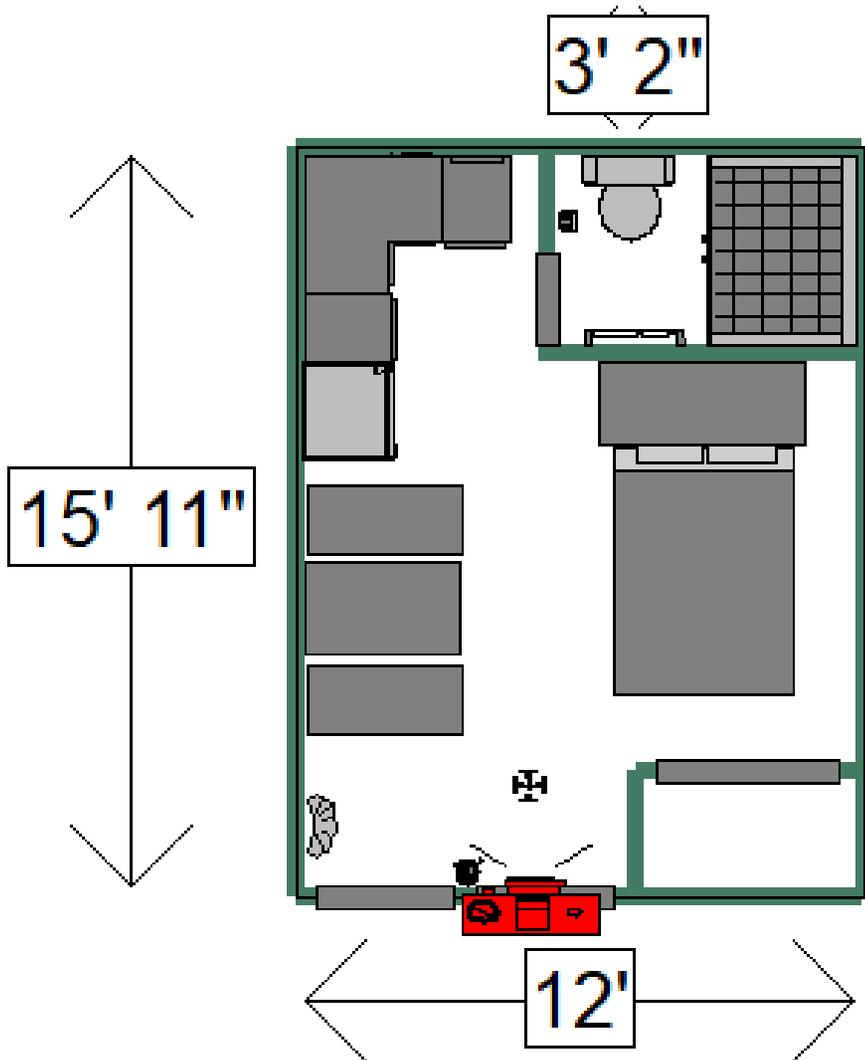


Units shown with one Double Bed for couples rather than two Twin Beds for Singles, or single-parent families.

The Living Units and building are designed for easy assembly by amateurs with minimum material and cost waste.

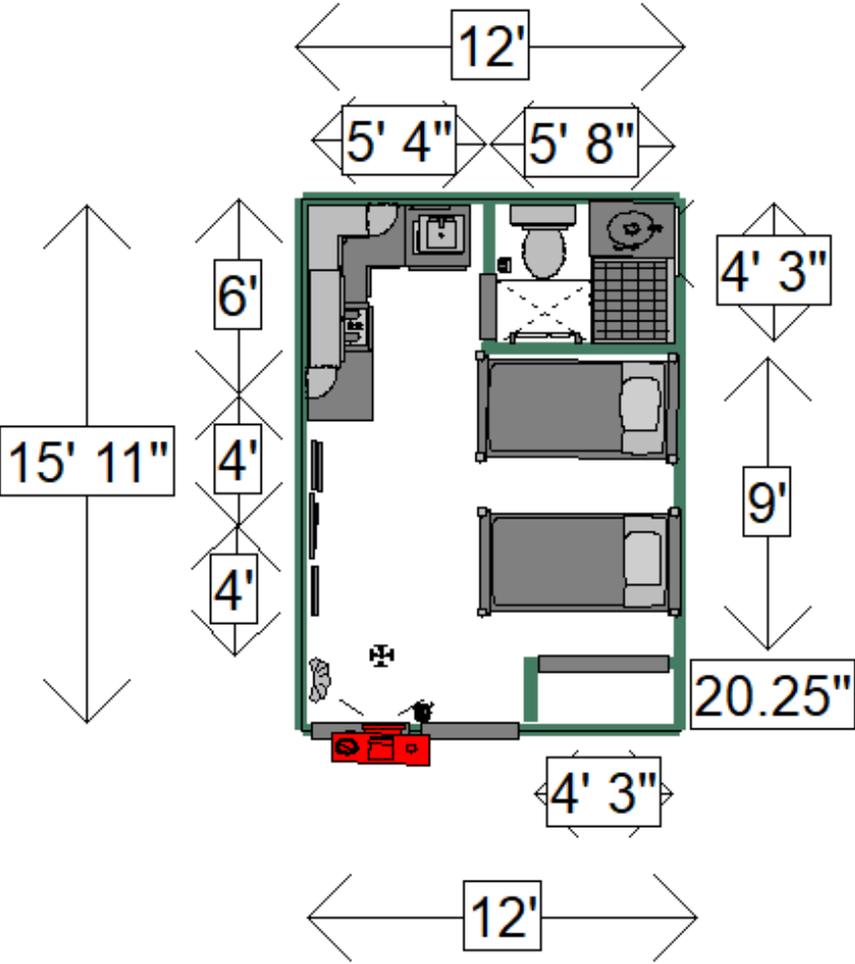
A Couple's Room

EcoSmart [6 Gallon Electric Mini-Tank Water Heater](#) \$206 below.
Towel & TP storage shelves above.



For \$10,000 per Living Unit, homeless get kitchen with cook top & refrigerator and private bath,
(vs. a "Bed in a Shed" for \$8,000.)

A Single's Room (2-Occupants)



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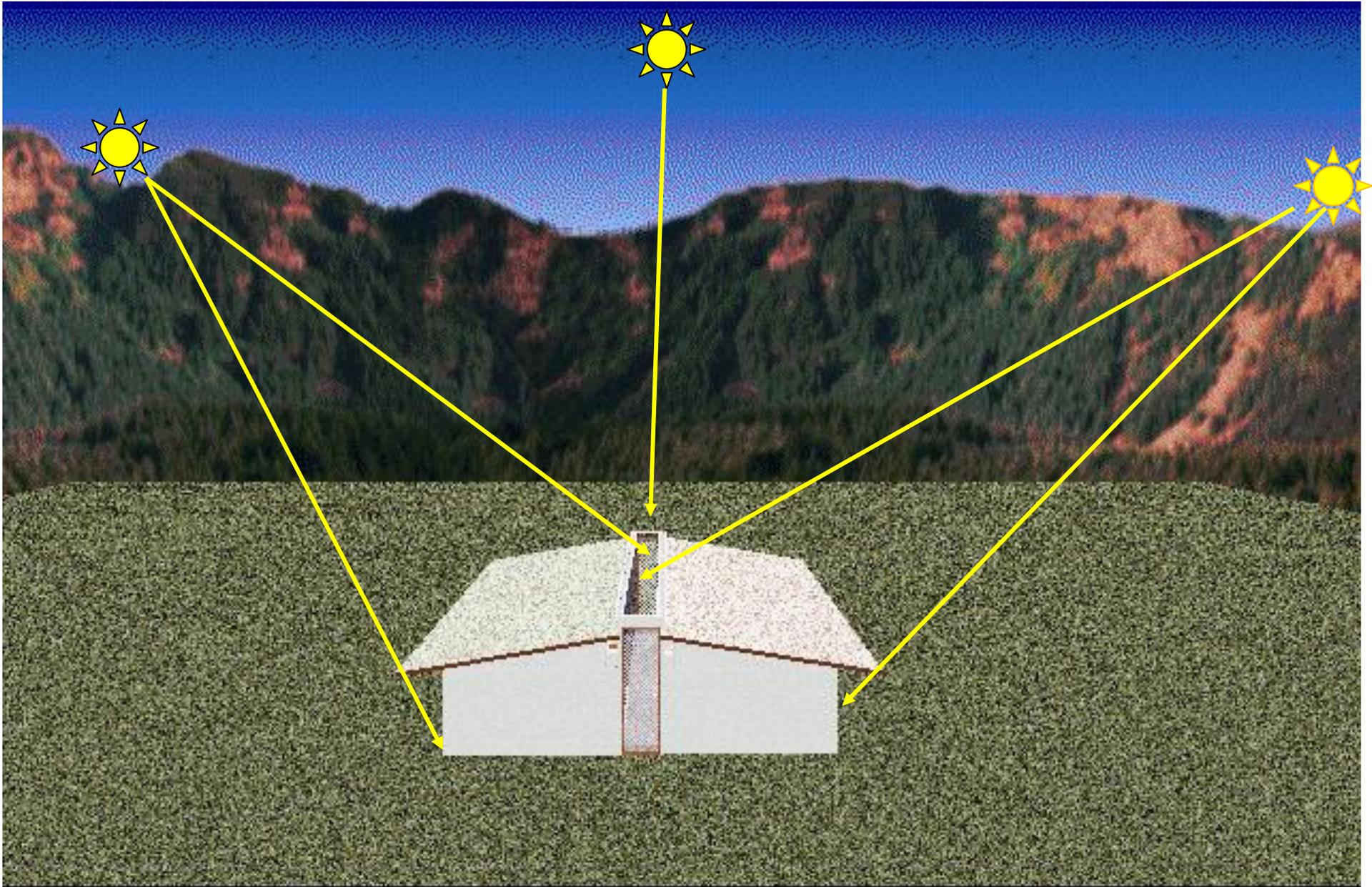


Folding Table Down

Passive Solar Heating & Cooling reduces Utility expenses.

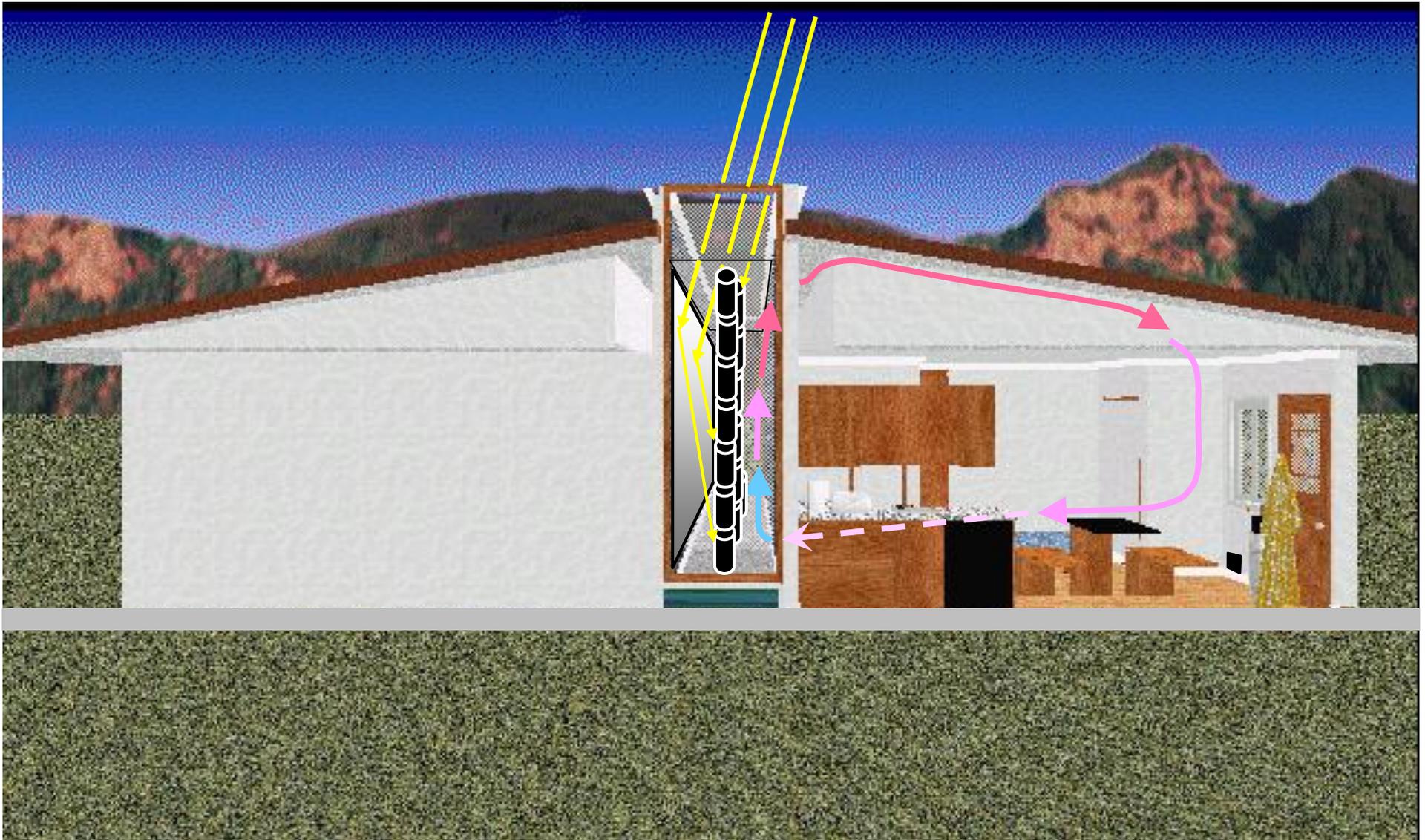


Passive Solar Heating in Winter



Eaves built to allow sun to warm walls in winter, but shade walls in summer.

Passive Solar Heating in Winter

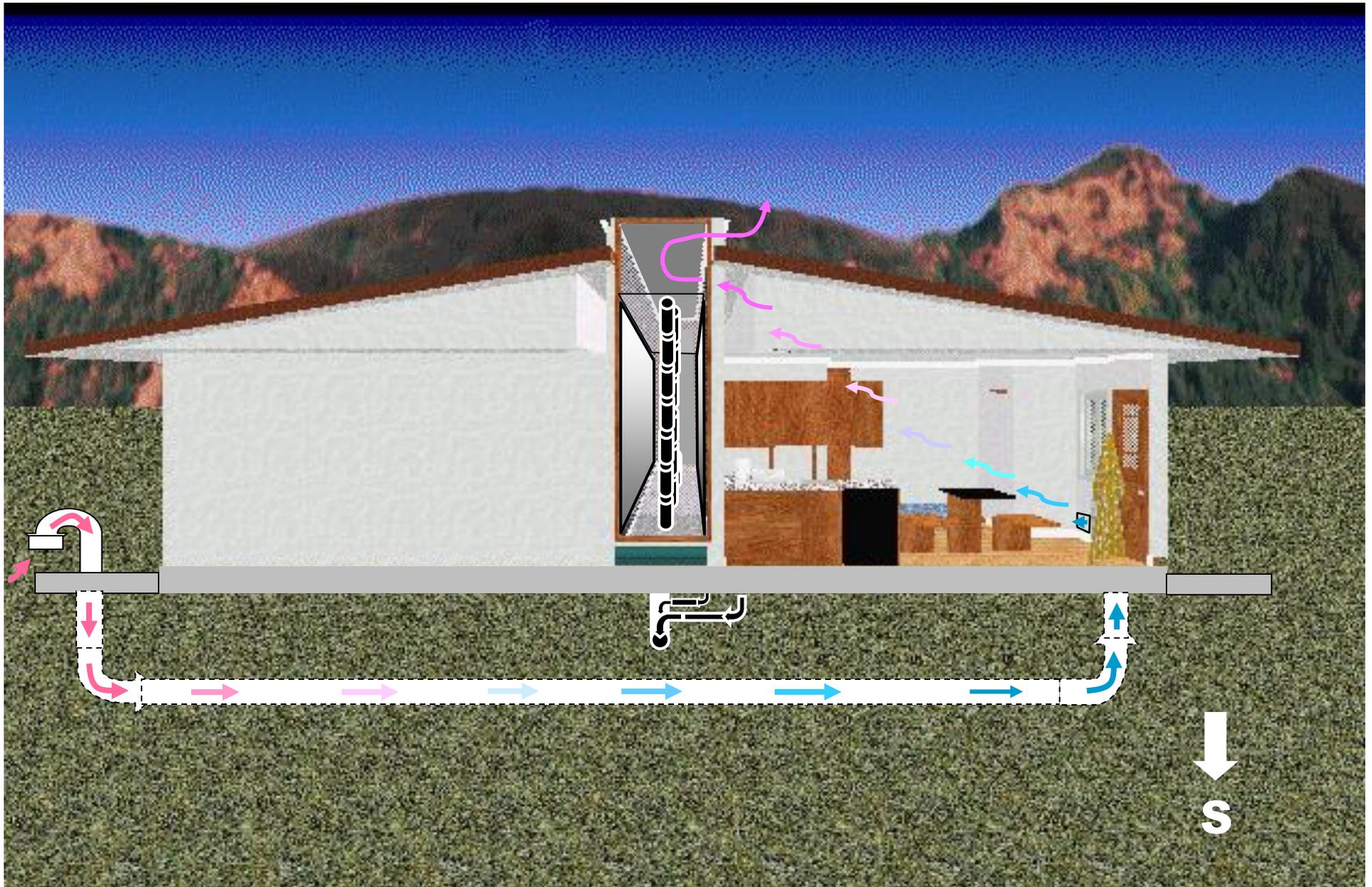


Needs review by Thermal Engineer for roof pitch & vent size calculations.

Passive Radiant Heating on Winter Nights



Passive Ground Cooling in Summer



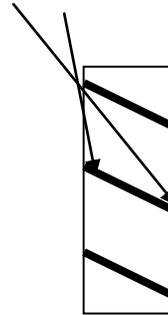
Needs review by Thermal Engineer for roof pitch, air duct & vent size calculations.

Climate Control Louvers at 34° N Latitude = 26°

Summer Solstice

Sun's Elevation at 9:00 AM = 51°. Noon = 79°.

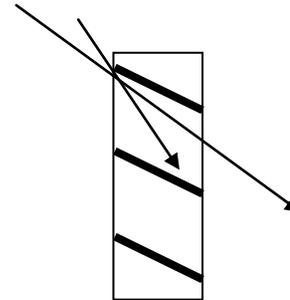
33° Louvers block all of sun's rays.



Equinox

Sun's Elevation at 9:00 AM = 36°. Noon = 56°.

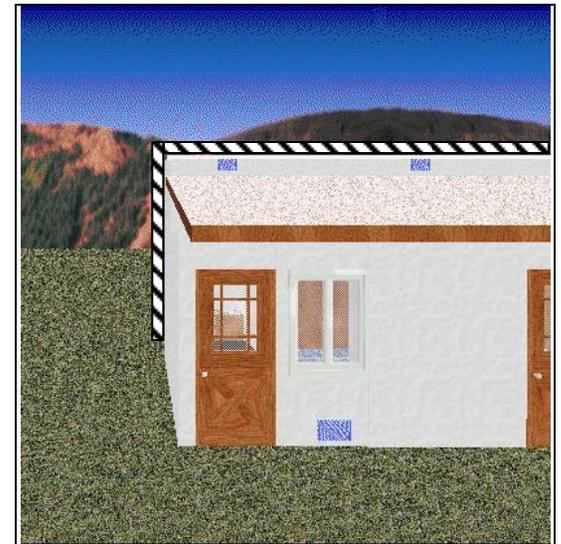
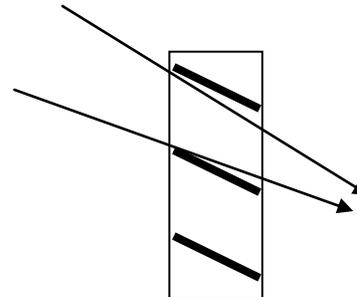
33° Louvers block half of sun's rays.



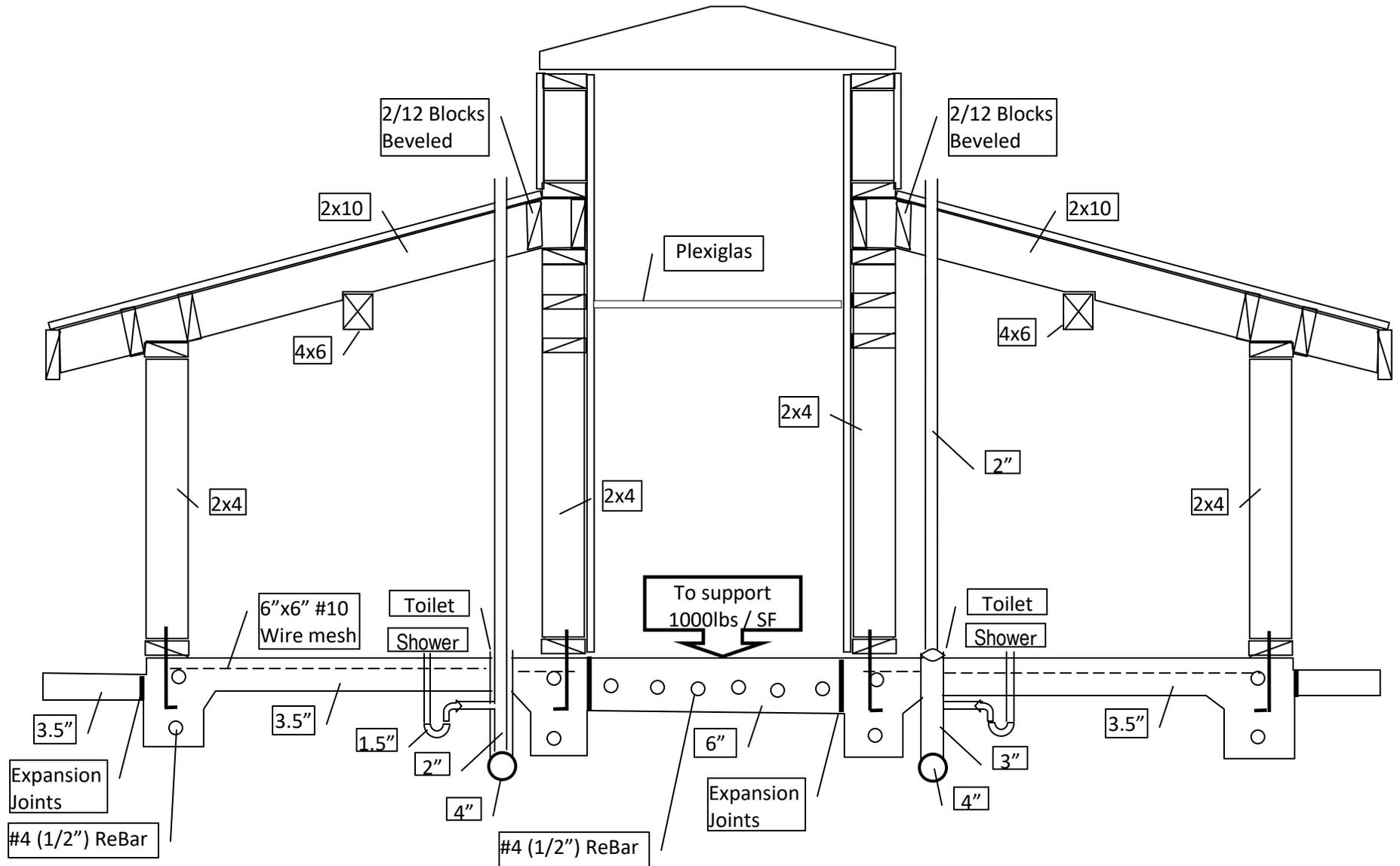
Winter Solstice

Sun's Elevation at 9:00 AM = 20°. Noon = 32°.

33° Louvers allows most sun's rays .

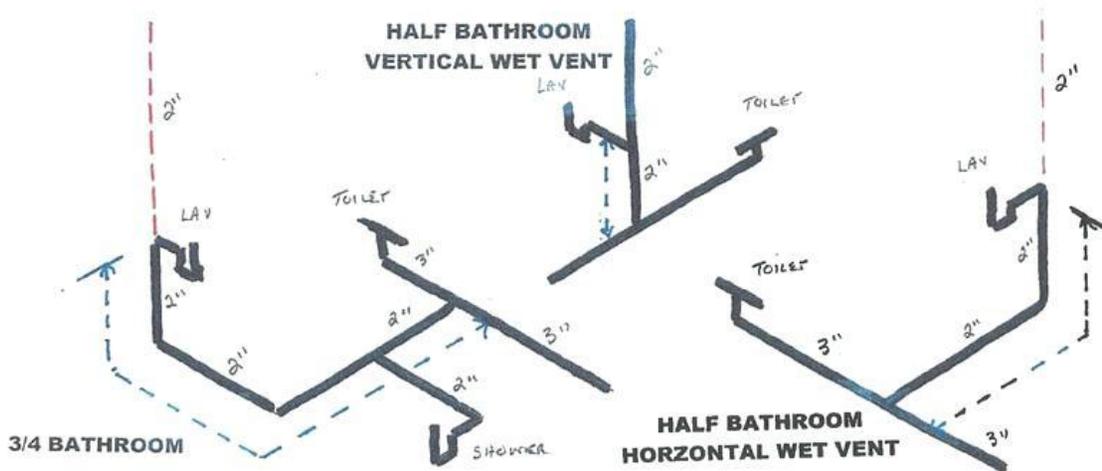
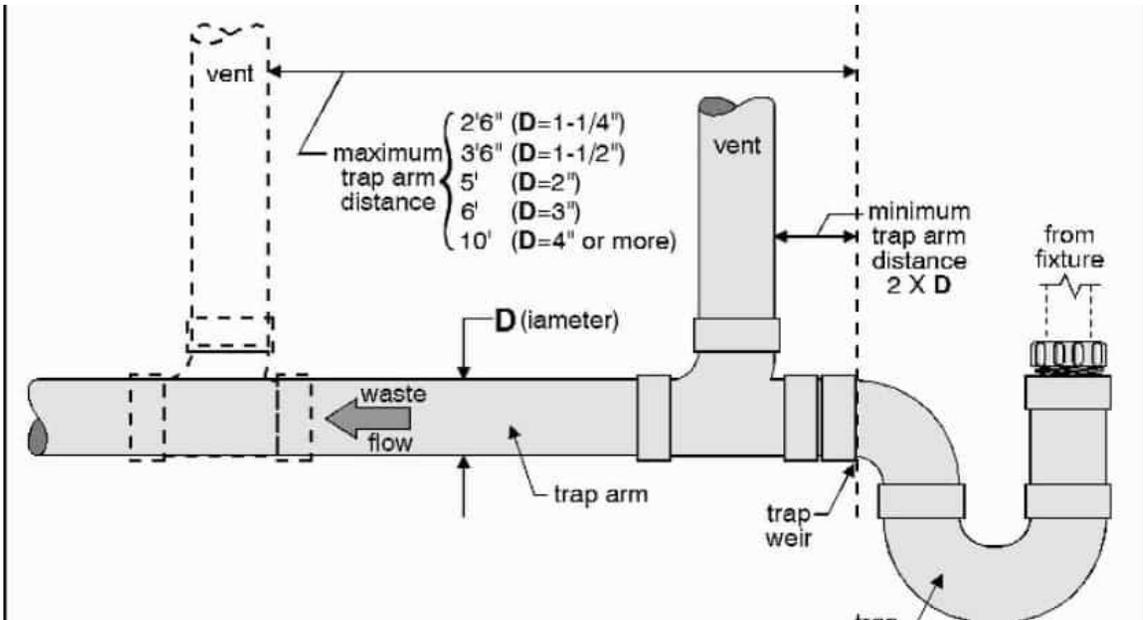


Framing Detail (Base on LADBS Type V One Story Construction LABC 91.2320.) (Not to scale.)

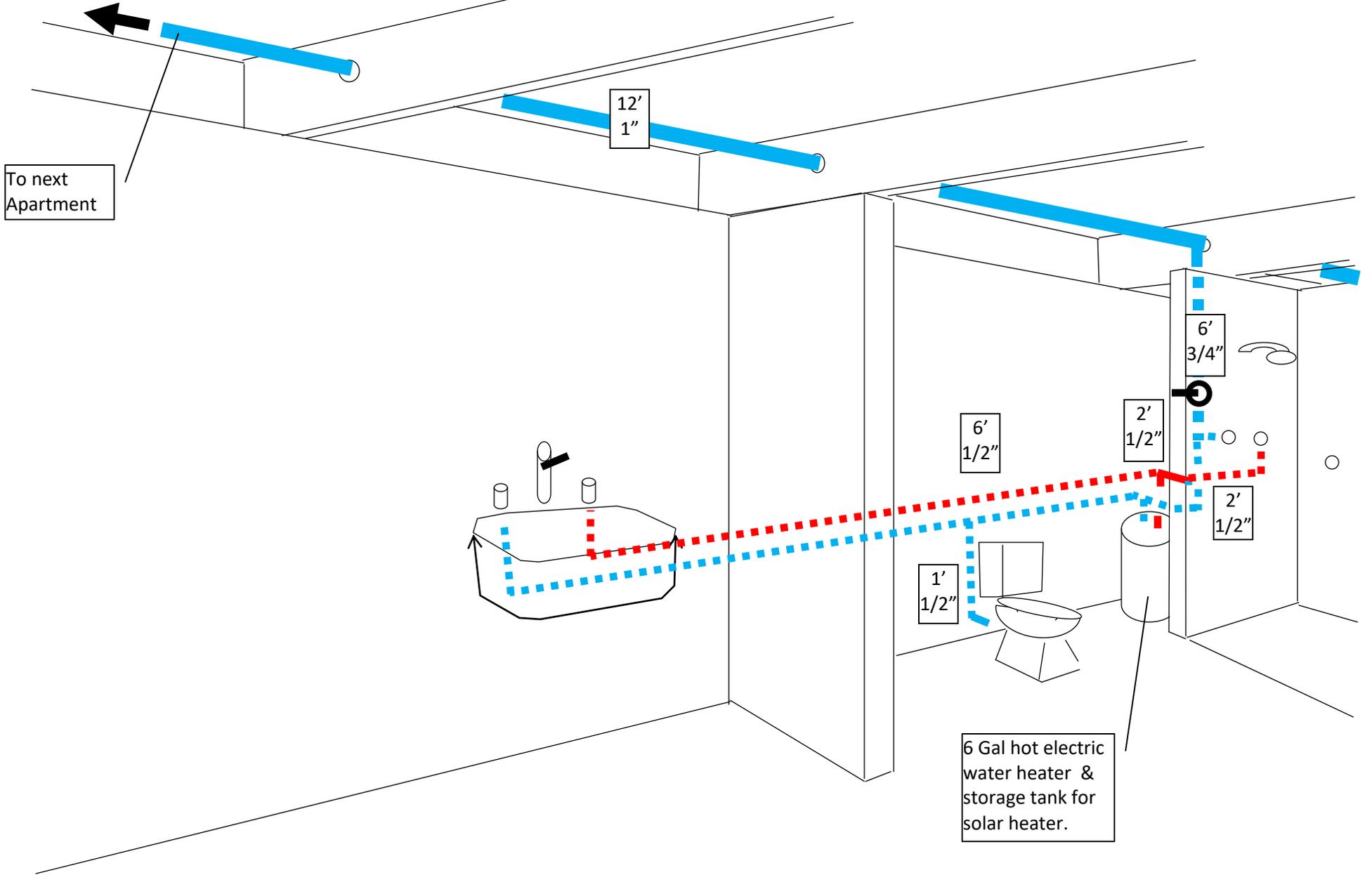


Venting Options

[Plumbing Vent Diagram: How to Properly Vent Your Pipes \(theplumbinginfo.com\)](http://theplumbinginfo.com)



Water Supply Plan Detail



Best Type Pipe to Use.

Water Supply

	Pipe Type					
Feature:	PVC	CPVC Tubing	PEX Type A	PEX Type B	Galvanized	Copper M
Hot & Cold	No, Cold only	Yes				
Joining	Prime & Glue		Pre-expand	Crimp	Dope&Thread	Heat & Solder
Pipe Size	Standard	Standard	Standard	Oversize	Standard	Smaller
Price/Ft 1/2"	\$2.07	n/a	\$0.36	\$0.55		\$1.43
Price/Tee 1/2"	\$3.00	\$17.00	\$3.00	\$3.00		
Elbow 1/2"	\$		\$0.98	\$0.98		
Flexible	No	No	Most	Slightly	No	No
Re-Jointable	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Tool - Auto	Not rqed	Not rqed	\$400	None	None	
- Manual	\$45	\$45	\$124	\$100	\$60.	\$50
Skill Required	Low	Low	Low	High	Med	Med
Time Required	Medium	Medium	Low	Medium	High Fitting	Medium
Choice	Can't thread into walls.		BEST		Can't thread into walls.	

Water Supply Placement

Above slab? Yes, less placement precision required. Most space, allowing more concurrent work.

Below slab? No, too much time-consuming placement precision required. Not repairable.

Drain-Waste-Vent

	Pipe Type			
Feature:	PVC	ABS	Cast Iron	Galvanized
Joining	Prime & Glue	Glue	Lead	Thread
Pipe Size	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard
Price/Ft				
Price/Tee				
Flexible	Slightly	No	No	No
Re-Jointable	No	No	Yes	Yes
Tool Costs	Cheap	Cheap	High	Moderate
Skill Required	Low	Low		
Time Required	Low	Low	High	Medium
Choice		BEST		

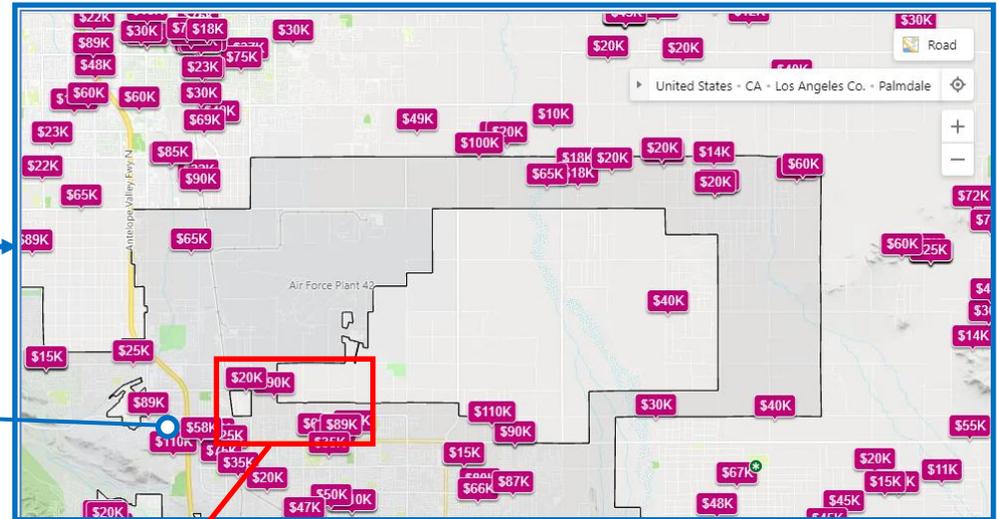
Meter and Supply Line Size (2019 UPC).

Longest branch, Ft 40 60 80 100 150

Meter	Bldg Sply	40	60	80	100	150	200	250	300	350	400	450	500
2	1 1/2	151	129	129	110	80	64	53	46	38	32	27	23
1	2	85	85	85	85	85	85	82	80	66	61	57	53
1 1/2	2	220	205	190	176	155	138	127	120	104	85	70	57
2	2	370	327	292	265	217	185	164	147	124	96	70	57
2	2 1/2	445	418	390	370	330	300	280	265	240	220	198	177
PRESSURE RANGE - 46 to 60 psi ¹													
3/4	1/2	7	7	6	5	4	3	2	2	1	1	1	1
3/4	3/4	20	20	19	17	14	11	9	8	6	5	4	4
3/4	1	39	39	36	33	28	23	21	19	17	14	12	12
1	1	39	39	39	36	30	25	23	20	18	15	12	12
3/4	1 1/4	39	39	39	39	39	39	34	32	27	25	22	22
1	1 1/4	78	78	76	67	52	44	39	36	30	27	24	24
1 1/2	1 1/4	78	78	78	78	66	52	44	39	33	29	24	24
1	1 1/2	85	85	85	85	85	80	67	55	49	41	41	41
1 1/2	1 1/2	151	151	151	128	105	90	78	62	52	42	42	42
2	1 1/2	151	151	151	150	117	98	84	67	55	42	42	42

Where to build *New Beginnings?*

There are 100s of acres around the failed Palmdale Regional Airport available for \$15K - \$20K/acre.



Palmdale
Regional
Medical Center

Selected Sales 2 Clear All

SALE AMOUNT	SALE DATE	TOTAL ACRES	LOCATION
\$15,000	01/04/21	1.2 ac	Los Angeles County, CA
\$100,000	07/18/18	4.9 ac	Los Angeles County, CA

AcreValue provides valuation, soil survey, and crop history reports for individual fields of farmland. Our valuation model utilizes over 20 field-level and macroeconomic data variables to estimate the value of an individual plot of farmland in California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Wisconsin. Soil information is sourced from the SSURGO database developed by the National Cooperative Soil Survey. Crop history information is sourced from the NASS

Tent City Cost Estimates

Below is a list of the minimum equipment required for the 100 people originally envisioned to be sheltered in *Tent City* each month as they assembled their Studio Apartments. The Turnover Rate (inflow and outflow) would be about 20 per week, so a temporary shelter for 100 would be enough even though a 1000 workers might pass through it while building 50 permanent Housing structures a year.*

Item	Price	Supplier
½ Acre Land	\$10,000 - \$100,000	Lancaster - Palmdale
Fencing and gates per 100 people tents.	\$8,400	
4) 30' x 105' framed Tent w Cathedral windows or Calhoun Superstructure fabric over frame/100. (2 for Men's tents, 1 for Women's tents, 1 for Family tents/100 people.)	\$ 53,444 or \$ 70,000	Canopy Inc. or Calhoun Co.
2) [1M,1W] 4-room bath trailer/100-200. SKU# RRAV306912	\$85,776	PRT Inc.
2) [1M,1W] 2-room ADA bathroom-shower combo trailer/100-200.	\$132,780	PRT Inc.
1) 8-room shower trailer/100. SKU# RRS101920	\$ 85,940	PRT Inc.
1) 4-station Laundry trailers/100. SKU# PRTS096218	\$58,980	PRT Inc.
1) Food prep and service trailers/100 -200[?]	\$ 30,000	PRT Inc.
1) Office Trailer/500	\$ 12,000	PRT Inc.
1) Store Trailer/500	\$ 12,000	PRT Inc.
4) Prefab modular Classrooms/500	\$ 76,000	Will Scot
Total for 100 people.	\$565,320	

All Estimates based on prices as of April - May, 2021

* However, now that the City has been ordered in *Association for Human Rights v. LA* to offer shelter to all 2100 un-sheltered Skid Row inhabitants, we can apply the benefits of scale. See next page for a cost estimate to shelter, then house, 2100.

Cost to Shelter Skid Row's 2100 un-sheltered inhabitants by October 2021.

(See "Tent City & New Beginnings Village Costs" spreadsheet for details.)

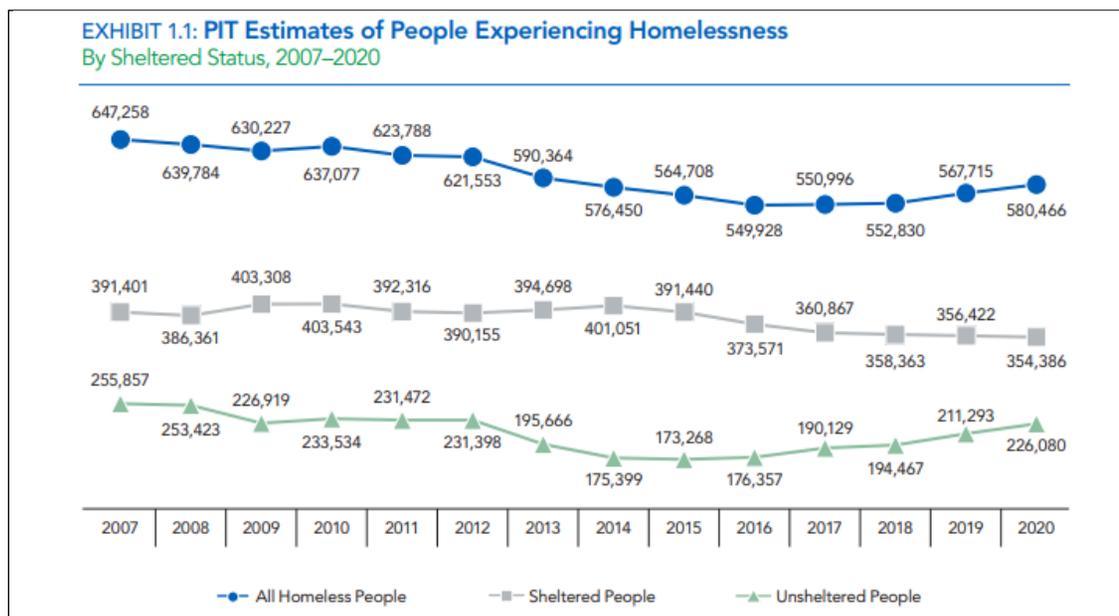
		1 ST YEAR	2 ND YEAR	3 RD YEAR
20	COST TO SHELTER SKID ROW'S 2100 HOMELESS BY OCTOBER 2021, and THEN HOUSE IN PERMANENT STRUCTURES.			
21				
22	SHELTER COSTS			
23	LAND - ACRES REQUIRED FOR BOTH <i>TENT CITY</i> SHELTER AND <i>NEW BEGINNINGS</i> VILLAGE HOUSING.	23		
24	LAND COST IN PALMDALE-LANCASTER AREA USING \$50K/ACRE (RANGE IN APRIL, 2021 WAS \$20 - \$100k/ACRE)	\$1,149,633		
25	ONE-TIME START-UP COST OF "TENT-CITY" SHELTER EQUIPMENT ASSUMING ALL 2100 SKID ROW UN-HOUSED HOMELESS WILL NEED TO BE SHELTERED AT THE SAME TIME.	\$7,239,033		
26	TENT CITY ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF SALARIES + 25% for BENEFITS (I assumed the following for each 500 guests in Tent City: 1 Manager, 3 Meal planners & cooking staff leaders, 1 for each meal, 2 Security per shift, 1 Bath & Shower Maintenance Mgr, and 1 Grounds Maintenance Mgr. The work is to be done by the Guests.	\$3,875,000	\$3,875,000	\$645,833
27	ANNUAL FOOD AND SUPPLIES COST FOR THE 2100 PEOPLE WHILE SHELTERED IN TENT CITY AND THEN SUPPORTED IN PERMANENT HOUSING STRUCTURES THEY BUILD UNTIL THEY FIND OUTSIDE WORK WITH THEIR NEW SKILLS.	\$6,720,244	\$3,648,133	\$448,016
28	TOTAL TENT CITY SHELTERING COSTS	\$18,983,910	\$7,523,133	\$1,093,850
29	PERMANENT-HOUSING-STRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION COSTS			
30	TOTAL 20-PERSON-BUILDINGS REQUIRED TO ACCOMMODATE SKID ROW'S 2100.	105		
31	BUILDINGS TO BE BUILT EACH 12 MONTHS TO ACCOMMODATE SKID ROW'S 2100.	48	50	7
32	ONE-TIME HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT NEEDED AT START-UP (some are pre-owned.)	\$123,000		
33	HAND TOOLS (I ASSUMED WORSE CASE THAT ALL WILL NEED REPLACEMENT ANNUALLY).	\$10,637	\$10,637	\$10,637
34	ANNUAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS & PROFESSIONAL STAFF, PLUS 10% for not yet known expenses.) (PROFESSIONAL CONSTRUCTION STAFF CONSISTS OF 1 GENERAL CONTRACTOR FOR PERMITS, 1 CONTRACTOR AS MATERIAL ORDER MANAGER, 11 JOURNEYMAN TO SERVE AS INSTRUCTORS & FOREMEN.	\$7,196,843	\$7,496,711	\$1,049,540
35	TOTAL PERMANENT-HOUSING-STRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION COSTS	\$7,330,480	\$7,507,349	\$1,060,177
36				
37	TOTAL COST TO SHELTER, THEN HOUSE SKID ROW'S 2100 UNSHELTERED.	\$26,314,390	\$15,030,481	\$2,154,026
38				
39	As buildings are completed and their construction crews move from Tent City to the new buildings, more homeless can be brought into Tent City. Housed construction crews should then be paid to construct buildings for those providing food prep, cleaning and other services at Tent City or for the City of LA. It can be assumed that a large percentage of Residents will find new jobs with their new skills and leave the program each year, opening up space for new homeless. The Studio Apts vacated could then be used by Homeless unable to provide services, or rented to Low-income singles, couples or beginning families.			
40				

All Estimates based on prices as of April - May, 2021

Homelessness is not a One-time problem to solve. It's a Paradigm Shift to be planned for.

- 30% of jobs will be replaced by automation by 2030. - *Oxford Economics*
- 375 million jobs could be lost worldwide by 2030. - *World Economic Forum*
- Automation can replace 80 million U.S. Blue-collar jobs. - *Brookings Institution*
- AI can replace 36 million U.S. White-collar jobs. - *Brookings Institution*
- 58 million new jobs will be created. - *World Economic Forum*
- Up to one-third of the workforce will need re-training. - *BBC*
- 14% increase in industrial robot jobs anticipated annually. - *International Federation of Robotics*

Source: [17+ Job \[Types\] Lost To Automation Statistics In 2021 \[Updated\] \(techjury.net\)](#)



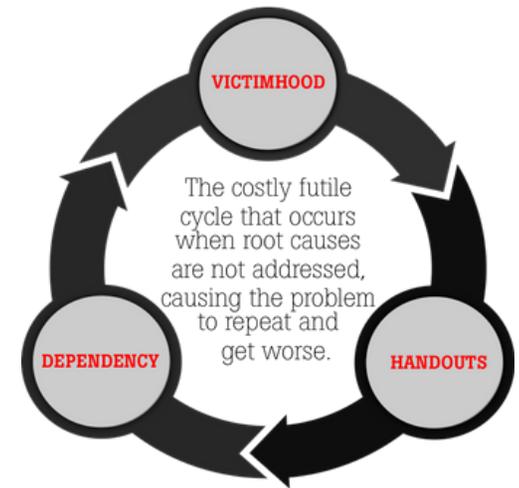
Source: [The 2020 Annual Homeless Assessment Report \(AHAR\) to Congress \(huduser.gov\)](#)

Housing does not fix the Homeless Problem.

Without treating the cause:

- The person will either require endless expensive support, or
- Will fall back into homelessness, and
- The cycle will repeat.

The Churn



Training in behavioral, social and job skills is required to break the cycle.

Housing First does not address this. And it delaying this training.

Changing *Housing First* to *Shelter First* would allow faster access to training.

New Beginnings could become a Self-Sufficient Renaissance Village.

The main focus of a Renaissance Village was shared support of the community for protection, ... not profits.

A Village had:

- Dwelling Builders
- Furniture Builders
- Barbers
- Cosmetologists
- Produce Farmers
- Cowherds
- Butchers
- Restaurateurs
- Confectionaries
- Couturiers

New Beginnings could:

- Train those who cannot compete in today's High Tech world to do the above at the Village.
- Raise chickens for eggs and meat to feed the Village or sell.
- Raise cows for milk and land-crop fertilizer.
- Raise fish for meat and nitrate-rich waste-water for hydroponic farming.

See Solutions for Change in San Diego is a good example.

It is time to
Stop looking for Fix
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It is time for *New Beginnings!*

Communication from Public

Name: Bill Przulucki

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 02:34 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of our members, we ask that you vote no on Item 76, “Unlawful Sitting, Lying, Sleeping / Unlawful Personal Property Storage, Use, Maintenance / Private Property / Los Angeles Municipal Code / Amendment” (Council File no. 20-1376-S1). The policy proposal would criminalize encampments throughout the entirety of the City of Los Angeles without even completing the components outlined in the motion to develop street engagement protocols. The proposal in its current form is purely a criminalization of poverty on a citywide scale. The City has been unwilling or unable to produce a map of locations where unhoused individuals would be allowed to rest. Additionally, the proposed rules create an incentive for violence and arson against encampments by people who wish for them to be cleared. While claiming that this proposal is advocating for limited police engagement, the reality is that enforcement of the provisions will lead to larger police involvement, diverting resources from the best solutions to addressing homelessness. Increased law enforcement engagement would shatter whatever limited progress the city has made in gaining the trust of traumatized individuals experiencing homelessness. The end result will be a transfer of people from streets to jail cells, and a migration to dangerous, wildfire-prone wilderness areas that are far from law enforcement and services. This proposal was brought forward without proper community and stakeholder engagement. Critically, people experiencing homelessness were not engaged, nor were the social work, medical and mental health professionals with expertise in the best practices and most effective strategies to address street homelessness. Recent reporting by the LA Times suggests that this proposal was heavily influenced by wealthy political donors, even as the public has been presented with almost no opportunity for input. Furthermore, the proposal is very likely to invite further legal challenges. This is, in short, not the policy that will move the city forward at all. Rather, it will frustrate whatever fragile progress is being made. The rushed nature of this proposal leaves much to be desired, even by the author’s own standards. The original motion called for protocols to be developed regarding street sanitation and hygiene services, and street engagement and service provision. The only piece ready to move now are the restrictions on public space (criminalization), which we all know

do not solve homelessness. To move forward with this ordinance before the street engagement and outreach parameters are complete is immoral, and setting our city up for failure. Most importantly, the proposed rules do nothing to address the factors that cause increased homelessness in the first place. We need stronger protections against evictions, more resources for mental and physical health, education and economic development, and more investment in civic engagement and community building. Policies that rely on enforcement are by definition failed policies that divert resources away from addressing root causes. Every day 207 people exit homelessness and enter housing—while 227 people fall into homelessness. That is roughly equivalent to about 7.5 shelters' worth of people becoming homeless every day. Over 50% of newly unhoused individuals become homeless because they could not afford a place to live. We cannot arrest our way out of this problem, nor is it the failure of the people experiencing homelessness to accept the opportunities that are offered. Rather, the failure is the City's, for not providing adequate protections to prevent homelessness, nor resources to get out of it. We also cannot ignore the deep racial inequity that this policy would advance. Black people make up only 8% of the total LA County population, yet 33% of the population experiencing homelessness. Are we already giving up on real solutions to racial inequity in our city, and returning to the use of law enforcement as the default solution to any and all social issues? We made commitments last year to abandon those failed strategies and repair some of the damage they have done, yet here we are again. We call on you to abandon this ill-conceived and rushed effort, and work with us and our partners to invest in productive outreach, public education, and community building. We must pursue a Homes Guarantee to ensure that our city finally achieves the only true solution to homelessness: Housing as a Human Right. On behalf of all of our members, we insist that you exercise true leadership and political bravery, expressing that there is a bottom line below which you will not sink when it comes to the treatment of our most vulnerable neighbors. All the people of Los Angeles, housed and unhoused, deserve much better than this policy, which is doomed to fail. Please vote no on Item 76.



July 1, 2021

Hon. Nury Martinez, President
Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Main St.
Los Angeles, CA 90021

Re: OPPOSE Item 76, 20-1376-S1 (“Unlawful Sitting, Lying, Sleeping...”)

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¹Oreskes, Benjamin. “Hollywood mogul Jeffrey Katzenberg wants to help L.A. combat homelessness.” *LA Times*, June 30, 2021. <https://www.latimes.com/homeless-housing/story/2021-06-30/jeffrey-katzenberg-dives-into-homelessness>

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Sincerely,



Bill Przylucki

Executive Director

Communication from Public

Name: Donnan Coutolenc

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 05:19 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Thank you to the Council for addressing this important issue that affects the quality of life for everyone in our city. We are at a breaking point with the encampments and the problems surrounding them. Please adopt LAMC 41.18 as it is, so that we can finally begin to find some peace and joy in our communities again and to provide the long over due motivation for service resistant people living on our streets. Thank You, Donnan Coutolenc Studio City

Communication from Public

Name: Resident of CD4

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 05:27 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am a 20 year resident of CD4 and am on the borderline of CD13. I fully support the motion to ban camping and tents on the sidewalk. I live near FOUR really bad encampments in CD4 and it's horrendous - Sunset/La Brea, Sunset/Detroit, Sunset/Poinsettia and Sunset/Martel. Nithya Raman and Mitch O'Farrell's districts are two of the absolute worst outside of Skid Row downtown. Our district is being overrun with tents and homeless and all of the rest that comes with it like assaults, violence, fires, destruction, robberies, drugs, gangs, as well as streets filled with garbage, feces, urine and flies. There are bodies on the ground all over the place. It looks a morgue. We can't walk down some of the sidewalks, let alone people with disabilities or those who are in wheelchairs. Nithya and the group of activists in her office have partnered with teams to hand out even more tents than what's already out there. Aside from the four bad encampments in her area mentioned above (Sunset/La Brea, Sunset/Detroit, Sunset/Poinsettia and Sunset/Martel), there are a host of others which are equally as dangerous and stretch all the way over to Berendo/Hollywood and Rodney/Hollywood. Nithya has lied about their progress on televised Los Angeles news programs (ABC7 is one of them) and continues to live in some kind of false reality when in fact, her district is in ruins. A few tents in Pan Pacific Park recently caught fire which are next to people's million dollar homes. Her field rep, Tabatha Yelos - who openly and proudly supports ACAB (all cops are bastards), went to Griffith Park for a tent situation and actively promoted keeping the homeless in a very high fire hazard severity zone. These people in office are just as dangerous as to what we currently have on the streets. Mitch O'Farrell's office acknowledges problems but has zero solutions. They won't tackle any of the valid issues you bring to their attention. They are not fit to be leading a district like that, and primarily, one in the public eye like Hollywood where a lot of tourists come for vacation. There are parts of Hollywood Blvd that smell like a toilet and it's like night of the living dead out there. There are people walking around like zombies and there are always a lot passed out on the stars on the Walk of Fame. Some really tragic encampments in Mitch's district are at Selma/Schrader, Santa Monica/Cahuenga, El Centro/La Mirada, El Centro/Selma, McCadden/Selma,

Franklin/Las Palmas, De Longpre/El Centro, Vine/Lexington, Franklin/Highland (MAJOR tourist area that leads up to the Hollywood Bowl) and under the Gower overpass. Some of them are even near kids elementary, middle and high schools. There's literally too many to mention. Garbage from the tents is piling up next to residents cars and some of our parking spaces and filled with it so they're unavailable to residents who pay to have permits. And let us not forget just how bad Echo Park Lake was that had multiple deaths in the tents. Neither one can keep up since their enabling has gone too far. A lot of us don't even go out past 6pm anymore because it's too dangerous. We can't even walk in our own neighborhood without bringing something to protect ourselves. It wasn't like this a few years ago. We keep getting duped by city council. Due to the lack of laws against the homeless and lack of care the city is able to provide, this will only end in yet another massive mess Los Angeles can't handle if we don't act on this right now. By ignoring this issue, not only are you continuously hurting the homeless who are living on the streets but you're hurting the residents as well. Again, I support the motion for no camping/tents on the sidewalk in addition to the other specifics mentioned. Photos attached from CD4 & CD13 to show you what we've been experiencing in recent times.

PHOTOS FROM DISTRICTS CD4 (NITHYA RAMAN) AND CD13 (MITCH O'FARRELL)



CD4 - Sunset & Detroit



CD4 - Sunset & Detroit (tent fire outside of the public library)



CD4 - Sunset & Martel



CD4 - Sunset & Fuller



CD4 - Sunset & Martel



CD4 - Sunset & La Brea (next to Jim Henson Studios)



CD4 - Hollywood & Berendo



CD4 - Hollywood & Berendo



CD4 - Pan Pacific Park after the fire



CD4 - Pan Pacific Park / more tents



CD4 - Homeless man lays in his own feces & urine outside of Ralph's at La Brea & Fountain



CD4 - Homeless man lays on the bus stop bench at Sunset & La Brea, body is covered in flies



CD13 - Selma & Las Palmas, next to Selma Ave Elementary School



CD13 - At the bus stop on Sunset & Cherokee



CD13 - Selma & Schrader



CD13 - Selma & Schrader after the fire



CD13 - De Longpre & El Centro



CD13 - Hollywood & El Centro



CD13 - De Longpre & El Centro



CD13 - Sunset & Orange, next to Hollywood High School



CD13 - Bodies on the Hollywood Walk of Fame



CD13 - Bodies on the Hollywood Walk of Fame



CD13 - Cahuenga & Santa Monica outside of the Hollywood Rec Center



CD13 - Lexington & Vine

Communication from Public

Name: Fran Calderone

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 07:31 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: To our council, We are at a breaking point with the encampments and the problems surrounding them. The homeless in our neighborhood routinely point guns, knives, hatchets, etc. against innocent citizens, including children. Please adopt LAMC 41.18 as it is, so that we can finally begin to find some peace and joy in our communities again and to provide the long over due motivation for service resistant people living on our streets.
Thank You,

Communication from Public

Name: Len Calderone

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 07:32 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: We are at a breaking point with the encampments and the problems surrounding them. Please adopt LAMC 41.18 as it is, so that we can finally begin to find some peace and joy in our communities again and to provide the long over due motivation for service resistant people living on our streets. Thank You,

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 07:40 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Option B

Communication from Public

Name: Heidi Granic

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 07:44 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Thank You to Council Members for addressing this important issue that affects the quality of life for everyone in our city. We are at a HUGE breaking point with the encampments and the problems surrounding them. Please adopt LAMC 41.18 as it is, so that we can finally begin to find some peace and joy in our communities again and to provide the long over due motivation for service resistant people living on our streets. This is an URGENT situation. These encampments are near schools and parks. Drug deals and other criminal activities are rampant. It is not safe to walk in our own neighborhoods anymore. Please help us! Thank You, Heidi Granic and Josip Muder 4109 Bakman Ave., Studio City, CA 91602 818-425-7706

Communication from Public

Name: Martin Cruz

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 08:02 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members: We are at a breaking point with the encampments and the problems surrounding them. Please adopt LAMC 41.18 as it is, so that we can finally begin to find some peace and joy in our communities again and to provide the long overdue motivation for service resistant people living on our streets. Sincerely, Martin Cruz

Communication from Public

Name: Chrismen Oliver

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 08:06 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: My Name is Chrismen Oliver and I am writing on behalf of SSG HOPICS. I urge the City Council to first develop the Street Engagement Strategy called for in this motion before advancing any changes to LAMC 41.18 and 56.11. If compliance with 41.18 and 56.11 is to be services-led and minimize the role of law enforcement, the development of that engagement process must be thorough and inclusive and made clear before the passing any new restrictions. I support the Council's attempt to move toward working with providers and stakeholders on how to create standards for outreach, create services-led engagement, and improve hygiene services for unhoused d residents. To make good on this, Council must first develop a strategy for these that would align with any place-based restrictions. But I oppose these new restrictions without this critical step. We can create policies and protocols that regulate public space while supporting best practices of trauma-informed care and services-led engagement. A comprehensive Street Engagement Strategy is a necessary step to this – and one that should be developed and made clear before Council makes a decision on municipal codes that could negatively impact the lives of tens of thousands of unsheltered Angelenos.

Communication from Public

Name: Katherine

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 08:08 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: For the love of your City, please come together and vote YES. Please restore public right of way and enforce it. This is a basic right for all the people. DO NOT DELAY ANY FURTHER. Time and time again, the watering down of policy has gotten us where we are today. The City's mess has wholly been created by past City Council decisions (or indecisions). This ordinance does not deter the City from providing resources to the unhoused.

Communication from Public

Name: Steve Mccroskey

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 08:22 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members: We are at a breaking point with the encampments and the problems surrounding them. Please adopt LAMC 41.18 as it is, so that we can finally begin to find some peace and joy in our communities again and to provide the long overdue motivation for service resistant people living on our streets. Thank You, Steve Mccroskey

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 08:29 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA City Council -Please vote YES on §41.18, (Council File No. 20-1376-S1) The unhoused and housed alike are suffering. The City Council needs to act NOW to protect all citizens. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 08:37 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members: Please adopt LAMC 41.18 as it is, so that we can have less people, their belongings and gross trash living on our sidewalks. They walk into the street and make it hard to not hit them or the car in the next when we swerve to not hit them. We need comfort and ease to use our sidewalks in our communities again and to provide the long overdue motivation to help homeless people living on our streets. Thank You, Thanks

Communication from Public

Name: Cedd Moses

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 08:38 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Cedd Moses and I am the owner of Pouring with Heart, the largest restaurant/bar owner in Downtown Los Angeles with 17 locations. My business has been severely impacted by the unhoused being able to camp on the sidewalks in front of and adjacent to my businesses. I'm support this bill. And need to find alternatives to camping on sidewalks for our unhoused saying your name and location of your business/property/where you live. Then quickly say why you want folks to be encouraged to take the alternatives offered and for sidewalk camps to end.

Communication from Public

Name: Steve Love

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 08:41 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 08:50 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: SUPPORT FOR ITEM #76 I am in strong support of the motion!

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Rubinstein

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 08:55 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: My Name is Sarah Rubinstein and I am a resident of CD5. I urge the City Council to first develop the Street Engagement Strategy called for in this motion before advancing any changes to LAMC 41.18 and 56.11. If compliance with 41.18 and 56.11 is to be services-led and minimize the role of law enforcement, the development of that engagement process must be thorough and inclusive and made clear before the passing any new restrictions. I support the Council's attempt to move toward working with providers and stakeholders on how to create standards for outreach, create services-led engagement, and improve hygiene services for unhoused residents. To make good on this, Council must first develop a strategy for these that would align with any place-based restrictions. But I strongly oppose these new restrictions without this critical step. We can create policies and protocols that regulate public space while supporting best practices of trauma-informed care and services-led engagement. A comprehensive Street Engagement Strategy is a necessary step to this – and one that should be developed and made clear before Council makes a decision on municipal codes that could negatively impact the lives of tens of thousands of unsheltered Angelenos.

Communication from Public

Name: CD 13 Resident
Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 08:57 AM
Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I write in strong support of CF 20-1376-S1. I am a concerned resident of Hollywood in Councilman O'Farrell's CD13. I live across the street from an encampment that began in the summer of 2020 as a couple of tents placed on the sidewalk, since then it has devolved into large structures that block the entirety of the sidewalk on two streets. The people living at this oversized encampment use drugs, fight, scream, have sex, set fires, and steal from residents in the neighborhood. People living in the neighborhood are afraid to leave their homes and they are unable to walk down the street which has limited our ability to shop at local businesses that badly need our support during the pandemic recovery. The children living in this neighborhood are subjected to the trauma of this camp every single day, no kid should have to grow up being afraid to go outside and play and the people living on our sidewalk should not be subjected to living in these unsanitary and unsafe conditions. Our neighborhood has contact Councilman O'Farrell numerous times about this encampment and those communications have gone largely unanswered or we are simply told that nothing can be done. This situation cannot continue on the way that it has over the last year, housed and unhoused in our neighborhoods are suffering every single day and we have the ability to take a step in changing that by passing 20-1376-S1 it would give city officials and outreach teams a common starting point when making contact and doing outreach to those who are living on our streets and would create a safer and cleaner city for all Angelenos. I would encourage every single member on this council to vote in favor of passing CF 20-1376-S1.

Communication from Public

Name: Paula Mochel

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 09:01 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: To the Council Members: You were elected to uphold the Charter of the City of Los Angeles. You swore an oath to do so. Please adopt LAMC 41.18 as it is. Thank You, Paula Mochel

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 09:09 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members: We have CITY ORDINANCES THAT NEED TO BE ENFORCED!!! It is disgusting how our city and quality of life has been affected because of all of you. You all are enablers and we will remember when it comes to voting again. We are at a breaking point with the encampments and the problems surrounding them. Please adopt LAMC 41.18 as it is, so that we can finally begin to find some peace and joy in our communities again and to provide the long overdue motivation for service resistant people living on our streets. Thank You, M. Rhodes

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 09:26 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: What is being done about the homeless!!!!!! Councilman sitting in office should be appalled at how disgusting our beautiful city has become. If you worked in a private sectors you would all have been fired for your incompetence!!! Why are you afraid to help people who obviously need mental help and are a danger to the taxpayers of the area!!! Can I throw trash on the street or in my front yard without being fined. So non taxpayers have the freedom to throw trash be on drugs defecate in public with no consequences I would like an answer We will vote you out!!!! Do your job now!!!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: MR

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 09:30 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Reclaim our public spaces! That includes parking lots that the homeless have overtaken and harass citizens trying to park or pass by. I have compassion for the homeless but also believe once they've been offered alternatives courtesy of the hard working and struggling tax payers they no longer have the right to set up in public spaces. Your job as our representatives is to watch out for our best interest. You seem to have mastered protecting the homeless rights, now protect the "homed" citizens.

Communication from Public

Name: JKF

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 09:41 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Southern California Assoc. of Nonprofit Housing

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 09:45 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members The Southern California Association of Nonprofit Housing (SCANPH), representing dozens of affordable housing developers throughout the City of Los Angeles, wishes to comment on a motion being heard on July 1st, 2021 (20-1376-S1) to revise Section 41.18 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code. The proposed code revisions specify particular times and locations where it shall be unlawful for a person to sit, lie, or sleep in the public right-of-way. SCANPH sees this motion as an attack on the unhoused community and unequivocally stands against the criminalization of homelessness and poverty, which we believe is a wasteful and cruel use of city resources. Despite the work of various City and County authorities in recent years, there is no doubt that the situation for our unhoused neighbors in Los Angeles has become dire. In 2020, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority tallied 66,436 people experiencing homelessness county-wide during its annual point-in-time count. Despite this figure being a 12% increase from the previous year, there is consensus that the total could be much higher in reality, as many slip into and out of homelessness at other points throughout the year. With some 550,000 households in Los Angeles County classified as severely rent burdened, the end seems nowhere in sight. Due to this crisis of unaffordability, a lackluster social safety net, and the under production of permanent affordable and supportive housing, our city is now in crisis: it is estimated that nearly 4 unhoused people die on the streets of this county every day. This utterly shameful statistic is not a reflection of any wrongdoing in the unhoused community. Rather, our society is collectively responsible for letting our most vulnerable fall through the cracks until they suffer the ultimate consequence for our inaction. The criminalization of homelessness through the revision of Section 41.18 will only contribute to this loss of life. Sweeps, citations, and imprisonment disrupt unhoused communities, separate unhoused people from essential belongings, and exacerbate an already precarious situation. Despite Proposition HHH funding as well as other efforts from County and City officials making 2020 a record year for housing individuals experiencing homelessness, the number of people falling into homelessness yearly remains too great for our current systems to overcome. Criminalization may temporarily make this

problem less visible, but it cannot and will not stem this tide. Now more than ever, it is essential that we focus our limited resources on social services and the production of permanent supportive and affordable housing. We must take bold, decisive action to continue creating long-term solutions, rather than attempting to make the problem of homelessness disappear through criminalization. Our organization implores you to abandon this motion, and continue pushing forward more humane actions. Sincerely, Alan Greenlee Executive Director Southern California Association of Nonprofit Housing (SCANPH)

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July 1, 2021

Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: SCANPH Opposition to Motion to Replace Section 41.18 of the LAMC (Item # 77, City Council Meeting on July 1st, 2021)

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Due to this crisis of unaffordability, a lackluster social safety net, and the under production of permanent affordable and supportive housing, our city is now in crisis: **it is estimated that nearly 4 unhoused people die on the streets of this county every day.** This utterly shameful statistic is not a reflection of any wrongdoing in the unhoused community. Rather, our society is collectively responsible for letting our most vulnerable fall through the cracks until they suffer the ultimate consequence for our inaction.

The criminalization of homelessness through the revision of Section 41.18 will only contribute to this loss of life. Sweeps, citations, and imprisonment disrupt unhoused communities, separate unhoused people from essential belongings, and exacerbate an already precarious situation.

Despite Proposition HHH funding as well as other efforts from County and City officials making 2020 a record year for housing individuals experiencing homelessness, the number of people falling into homelessness yearly remains too great for our current systems to overcome. Criminalization may temporarily make this problem less visible, but it cannot and will not stem this tide. Now more than ever, it is essential that we focus our limited resources on social services and the production of permanent supportive and affordable housing.

We must take bold, decisive action to continue creating long-term solutions, rather than attempting to make the problem of homelessness disappear through criminalization. Our organization implores you to abandon this motion, and continue pushing forward more humane actions.

Sincerely,



Alan Greenlee

Executive Director

Southern California Association of Nonprofit Housing (SCANPH)

Cc:

Mayor Eric Garcetti

Councilmember Gil Cedillo

Councilmember Paul Krekorian

Councilmember Bob Blumenfield

Councilmember Nithya Raman

Councilmember Paul Koretz

Councilmember Nury Martinez

Councilmember Monica Rodriguez

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Councilmember Curren D. Price, Jr.

Councilmember Mike Bonin

Councilmember John Lee

Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell

Councilmember Kevin de León

Councilmember Joe Buscaino

Councilmember Mark Ridley-Thomas

Communication from Public

Name: Camilla J More

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 09:45 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members: We are at a breaking point with the encampments and the problems surrounding them. Please adopt LAMC 41.18 as it is, so that we can finally begin to find some peace and joy in our communities again and to provide the long overdue motivation for service resistant people living on our streets. Thank You, Sincerely, Camilla More and Cameron Lowe
Studio City, CA 91604

Communication from Public

Name: Monnie Anderson

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 09:49 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: My Name is Monnie Anderson and I am writing on behalf of HOPICS. I urge the City Council to first develop the Street Engagement Strategy called for in this motion before advancing any changes to LAMC 41.18 and 56.11. If compliance with 41.18 and 56.11 is to be services-led and minimize the role of law enforcement, the development of that engagement process must be thorough and inclusive and made clear before the passing any new restrictions. I support the Council's attempt to move toward working with providers and stakeholders on how to create standards for outreach, create services-led engagement, and improve hygiene services for unhoused residents. To make good on this, Council must first develop a strategy for these that would align with any place-based restrictions. But I oppose these new restrictions without this critical step. We can create policies and protocols that regulate public space while supporting best practices of trauma-informed care and services-led engagement. A comprehensive Street Engagement Strategy is a necessary step to this – and one that should be developed and made clear before Council makes a decision on municipal codes that could negatively impact the lives of tens of thousands of unsheltered Angelenos.

Communication from Public

Name: Jeanie Love

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 09:56 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

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Communication from Public

Name: yuval ron

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 09:58 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: You must clean up the city sidewalks immediately, the homeless encampments all over the city have made this city a dangerous, dirty place , like it never ever been. You need to provide rehab, mental and health services to the people living on the street, by taking them off the street to facilities where they will be healed, re trained and provided jobs opportunities to become part of the work force. Clean up the streets immediately. It should be illegal to encamp on sidewalks, freeways, parking lots, parks, and all public spaces.

Communication from Public

Name: Kenon Joseph

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 10:02 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: My Name is Kenon Joseph and I am writing on behalf of HOPICS, the homeless services integrated care system. We urge the City Council to first develop the Street Engagement Strategy called for in this motion before advancing any changes to LAMC 41.18 and 56.11. If compliance with 41.18 and 56.11 is to be services-led and minimize the role of law enforcement, the development of that engagement process must be thorough and inclusive and made clear before the passing any new restrictions. We support the Council's attempt to move toward working with providers and stakeholders on how to create standards for outreach, create services-led engagement, and improve hygiene services for unhoused residents. To make good on this, Council must first develop a strategy for these that would align with any place-based restrictions. But [I/We] oppose these new restrictions without this critical step. We can create policies and protocols that regulate public space while supporting best practices of trauma-informed care and services-led engagement. A comprehensive Street Engagement Strategy is a necessary step to this – and one that should be developed and made clear before Council makes a decision on municipal codes that could negatively impact the lives of tens of thousands of unsheltered Angelenos.

Communication from Public

Name: Hilary D Pickles

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 10:08 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am asking you to please support the update to LA Code section 41.18 and 56.11 (item #76 on the July 1, 2021 meeting) and prevent encampments near schools, parks, libraries and other structures where unsanitary and violent atmospheres endanger children, families, pets and those who need mobility aid apparatus. Aside from the fact that our 2021 fire season is predicted to be the most dangerous yet and violence has increased in and around encampments, I am asking you to consider the rights of the entire community, not just one group of people. We as tax-paying constituents have had our civil rights traded like chess pieces. It's unconstitutional to trade civil rights, sacrificing the well-being of one group of people for another - to tell the elderly and differently abled that they will not be able to use the sidewalk because the city has failed to provide effective solutions in transitioning people out of homelessness. To tell parents that their kids can play in the park, so long as they look out for needles and human feces. To tell families with pets that they can walk their dogs, sure, but watch out for needles that might get stuck in their paws - and also look out for the mentally ill neighbors who might throw things at you when you walk by with your unsuspecting pet. To tell those who don't have access to cars that you can no longer use the bus stop on your street because the city has failed to get the woman now living there in a cesspool of her own excrement into services. The city is not protecting the rights of those living on the streets; the city is enabling them to live in inhumane conditions. So truly, the city has traded the rights of the tax-paying citizens to allow other people to languish. Please take this step today and show the community that you are willing to start protecting their health and safety. Thank you,
Hilary Pickles

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 10:18 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members: We are at a breaking point with the encampments and the problems surrounding them. Please adopt LAMC 41.18 as it is, so that we can finally begin to find some peace and joy in our communities again and to provide the long overdue motivation for service resistant people living on our streets. Thank You, Stacy Studio City Resident

Communication from Public

Name: Jake Kroeger

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 10:23 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: It is egregious and shameful that LA City Council is moving forward to further criminalize the vulnerable unhoused population of this city just some folks don't have to look at our homelessness problem. Of course, city council members pushed for this without a good majority of the public knowing because it's clearly not the will of the people. Please don't continue the cycle of abuse with the unhoused by punishing them for trying to survive. These new ordinances will not solve the homelessness problem, but only make it so certain privileged folks don't have to acknowledge it.

Communication from Public

Name: Tara Harrison

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 10:27 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Please adopt LAMC 41.18 as it is. Since the prohibition against enforcing the “no camping on sidewalks” has been put in place, Hollywood has become a very dangerous place, especially for women. We voted to put tax payer dollars into getting people real help, not allowing them to take over our public sidewalks, parks, and beaches. Women have been increasingly harassed and assaulted with the added solicitation and encampments being allowed in general area. I can no longer walk in my neighborhood, even during the day. I have been followed, grabbed, and sexually harassed by encampment members, and so have other women I speak to in my neighborhood. No one should be allowed to camp in our streets. It’s not safe, healthy, or humane to allow encampments to grow. We need to consider women’s safety, who are most vulnerable in our city. Please see my petition here: <https://www.change.org/SafeLA4women> And please, for the safety of the women in our city, VOTE TO HAVE THE ORDINANCE REINFORCED TO HAVE NO CAMPING ON SIDEWALKS PUT BACK INTO EFFECT!!

Communication from Public

Name: Rachel Feser

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 10:35 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Susan Favre

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 10:55 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Phil Favre

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 10:59 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Lauren Natoli

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 11:02 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am in opposition of Item 76. I am genuinely disgusted by LA's insistence on criminalizing the unhoused population. There are over 40,000 people living unhoused in Los Angeles, the greatest population in the nation, and yet our leadership repeatedly pushes away and tries to criminalize people without solutions. There is no where for the unhoused to go. Our city's systems are woefully underprepared to handle the crisis we have. Fining, jailing, and throwing away personal possessions will not stop homelessness, it will not keep tents off your sidewalk, instead it makes the problem worse. When I see unhoused individuals living outside my apartment, I'm disappointed in LA Leadership, not with the people trying to survive. It is cruel and unusual to criminalize individuals for not having a place to live. I am repeatedly horrified that these types of ordinances and items would appear before Los Angeles builds the proper infrastructure to take care of the unhoused.

Communication from Public

Name: Darianna Cardilli

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 11:09 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members: We are at a breaking point with the encampments and the problems surrounding them. Law abiding, tax paying citizens feel unsafe walking near any freeway overpass. Pedestrians and those who rely on public transport have to pass by piles of refuse, human waste, and detritus as well as fear for their safety. The sidewalks for those with disabilities are impassable. This is in violation of ADA requirements. It is time for the City to start regulating public places. Please adopt LAMC 41.18 as it is, so that we can finally begin to find some peace and joy in our communities again and to provide the long overdue motivation for service resistant people living on our streets.

Communication from Public

Name: Daisy Miguel

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 11:12 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to oppose Item 76. Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 41.18 is criminalizing houseless individuals without a plan of how to house them or how to compassionately engage with them. As long as there are no long-term housing options for all houseless individuals we need to make sure that vulnerable residents are protected. This ordinance is a hasty solution to a way more complex problem. I urge you to reconsider this ordinance, it's going to create more division and does not provide a viable solution.

Communication from Public

Name: Emily L Barsh

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 11:20 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, This humanitarian and environmental calamity is not unique to Los Angeles. But indisputably, we own it. We permitted it and we enable it. Since the past cannot be changed, the present and future are all we have. This must stop. It has metastasized. Human beings are suffering because of misplaced compassion, somehow shrouded in economic and social justice. The word SAFE is coming out everyone's pores. Yet, when it comes to public safety from crime and violence — suddenly the expectation of safety is turned into a thing of privilege. Anti-camping will impact those who have chose a lifestyle living off-the-grid, on the grid. See the METRO lot in CD4, next to Ralphs. See the 101 bridge on Cahuenga and Franklin. See the open-air flea market at Gower and Franklin. Ask people where they are from. It's not here. (Period, full stop, as the saying goes.) People who want housing can have housing. We all know this. Tax dollars should be used to help those people help themselves. I do not pay taxes to have the DSA and Ground Game calling the shots. Voting against anti-camping is giving in to a loud, destructive, and ill-informed group of extremists. BTW, in reference to what one caller said, I say we should all be anti-poverty. Who is PRO-poverty? Current policy promotes poverty. This is an economic and human behavioral fact. Please fix this before you go on vacation and do have a happy Independence Day, everyone. You deserve it. You take a lot of heat from a very hot-under-the-collar set of constituents. Respectfully, I implore you to act according to what's in the best interest of the majority. It's the right political move, FWIW, too. - Emily

Communication from Public

Name: Alma Cobos

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 11:35 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I currently manage a 150 multi-family apartment community and unfortunately with the homeless encampment who has establish residence across the street it makes it very difficult to rent as well as to retain residents. We also have break ins into our vacant units from the transients that stay in the tents. there has been fires inside the tents as well.

Communication from Public

Name: Miki Jackson

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 11:56 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: AIDS Healthcare Foundation/Housing is a Human Right opposes this ordinance. It will effectively criminalize the state of being unhoused - homeless. This matrix of rules and regulations creates an impossible situation. It is written in such a way as to leave almost no actual physical places where a person could sit, sleep or lie. This inhumane ordinance likely violates the Jones v. City of LA decision. This is a bad ordinance on all level. It is a cynical political move to benefit the ambitions of the few at great cost and suffering for the many. This does not do one thing to create housing for one person, it does not house anyone. It is notable for an absolute lack of any provision for actually housing anyone. We object to this convoluted process by which this entire matter has been handled. It has been carried out behind closed doors, without meaningful public scrutiny or input. Even many of our elected Council Members did not have opportunity for real deliberation and input. It has been rushed through without due process. The rules, regulations and policies of our city have been bent and distorted to the breaking point. We incorporate and adopt all comments, evidence and objections and related matters.

Communication from Public

Name: Jason

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 12:01 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Jason and I live two blocks from the Vineland and Moorpark street overpass encampment, in Studio City. I want to speak on supporting item #55. I have lived in the Studio City/North Hollywood area for over 10 years, and have watched this growing homeless encampment, propagate from the occasional tent now and then, to permanent residencies, which completely engulf and cover both sides of the street, and its sidewalks. Residences are unable to walk pass this encampment without stepping into the street, to say nothing of those who have physical challenges, and those of who are in wheelchairs. People have been threatened with knives while walking their pets through this encampment. I see cars parked illegally under this dark overpass, and drug deliveries taking place. I see people, constantly darting across this dimly lit part of the street, with no regard for themselves, or others. Crime in my neighborhood has spiked, dramatically. Home invasions, thefts, disorderly conduct and assaults. My neighbors directly next door to me were forced to chase off a homeless person recently, with a baseball bat, as he lit a campfire directly up against their building. This is what it has come to. In the recent past, the city council might have been able to use the Pandemic as an excuse to not enforce the laws that disallow permanent encampments on public sidewalks, during the hours of 6am – 9pm. Now that the crisis part of this challenging year has subsided, the city council now needs to step up and be an advocate, not only for the homeless and displaced, but for its tax paying citizens as well. If it does not, I fear that, more often, ordinary citizen will be forced to take matters into their own hands to protect themselves and their property. Someone is going to get seriously hurt, or worse. It is the job of the city and its council members to protect its citizens by directing the police to enforce the laws. If the city council fails to protect its citizens, any harm that befalls the homeless, or the tax paying citizens living nearby, the blame will lye solely on the members of the city council. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Michael kromnick

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 01:29 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Council File Number: 20-1376-S1 Dear Council Members: The encampments in LA are a disgrace and a public health crisis in the making. The trash, human waste, food and belongings are a breeding ground for vermin and other disease carrying pests. Pedestrians and those who rely on public transport sometimes have no choice but to walk near an encampment - yet have to fear for their safety. The sidewalks for those with disabilities are impassable. This is in violation of ADA rules. It is unacceptable. It is time for the City to start regulating public places. Please adopt and enforce LAMC 41.18, so that we can finally begin to find some cleanliness to our communities again and to move those who service-resistant off our streets.

Communication from Public

Name: Sophie Strauss

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 01:35 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the passage/implementation of this ordinance or of any version of 41.18. Not because I don't agree that we have a severe housing crisis, but because I actually think it's a crisis worth addressing with compassionate solutions that actually work. I want to be really clear. The housing activists many of you vilify entirely agree that the state of houselessness in LA is unacceptable and must change. We just know that criminalizing unhoused people is not only inhumane, it DOES NOT WORK. Let me give you an example: over the last several months, activists had been working tirelessly at an encampment in Mar Vista connecting people to services without law enforcement. This compassionate approach was working: the once-enormous encampment was down to just two tents. But last week, after the Sheriff's hideous PR stunt at the Venice Boardwalk, at least 10 new tents popped up at this encampment, all occupied by people who had been displaced by the Sheriff in Venice — people who were left unsure of where to go and disconnected from the services and case workers they knew. Because getting moved around and arrested and cut off from resources actually makes it HARDER for people to get off the streets. Because the conditions you guys claim you want to change have actually been CREATED by decades of the exact kind of criminalization this ordinance would further codify. We also want progress on this crisis, we just don't agree that more of the same is how you achieve that. All you have to do is go through the LA Times archives to see literal decades of legislation exactly like this one, legislation that penalizes our most vulnerable Angelenos for being poor, for being queer, for being trans, for being Black, for being immigrants, for enduring abuse -- all in the name of ending homelessness. And the crisis has just gotten worse and worse with each criminalizing ordinance. And yet somehow, "more of the same" has gotten rebranded as "change." And you guys get to stand on your pedestal, talking about how we need to "disrupt the status quo of homelessness" by putting forth tired, overplayed legislation. What we need is a HOUSING FIRST APPROACH. This is the only approach that works, and it's been proven time and time again across the globe. You can read about it here:
<https://endhomelessness.org/resource/housing-first/> Yes, we need to address mental health issues and substance use and

unemployment. But have you ever struggled with any of those issues? With anxiety or depression or drug abuse or lost a job or even just had a hard time? It's immensely hard to overcome these issues, and that's if you already have a place to call home. But imagine having to address those issues without knowing where you'll sleep that night. Without knowing if you'll be safe or harassed or arrested or raped. It would be impossible. Because people need permanent supportive housing as a baseline foundation in order to survive, let alone thrive. So we need to focus our energy there: on compassionately providing housing for people who are struggling instead of punishing people further for losing their housing in the first place. And the meager temporary shelter options offered by our city, often offered BY the very same law enforcement that is harassing people, is not the same as housing. And people should not be arrested for not agreeing to a quick, aggressive demand by an armed cop to move into a shelter that may not be safe or adequate for them. Many shelters are congregate settings that facilitate the spread of COVID. Many shelters do not allow people to bring their beloved pets with them. Many shelters provide little to no safety for women or people who are likely to experience sexual assault. Many shelters force people to forfeit their belongings in order to stay inside. Many shelters are very far away from the friends, family, and services someone has become accustomed to in their proximity. These are all that any of us would consider before making a decision about where to live, and we haven't had to make those decisions in the span of 15 minutes while an armed officer threatens to confiscate our belongings. Cruelty doesn't work, it creates this problem. Compassion works. Let's try it. And if all of this wasn't enough to convince you to vote against this ordinance, you guys are likely to face a lengthy and expensive legal battle if it passes. Not only is it illegal to arrest people for sleeping on the streets when our city is demonstrably not providing adequate housing, but the conception of this motion and subsequent ordinance was hasty and done behind closed doors without adequate public notice or opportunity for public hearing -- a clear Brown Act violation. You guys keep saying we need change. Let's see it. Let's try something you've never tried before: compassionately putting housing first, without criminalizing people.

Communication from Public

Name: Heidi Reid
Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 01:56 PM
Council File No: 20-1376-S1
Comments for Public Posting: Please pass this ordinance to stop camping on sidewalks