

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lauren Natoli

**Date Submitted:** 07/27/2021 09:25 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am highly opposed to 20-1376-S1. I believe that solutions are needed to help the unhoused population of LA be healthy and safe, and those measures must come BEFORE something like 20-1376-S1 where we fine and arrest people for living in public when they have no where else to go. This is cruel and unusual punishment for the crime of being unhoused. As the homelessness capitol of the world, Los Angeles should be creating solutions not problems.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gina Viola  
**Date Submitted:** 07/27/2021 09:32 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** This is just atrocious. Do any of you not know your history, or you just don't care? I am not sure which it is. But we have already tried, over and over again, using law enforcement as a solution to our social problems (houselessness being the biggest of them all) and it is clear IT DOES NOT WORK. This city has spent the entire pandemic dehumanizing folks living on the streets. I have been present for untold numbers of CARE and CARE+ clean ups. Do you know what I've witnessed more often than not? 7 or 8 utility trucks showing up with anywhere from 12-20 people standing around for several hours from about 7a-11a. A few of those folks might go around and pick up some trash, or when no one is looking, throw away someone's entire life. Either way, these episodes end with loads of trash left behind - OFTEN IN THE TRASH CANS THEMSELVES. I have several hundred photos of this on my phone right now. We know this is by design - you do this so that the public at large grows weary of the trash eventually equating the humans themselves with the trash. This is what you've done - you've done this instead of taking care of the most vulnerable of folks living on the streets. The most blatant recent example of this is the removal of the porta potties, WEEKS AGO! The dissapeared and you haven't bothered to replace them. When HHH passed, providers and folks living on the streets asked for bathrooms. It took a pandemic for you to even make that happen in the slightest way. And now they are GONE. In spots where you've cleared out the humans and are installing hostile landscaping guess what showed up - porta potties for the landscapers!!! You have shown your whole selves during this pandemic. There is no political will to house people becuase to do it would mean your developer buddies don't get stinky rich overnight. Bravo to Bonin and Raman who will remain on the right side of history. Both have made huge efforts to HOUSE FOLKS and keep track of folks and make sure they are on a path to housing. YES IT CAN BE DONE! The rest of you choose to double down on policing and enforcement. For this, you will all be replaced. Your days of switching political seats are over. I can only hope you manage to read this before tomorrow's meeting and decide to vote with whatever human you have left in you. 41.18 is not and has never been the solution.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stephanie Jaeger, NoHo Home Alliance

**Date Submitted:** 07/27/2021 09:42 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear L.A. City Council, We are writing in opposition to the motion to amend 41.18 to criminalize where people can sit, sleep or lie in the City of Los Angeles. It is well documented that Los Angeles does not yet have sufficient appropriate housing, temporary or long-term, to meet the needs of unhoused Angelinos. Until such housing is available, we consider placed-based enforcement efforts to be deleterious to unhoused persons and our efforts to end homelessness, as well as the cause of greater inequities in our city. NoHo Home Alliance exists because there is not enough housing and supportive services in our area, the East San Fernando Valley. We work with individuals who are experiencing homelessness every day through our drop-in access centers and outreach programs. We hear their stories. We know the challenges they are facing. We have seen many times the trauma that happens when unhoused persons we are actively working with on housing referrals are moved from place to place. We get disconnected from each other. They lose touch with their support network, if one exists. They lose critical documents and medications. They get set back on their journeys to autonomy and independence. Any services or housing referrals in progress are disrupted. They have to start over as do we. When people are displaced, our work takes many months longer to reconnect, to get the documents and IDs and to restart the referrals. In addition, we believe that location-based enforcement as conceived of in CF 20-1376-S1 will lead to driving homelessness unequally into less affluent areas of Los Angeles, and increase inequities in LA's neighborhoods. Those neighborhoods that are more affluent and better organized would undoubtedly have more restricted zones than those neighborhoods that are poorer and less politically connected. If you truly support racial and economic equity in Los Angeles, you must support solutions to homelessness that increase local access to services and housing especially in less resourced communities. We also know criminalization is expensive and harmful. In our opposition to CF 20-1376-S1 we stand in solidarity with the Services Not Sweeps Coalition. We know it's not a solution to homelessness. We oppose the revision and enforcement of 41.18. We urge every City Councilmember to oppose this motion and to focus on solutions that increase housing and compassionate care. Thank

you, NoHo Home Alliance



July 26, 2021

**Re: Council File 20-1376-S1:  
Replacing Municipal Code Section 41.18 to specify particular times and  
locations where it shall be unlawful for a person to sit, lie, or sleep, or to store, use, maintain,  
or place personal property**

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tom  
**Date Submitted:** 07/27/2021 11:50 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376-S1  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please pass this and start pulling Los Angeles out of the dump it has become. Get the services going. stop allowing anyone to come here and sponge off the tax paying citizens.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brian Folb

**Date Submitted:** 07/27/2021 12:48 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** City Council's consideration to update LAMC 41.18. Please be advised I am in support of the proposed motion to update LAMC 41.18. My family owns 2 high rise office buildings in the Special Zone where the Bridge Housing shelter is located on Schrader between Sunset and Selma that are being impacted by the tents, trash and loitering that have been allowed to remain in place without consequence when we were previously promised by the City of Los Angeles this area would be protected from these occurrences in accordance with the above referencened ordinance. We supported the City in authorizing the installation of this Bridge Housing facility with the understanding the rules of the Special Zone would be upheld and enforced. We are now being damaged as our building tenants are threatening to break their leases due to their inability to freely walk the area of the Special Zone without being impacted by tents blocking the sidewalk rights of way, trash creating health hazzards, and being harrassed by people suffering from mental illness and illegal drug use. It is imperative you take the immediate action of reinstating LAMC 41.18, as this ongoing breach of the Special Zone rules is causing irreparable damage to our business.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Thomas Klemperer

**Date Submitted:** 07/27/2021 02:43 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Sirs: In reference to the following; 20-1376-S1 2. AUTHORIZE the City Clerk and Bureau of Street Services to make any technical corrections or clarafications to the above fund transfer instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion. ORDINANCE SECOND CONSIDERATION relative to replacing Los Angeles Municipal Code Section Section 41.18 to specify the particular times and locations where it shall be unlawful for a person to sit, lie, or sleep, or to store, use, maintain, or place personal property in the public right-of-way. Please note my strongest support to pass this measure in the interest of public safety and the interest of public health. Thank you. Tom Klemperer

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Julie

**Date Submitted:** 07/27/2021 03:04 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is time to clean up our streets. While I believe in helping the homeless, letting them live anywhere they choose is unacceptable and has become a hazard to not only them but for our neighborhoods and residents that live here. It is not safe to walk our children down the streets.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lane McFaddin  
**Date Submitted:** 07/27/2021 03:05 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** This motion is cruel and draconian. It does nothing to alleviate the actual issue of homelessness while punishing unhoused residents in the process. All this ordinance does is push people around. In the latest form, an estimated 40-50% of the city will be subject to these cruel restrictions. As Councilmember Bonin said in the last meeting, this tells people where they can't be while not telling them where they can be. This will further strain the delicate trust unhoused residents have with the city and service providers. It is and policy all around. I commend Councilmembers Bonin and Raman for their compassionate, service-driven solutions. What Raman was able to accomplish in Los Feliz was 100% due to the patience and time the moratorium of enforcement allowed her office. If these restrictions were in place, she would not have been able to accomplish getting people sheltered. The same goes for Bonin's efforts in Venice. Please, ignore the loud voices of privileged homeowners telling you criminalization is the only way. It is not and in fact exasperates the problem. But many on this board to go that route because it is an easy way to win political points. I urge this body to choose the harder, more necessary path forward. Repeal this ordinance and focus your energy into compassionate service led outreach as well as securing permanent housing. Vote no on this ordinance.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Darianna Cardilli

**Date Submitted:** 07/27/2021 03:28 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am urging all council persons to please finalize the amendments to LAMC 41.18 It is time for the City of LA to start regulating public spaces again. The homeless encampments that have sprung up under freeway overpasses, many of them near schools and parks, are a danger to many citizens because of the accumulation on trash, human waste, drug paraphernalia and vermin in the vicinity. It is time for the City of LA to consider the rights of pedestrians, disabled people and those who rely on public transport. The bus stops are being occupied and turned in tents, the sidewalks have become shanty towns and do not allow 36" of space for a wheelchair bound person to have access, and pedestrians are being forced to avoid certain areas completely because of the danger of passing near a illegal homeless encampment. The citizens of LA have had enough! If this city is to host the Olympic Games in a mere 7 years these homeless encampments need to be cleared up before the IOC realizes the mistake they made in choosing this city. It is a disgrace that the growing homeless population is being allowed to threaten and terrorize law abiding citizens. Please put an end to this illegal occupation of our public spaces.