

Communication from Public

Name: Walter Dominguez

Date Submitted: 08/08/2022 06:06 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I SUPPORT THE ORDINANCE TO KEEP ENCAMPMENTS OUT FROM WITHIN 500 FEET OF SCHOOLS AND DAYCARE CENTERS. There are 502 square miles of land in the City of Los Angeles, and according to the Bureau of Street Services, there are over 6,500 centerline miles of streets in the City of Los Angeles. There are more than enough sidewalks in this city for unhoused people to set up encampments until (hopefully) the City finally gets it act together to provide housing for them. THE CHILDREN OF OUR CITY AND THEIR PARENTS DESERVE PROTECTION FROM THE SCORES OF DRUG ADDICTS AND MENTALLY ILL folks who are unhoused and camped next to schools and daycare centers. BEING COMPASSIONATE DOES NOT MEAN PUTTING OUR KIDS AT RISK. What would be compassionate is for the city to declare a citywide emergency and ask for county, state, and federal help to deal with this emergency of unhoused people. OUR CITIZENS SHOULD NOT HAVE TO BEAR THE SOLE BURDEN.

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle G

Date Submitted: 08/08/2022 06:23 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: It is frustrating to see homeless encampment cleanups just to see that the homeless return within minutes or hours of the cleanup. Frustrating to have to go on the road and fear that you are going to get hit by a car(it has happened to me). I understand that many of those on the streets are there because of money issues. Not being able to afford housing but why should we protect those who are Criminals. People who steal from others in the neighborhood. I've called 911 numerous times to put out fires all throughout the city which is outrageous. This needs to stop help those who want the help and put the criminals/drug dealers in jail.

Communication from Public

Name: Melissa Manousos

Date Submitted: 08/08/2022 06:24 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to end 41.18 - we should not be criminalizing our neighbors for being poor and unhoused! 41.18 will not decrease the number of encampments, only move them around. This expansion will ban sleeping near schools and daycares but will not create any alternatives or resources for the unhoused. With shelter availability insufficient to meet city-wide demand, people will have no choice but to return to the exclusion zones or be pushed into neighborhoods. This will lead to more encounters with law enforcement, more jail time, and even fewer pathways into permanent housing. Please rethink this approach and stop 41.18 now!

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Stewart

Date Submitted: 08/08/2022 06:30 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I support Anti Encampment ordinance 41 18 as amended by City Attorney office. A nuisance encampment has cropped up on my street, South Alfred, at Pico. There have has been drug use, stolen bikes, assaults and public defecation. I am scared for myself and my wife walking our dog at night and even during the day. It attracts tweakers and problem people at all hours who are causing trouble on our once quiet street. Please enforce the law and remove this encampment before anything worse happens.

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Name: Mark Greenblatt
Date Submitted: 08/08/2022 06:34 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I support Anti Encampment ordinance 41 18 as amended by City Attorney office.

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Name: Michael Stokes
Date Submitted: 08/08/2022 06:36 PM
Council File No: 20-1376-S1
Comments for Public Posting: Please support Anti Encampment Ordinance 4118. Encampments on city sidewalks in our neighborhood have become havens for drug activity and a source of crime. We need to shield the most vulnerable in our city, especially our children.

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Date Submitted: 08/08/2022 06:40 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I support anti encampment ordinance 41 18 as amended by the city attorney office.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 08/08/2022 07:38 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: ORDINANCE SECOND CONSIDERATION relative to amending Section 41.18 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to make it unlawful for a person to sit, lie, or sleep, or to store, use, maintain, or place personal property near schools and daycare centers, and to amend LAMC Section 56.11 to align it with Section 41.18 and to remove references to “Bulky Items.”
Regarding the above: My comment is that this needs to be enforced at all locations. Why do we have laws if no one needs to follow them? Our children, faculty, and community need to be safe. There are people pooping, doing drugs and god knows what else in these encampments. Unless something at the encampment catches on fire or someone dies, the police do not respond to issues. This is the first step in getting these people off the streets. If they resist, break the law, arrest them as you would for anyone else breaking the law. There are no exceptions. This needs to be cleaned up to keep the crime down, clean up the streets, and make this a place we can feel safe.

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Name: Ronald Sokoloff

Date Submitted: 08/08/2022 10:00 PM

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Name: Molly McLean

Date Submitted: 08/08/2022 10:27 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: This program houses, feeds, and clothes no one but developers and police officers. Invest in housing instead of criminalization.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 08/08/2022 10:29 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: To whom it may concern: Hello my name is Erik, and I have experienced and seen how homeless encampments affect our community. When an entire sidewalk is being used as an encampment, there is no room for people to walk. Children, students, adults, and most importantly the elderly are affected negatively by these circumstances. A lot of them walk on the street to get to where they need to be. This puts them at risk of being run over by someone who might be speeding. At times, the encampments go beyond the sidewalk making it difficult and extremely dangerous for someone to pass by. I've seen how elderly folk try to walk on the street at a slow pace, all it takes is a careless driver for a tragedy to occur. I know that homelessness is a major problem in the city of Los Angeles, and that there is no easy solution for it. However, allowing these encampments and putting other people in harms way isn't right either. I hope you are able to see how serious of an issue this is. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Nell Bennett

Date Submitted: 08/08/2022 03:49 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 is bad policy and must be repealed altogether. The new amendment will do nothing to reduce unsheltered homelessness across Los Angeles and will be devastating to the lives of the unhoused. #Repeal4118 #ServicesNotSweeps

Communication from Public

Name: Megan Gilbert

Date Submitted: 08/08/2022 09:21 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: This proposed amendment is the most dramatic expansion of 41.18, creating unhoused exclusion zones across a massive portion of Los Angeles. Despite what council believes, a significant portion of Angelenos oppose criminalization as a tool to address homelessness, knowing that it is expensive, ineffective, and inhumane. For previous amendments, every address of a 41.18 zone was listed, reviewed and voted upon, and transparent to the public. At this point it's unclear how many neighborhoods and people will be impacted by this because City Council has not done the work of determining the specific locations. Mapping and analysis by the Kenneth Mejia campaign estimates at least 1,900 NEW criminalization zones –a 376% increase in exclusionary zones across the city. 41.18 will cover at least 88 sq miles (that's 20% of the entire city). The proposed mandatory enforcement within 500 feet of schools and daycare centers will have an even greater negative impact on youth and adults experiencing homelessness. Students and children are greatly impacted by homelessness and housing instability. Schools are an important community resource for supporting unhoused students and young Angelenos at risk of homelessness. This blanket expansion does not take into consideration how this could affect this population. Since the passage of 41.18 one year ago, unhoused deaths have increased by 22%. 41.18 = death

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Name: Victoria Stevans

Date Submitted: 08/08/2022 10:04 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Vote NO on the 41.18 amendment. This policy does nothing to help unsheltered people, instead it displaces and harms our unhoused neighbors. We should have services that focus on care and that help improve people's situations and lives. What is being done is inhumane and wrong. This amendment is no solution.

Communication from Public

Name: Frank

Date Submitted: 08/08/2022 10:24 AM

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Name: Torey

Date Submitted: 08/08/2022 10:52 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: In my public comment I will be addressing some of the lies the LA City Council shared last week: Last week, Mitch O'Farrell said that this council does not disappear people. This is not true. According new report from the UCLA Luskin Institute on Inequality and Democracy, one year later, only 17 of those people have been placed in long-term housing. Of the 84 former Echo Park Lake residents the UCLA researchers interviewed or had community knowledge of, most are still waiting in the system, have been forced back into homelessness, or have disappeared. Nury Rodriguez said last week that this council is not responsible for the deaths of our neighbors. This is also untrue. Seven former residents of Echo Park Lake were dead by the time of UCLA article publication. Across Los Angeles County last year, the unsheltered died in record numbers, an average of five homeless deaths a day, most in plain view of the world around them. Two hundred eighty-seven homeless people took their last breath on the sidewalk, 24 died in alleys and 72 were found on the pavement, according to data from the county coroner. These are the facts. These are the statistics. Additionally, Nury lied when she returned following recess last week by stating that the advocates in the room last week were privileged and wealthy individuals who have not experienced poverty. If you rewatch last week's city council meeting, you will see that those who spoke were working tenants and the currently unhoused. Lastly, Nury was a liar when she called for a 15 minute recess and did not resume the council for over one hour and she betrayed the public's trust by passing a vote in secret when the session had resumed. The city council met in private and passed a vote that the people do not support. This is severely troubling. This is the exact fascism of which the public has been fearing. The Brown Act was enacted in 1953 to guarantee the public's right to attend and participate in meetings of local legislative bodies, and as a response to growing concerns about local government officials' practice of holding secret meetings that were not in compliance with advance public notice requirements. The key to the Brown Act is a single sentence. In summary, all meetings shall be open and public. Under the Brown Act, the public is entitled to comment on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body, as well as any agenda item. The public is

entitled to have a voice at the table. Why are we shut out? Why shouldn't we demand our constitutional and human rights be respected? Denying the truth right in front of you does not make it go away, just like sweeping people from one corner to the other will not address the root core of the problem. I urge you to vote No. I urge you for a No-Vote. I urge you to repeal 41.18. 41.18 is UNCONSTITUTIONAL (Jones v. the City of Los Angeles (2006) AND Martin v. City of Boise). The combined message from Robinson v. California (370 U.S. 660 (1962)) and in Powell v. Texas (392 U.S. 514 (1968)), is that the Eighth Amendment prohibits the state from punishing an involuntary act or condition if it is the unavoidable consequence of one's status or being. When we went through this all before, the Court found that because there are more homeless people in Los Angeles than indoor places for them to sleep, and that because sitting, lying and sleeping are unavoidable human acts, the ordinance violated the Eighth Amendment to the United States Constitution's ban on cruel and unusual punishment I've listed 5 case laws so far. I could go on, but you know the truth already. Passing 41.18 and the expansion of 41.18 is inhumane, unconstitutional, cruel and evil. I urge you not to take these same matters back to court. People will die in the meantime. And you will eventually lose. Hear me. People will continue to die. Real people. Real people that do not deserve to be thrown away. And you WILL. LOSE. Repeal 41.18 and do right by the people of your city. Thank you

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Name: Jane Demian

Date Submitted: 08/08/2022 12:01 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Banning camping on the street is not a solution....the "sit, lie, sleep, store" ban is a short-term fix that provides temporary clearance of streets and sidewalks. But the unhoused individuals are still there...they are 1002 feet from an interim housing facility, and 502 feet from a school. The solution is to provide housing and services. No one wants people living in tents / encampments on the street, including the people living in tents/ encampments on the street, therefore, the LAMC 41.18 amendment is not the solution needed. It is an empty scheme that will not achieve measurable results to house people and clear our streets and sidewalks. Rather than spend beau coup resources shuffling unhoused individuals from block to block as LAMC 41.18 is doing, the better solution is a Housing First Model. Funnel resources into temporary and permanent housing, mental health treatment and substance use treatment, keep Project Room Key hotels open as homeless housing, and assign outreach workers to employ strategic outreach to our unhoused neighbors. Assigning more police to patrol areas that ban camping does nothing to actually solve the problem of homelessness. It just creates more trauma and criminalizes people who need housing not jail.

Communication from Public

Name: savanna

Date Submitted: 08/08/2022 12:06 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to you to oppose 41.18 which is an unproductive use of resources (instead of housing or social services for the unhoused) and further criminalizes homelessness and pushes our residents further in societal debt when criminalized (harder time getting a job, etc.) thank you! This proposed amendment is the most dramatic expansion of 41.18, creating unhoused exclusion zones across a massive portion of Los Angeles. Despite what council believes, a significant portion of Angelenos oppose criminalization as a tool to address homelessness, knowing that it is expensive, ineffective, and inhumane. For previous amendments, every address of a 41.18 zone was listed, reviewed and voted upon, and transparent to the public. At this point it's unclear how many neighborhoods and people will be impacted by this because City Council has not done the work of determining the specific locations. Mapping and analysis by the Kenneth Mejia campaign estimates at least 1,900 NEW criminalization zones – a 376% increase in exclusionary zones across the city. 41.18 will cover at least 88 sq miles (that's 20% of the entire city). The proposed mandatory enforcement within 500 feet of schools and daycare centers will have an even greater negative impact on youth and adults experiencing homelessness. Students and children are greatly impacted by homelessness and housing instability. Schools are an important community resource for supporting unhoused students and young Angelenos at risk of homelessness. This blanket expansion does not take into consideration how this could affect this population. Since the passage of 41.18 one year ago, unhoused deaths have increased by 22% (source). 41.18 = death

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Name: Corey A

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

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Comments for Public Posting: I do not understand why the city council is insistent on this inhumane response to the houselessness crisis. This will not provide housing, this will not provide stability, this will not be humane. It will simply displace individuals who are already living in a very precarious situation. Why is so much energy spent on discussing WHERE people can exist, rather than HOW they can exist safely and what the city should be doing to facilitate that. This will not solve the overwhelming problem that our city is facing, it will exacerbate it. Living on the street is extremely dangerous, no one actually wants to live on the street. What are you doing to help them off the street? This is inhumane and you should all be ashamed of yourselves. I do not want to dismiss the reality that parents are facing when their kids are walking to school and seeing something that is perhaps unsettling, but expanding this ordinance does nothing to solve that. It does not provide the help that these individuals and communities need. Offering a cot on the other side of the county or housing with significant strings attached that separates them from their community is not an answer. It is not sufficient - with the kind of budget this city has, we can actually solve this humanely and appropriately with housing first. What's so distressing about this is that despite writing this and trying to plead with your sense of humanity and decency, this will still pass. These are people in your community and you are discarding them like trash, hoping they are no longer visible to you, as if that means they are no longer there. Have a modicum of compassion or empathy, please!

Communication from Public

Name: Annika Klein

Date Submitted: 08/08/2022 12:09 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 is a vile and cruel attempt at a cosmetic fix for a systemic problem. Removing unhoused people from the streets, parks, and other public places puts an already vulnerable population at risk and does nothing to make anyone safer. Our unhoused neighbors need services, not sweeps, and are hurting no one by camping.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 08/08/2022 12:20 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 is a horrible policy. Do not expand it. You are turning this city into a wasteland of horrors and human rights abuses.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 08/08/2022 12:39 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am calling on every city council member to reject any expansion to 41.18. This ordinance is vile and dehumanizing, serving only to criminalize homelessness. Our unhoused neighbors are citizens of L.A. just like you and I. They need care and services not sweeps. 41.18 will not work. It will do absolutely nothing to fix homelessness and you know that. If you don't want to see unhoused people on the street then put them in housing. Criminalizing is ineffective. Sweeps are ineffective. You must reject 41.18.

Communication from Public

Name: Jordan

Date Submitted: 08/08/2022 12:55 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Please DO NOT expand 41.18. This proposed amendment is the most dramatic expansion of 41.18, creating unhoused exclusion zones across a massive portion of Los Angeles. Using criminalization as a tool to address homelessness is expensive, ineffective, and inhumane. The proposed mandatory enforcement within 500 feet of schools and daycare centers will have an even greater negative impact on youth and adults experiencing homelessness. Students and children are greatly impacted by homelessness and housing instability. Schools are an important community resource for supporting unhoused students and young Angelenos at risk of homelessness. This blanket expansion does not take into consideration how this could affect this population. Since the passage of 41.18 one year ago, unhoused deaths have increased by 22%. Please reconsider this hastily envisioned amendment.

Communication from Public

Name: Brendan Coates
Date Submitted: 08/08/2022 01:09 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: City Council out here wondering how to inflict the most harm and death on their citizens while Tupac's mom is writing letters of support to the brave heroes tearing down Mitch O'Farrell's fence at Echo Park Lake. Abolish 41.18. Housing is a human right.

Communication from Public

Name: Kaitlyn Pietras

Date Submitted: 08/08/2022 11:33 PM

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Date Submitted: 08/08/2022 11:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a constituent of Gil Cedillo's. I urge him to vote against this amendment to 41.18 and ultimately to repeal it. This ordinance would be impossible to enforce and would only harm people who are already vulnerable. Do people on city council really believe that, at present, homeless people have it too good, and we all should make life harder for them? Please build housing and offer psychiatric support instead!