

Communication from Public

Name: Cherie Heiberg

Date Submitted: 08/09/2022 12:51 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote no on expanding 41.18. Actually, do me one better: abolish 41.18. You who serve on the city council claim to do so for the good of the people. What good does it do to arrest the poor for being poor? What good does it do to chase people out of their communities, collect and destroy what meager belongings they have - including important paperwork - and throw them back out on the streets, having severed their connections to people who might be able to help them? When Councilman Mitch O'Farrell stood by and let the LAPD chase the unhoused community out of Echo Park in March 2021, he claimed it was for the good of the unhoused. Of these 183 people, 15 returned to homelessness. 17 found permanent housing. 50 were shuffled off to shelters. And 82 people disappeared. What happened to them? Where did they go? Are they alive? Are they dead? Do you care? You say you want to protect children by keeping the unhoused away from school zones? Throwing the unhoused in jail doesn't erase them. Thanks to unprecedented housing and rent prices and our appalling 3.5% vacancy rate, people will continue to lose their homes and they will continue to have to live on the streets not just in school zones, but everywhere in the city. If you want to get them off the streets, give them supportive services and give them homes. Not the temporary ones from Project Roomkey, but permanent ones. Study after study has proven that this is the only thing that effectively addresses chronic homelessness (see "A randomized trial of permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless persons with high use of publicly funded services," Raven, Niedzwiecki, Kushel 2020). You just don't want to see it. Consider this: there are nearly 18,000 children in Los Angeles who don't have places to stay at night. Excluding them from schools and daycares, possibly the only safe places they have in their lives, only makes it harder for them to find help. Since the passage of 41.18 one year ago, unhoused deaths have increased by 22%. Children are among that number. You can't protect them if you let them die on the street. Repeal 14.18.

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Name: Estella Suarez-Hamilton

Date Submitted: 08/09/2022 05:59 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Today the City Council was abusing the fact that some people were ignorant about the rules for making public comments. The City Attorney did not read out instructions on how to make public comments properly. So people would just start talking without addressing the item numbers (this prevented their comment from being filed into the proper item meaning their comment was not out on LEGAL record for that file number.) The attorney was abusing this and cutting people off saying they were out of time even though they were CLEARLY speaking on a Public Hearing item which means it shouldn't cut into their general public comment time. The people would get frustrated that they were cut off and some started yelling. One Black woman got tackled by the cops and detained. Riot police came in and arrested people. The council went to recess and after they cleared the room they VOTED before finishing the public hearing! So basically they voted in an item that didn't actually have a fair or substaintial public hearing on the record. I called the City clerk and told her about this issue.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 08/09/2022 09:07 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Those saying housing first have no idea what they are talking about. My sister is homeless and the laws these activists force upon us are regressive, abusive, and dangerous to public safety and health and have enabled her to deteriorate at the young age of 21. Yes on 41.18 because if you choose to degrade our public spaces then you don't get to use it. I don't want to see people shooting drugs while I use the park. That's not fair. The homeless need medical care not free reign to do as they please. Yes on 41.18, we've tried a different way and the problem is getting worse and now children are traumatized and so is the general public. Please give these people incentive to get real help. We will no longer tolerate the bullying from these so called activists who disregard working class families of color who do not want to see the homeless camping wherever they please. They disregard anyone with a different experience and it's wrong. The sidewalks and parks belong to the public not these activists and not just the homeless, but for the people.

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Name: Jake K.

Date Submitted: 08/09/2022 09:34 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Of all the things that we can do to address the homelessness issue, 41.18 is not the answer. It's just an expanded version of the failed strategy that the city has employed for years now by just continuing to displace unhoused residents, which will be terribly exacerbated with 41.18 by criminalizing 1900 more areas the city while housing via initiatives like Project Roomkey aren't offering up enough space as is. The expanse and burgeoning of homelessness in LA is already far too hard to enforce and will, with 41.18, stretch thin resources needed for LA residents. In fact, money and manpower dedicated to 41.18 should be focused in on finding housing situations for the unhoused that will be further endangered by being bullied around the city and county limits. Do not vote for this ordinance.

Communication from Public

Name: Alex

Date Submitted: 08/09/2022 11:40 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I OPPOSE criminalization as a response to homelessness, because it is expensive, ineffective, and inhumane. Housing is the only solution to homelessness, and I do not support a council that will shuffle around the most vulnerable for a facade of a city free from unhoused individuals. Our money is wasted on militarized police when it could be spent on housing and services. Please REPEAL 41.81 and bring some dignity back to Los Angeles politics.

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren

Date Submitted: 08/09/2022 11:41 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 is bad policy. Criminalizing sitting is bad policy. We as Angelenos have rights to sit where we please, and not have that right voided in 20% of the city. What is your plan to execute this? Will clear signs be posting letting citizens know where they cannot sit? Or will you simply rely on giving LAPD free reign to enforce this law through violence? Have you considered the fact that this law will not work? It will only increase displacement and push the unhoused further out into the suburbs. How will white conservatives feel when that happens? Are the courts prepared to deal with the hundreds of unhoused people that will be unable to pay these fines, forcing them into jail time? Why do you want to jail people who have nowhere else to go? It defies common sense. We know what's needed: housing & healthcare. Why don't you do that, instead of taking taxpayer dollars that we thought would go to housing and turning it over to the police. I don't want to live in a police state. This is not public safety, this is irrational, ineffective and inhumane policy that will not fix the problem. Stop the corruption or you will be voted out. Lastly, as a member of CD-10, it's completely inappropriate that the council would even vote on this, considering that CD-10 does not have a vote and Koreatown has one of the largest unhoused populations. I've called Nury's office to no response. It's that how you treat your constituents Nury? This is taxation without representation and we will not stand for it.