



June 30, 2021

Sent via email councilmember.martinez@lacity.org

The Hon. Nury Martinez
President, Los Angeles City Council
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Re: Amendments to Section 41.18 regarding Homelessness & Thursday's City Council Vote

Dear Council President Martinez:

Yesterday, we followed closely the Council's debate and discussion of a motion (55a) to amend Section 41.18 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code. We are advised that the City Council will take-up a draft ordinance on Thursday, July 1, 2021.

First, we are greatly appreciative that the City Council took up this important issue before it broke for its summer recess.

Second, we support the revised Street Maintenance Ordinance to help clean our streets and communities. **The City Council must not stop here.** The Council needs to continue working to address the City's homeless situation by building more shelter beds and providing services for our unhoused neighbors – immediately. Your constituents and community businesses need to see visible and tangible progress on this urgent humanitarian, public health and safety issue.

On behalf of Build Shelter Now, a broad-based group of voters, residents, homeowners, community groups and businesses throughout the city, **we hope that Thursday's vote is the first of many that makes significant and sustained progress on a pressing humanitarian issue that plagues our city.**

Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Matt Klink at (310) 283-6267.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Robert C. Lapsley'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert C. Lapsley
Chair

cc: Members, Los Angeles City Council
Los Angeles City Clerk