

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 10/06/2026 08:43 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S5

Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 is the absolute bare minimum when it comes to common sense time and place restrictions. I'm grateful to have Councilmember Traci Park as our common sense representative, standing up for the residents she represents. Please pass Councilmember Park's motion.

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Name: Paula Gerez

Date Submitted: 10/06/2026 08:45 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-1376-S5>
Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa Paula Gerez, President Council File 20-1376-S5 Position:
SUPPORT The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa strongly supports Council File 20-1376-S5 and urges the Public Safety Committee and the Homelessness and Health Committee to approve it without further delay and send it to the full Council. This motion has sat since May 16, 2025. It was rereferred on August 28, 2026. It is finally calendared today, October 6, 2026. Sixteen months is too long to leave fire stations, police stations, and United States post offices outside the protections already extended to schools, day cares, parks, and libraries. Residents of Westchester, Playa del Rey, and Playa Vista use these facilities every day. So do seniors, people with disabilities, families, and postal, fire, and police employees. Blocking an entrance, a hydrant approach, a driveway, or an ADA path at any of them is not a housing policy. It is a failure of basic public safety. LAMC 41.18 already recognizes that some places cannot function if the public right-of-way in front of them is occupied. A fire station that cannot roll apparatus, a police station the public will not approach, and a post office whose doors and sidewalks are obstructed are sensitive uses in every ordinary sense of the term. Adding them is the minimum the Council should do. The City Attorney should also be directed, as this file requests, to report promptly on amending 41.18 so the City's rules match the Governor's model ordinance. Grants Pass is decided. The legal excuse for inaction is gone. What remains is a political choice. Westchester/Playa supports enforcement that is paired with outreach and a real offer of shelter or housing. We do not support using that pairing as a reason to do nothing at the front door of a fire station. Clear the path. Keep the apparatus bays, public counters, and sidewalks open. Then connect people to services. Both can be true. Only one of them is in front of this committee today. We ask the committee to vote yes, to demand a date-certain report from the City Attorney, and to stop letting this file expire in committee while our sidewalks, stations, and post offices wait. Respectfully submitted, Paula Gerez, President Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa Westchester, Playa del Rey, and Playa Vista Council District 11

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COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Council File 20-1376-S5 — FOR

Council File No.	20-1376-S5
Title	Unlawful Sitting, Lying, Sleeping / Unlawful Personal Property Storage / United States Post Offices / Fire Stations / Police Stations / LAMC Section 41.18 / Amendment (Park / Lee / Padilla)
Position	FOR
Directed to	City Council; Public Safety Committee; Homelessness and Health Committee
Neighborhood Council	Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa
Date of board action	September 2, 2025 (regular meeting, 7166 Manchester Avenue, Westchester)
Type of action	For, as amended by the Board
Vote	Yea 14 Nay 0 Abstain 1 (Fred Puza) Ineligible 0
Update to prior CIS	No. This is the Council's first Community Impact Statement on this file.
Contact	Paula Gerez, President · paula.ncwpdr@gmail.com

Board action

At its Brown Act noticed regular meeting on September 2, 2025, the Board of the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa voted to support Council File 20-1376-S5. The item was agendized on the August 5, 2025 agenda and called special from the consent calendar. Moved by Julie Ross, seconded by Thomas Flintoft. The motion passed with 14 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

The Board adopted the following position, including a friendly amendment requested by President Paula Gerez and accepted by the Board: that the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils language in support of CF 20-1376-S5 be approved, and that the requested amendments to LAMC Section 41.18 include a two-mile radius around Los Angeles International Airport.

Statement

The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa strongly supports Council File 20-1376-S5 and urges the Public Safety Committee, the Homelessness and Health Committee, and the City Council to approve it and direct the City Attorney to report back on a date certain.

This file has been pending since May 16, 2025. It asks the City to amend Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.18 so that sitting, lying, sleeping, and the storage, use, maintenance, or placement of personal property are unlawful at United States post offices, fire stations, and police stations, and to report on the feasibility of amending Section 41.18 to prohibit encampments consistent with the Governor's model ordinance. Those are not optional amenities. They are essential public facilities. A blocked apparatus bay, an obstructed public

counter, or a sidewalk that a senior or a person with a disability cannot use is a failure of public safety, not a housing strategy.

Section 41.18 already treats schools, day care centers, public parks, and public libraries as sensitive uses. Post offices, fire stations, and police stations belong on that list. Westchester, Playa del Rey, and Playa Vista residents use them every day. So do postal workers, firefighters, and police employees. The Board's September 2, 2025 action also directs that the amendment include a two-mile radius around LAX. The airport, its approaches, and the neighborhoods that surround it are critical infrastructure. Encampments in that radius create fire, security, and access risks the City should not leave unaddressed.

The Council supports enforcement that is paired with outreach and a genuine offer of shelter or housing. That pairing is not a reason for further delay. Grants Pass is decided. The Governor has issued a model ordinance. This file has already waited sixteen months. Approve it. Require the City Attorney's report on a date certain. Post and enforce. Keep the doors, driveways, hydrant approaches, and accessible paths at these facilities open.

Requested action

1. Approve CF 20-1376-S5 and transmit it to the full Council.
2. Amend LAMC Section 41.18 to cover United States post offices, fire stations, and police stations.
3. Include, consistent with the Board's adopted amendment, a prohibition within a two-mile radius of Los Angeles International Airport.
4. Direct the City Attorney to report, on a date certain, on amending Section 41.18 to prohibit encampments as provided in the Governor's model ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Gerez, President

Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa

Authorized by Board action of September 2, 2025

Minutes: ncwpdr.org, September 2025 Meeting Minutes. This statement implements that vote. It is not a new board action.

Communication from Public

Name: karine joret dietz & jim freedman

Date Submitted: 10/06/2026 04:42 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S5

Comments for Public Posting: 20-1376-S5 Thank you , Councilwoman Park, for standing for our public safety. Special enforcement zones are important to protect our communities, and we strongly support this motion to create these zones at post offices, fire stations, police stations, environmentally sensitive areas, and critical infrastructure. This will help protect our children, areas of critical business and services and keep the neighborhood area safe and sound. We appreciate all of the hard word you do for our area and this is very important to all. Thank you for your efforts on behalf of all of us.
Karine Joret Dietz and Jim Freedman

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/06/2026 07:23 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S5

Comments for Public Posting: This expansion of 41.18 by Traci Park and her supporters is cruel, expensive and ineffective. There is no housing solution in criminalizing homelessness and poor people existing in public using with this ordinance. The only solution LA needs to address its corrupt housing programs, offer Angelenos actual services and invest in actual permanent housing. Giving money to LAPD does not create housing, address mental health or any other health considerations people have and it is no wonder nothing changes because this city keeps investing in the wrong things. This is a shameful proposal and Angelenos deserve actual housing solutions. Do the right and responsible thing and say no to this Trumpian, Nimby-driven, fear-based proposal that only wields cruelty and lacks seriousness.

Communication from Public

Name: Christelle D Egan

Date Submitted: 10/06/2026 07:26 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S5

Comments for Public Posting: I STRONGLY SUPPORT council file 20-1376-S5. The Supreme Court's Grant Pass decision confirmed that cities can regulate encampments, and cities across Southern California have updated their rules since. Gov. Newsom has also given cities a model ordinance to work from. Los Angeles is still running on rules written around court rulings that no longer apply. This motion makes common-sense fixes. It ends the requirement that Council passes a resolution for each site before enforcement can happen. It protects access to fire stations, police stations, and post offices. It keeps encampments 500 feet away from high-risk fire zones and critical infrastructure. And it asks the City Attorney to please study the Governor's model ordinance so L.A. stays in step with state policy. ANGELENOS DESERVE SAFE, ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC SPACES, AND PEOPLE LIVING OUTSIDE AND SUFFERING HOMELESSNESS AND / OR DRUG ADDICTION / MENTAL HEALTH CRISES DESERVE REAL PATHS TO PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND COUNSELING HELP, HOUSING, AND SHELTER. IT IS CRUEL TO LEAVE THESE FOLKS OUT THERE - ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE THE CAPACITY TO DECIDE WHAT IS RIGHT OR WRONG ANY LONGER. I PLEASE URGE THE COUNCIL TO PLEASE APPROVE THIS MOTION.

Communication from Public

Name: Sue & Jim, Lindsay , Steven

Date Submitted: 10/06/2026 07:31 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a lifelong Angeleno and am distressed to see the condition of many parts of our city. I have worked for years with the Pacific Palisades Task force on Homelessness, attempting to find shelter/housing and relatives for our homeless friends near the Palisades. Enforcing 41.18 in all of the sensitive areas that Councilwoman Park is proposing is for the SAFETY of all residents, especially children and seniors. We need rules in place and we need enforcement so that we can have safe places, including our burn zones which are already subject to trauma. Please support this motion ! Sue Kohl

Communication from Public

Name: Sharon Kilbride

Date Submitted: 10/05/2026 08:05 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S5

Comments for Public Posting: I am in support of councilwoman Tracie Park's motion to enforce 41.18 in council district 11. I was the past chair of the Pacific Palisades Task Force on homelessness and we have had great results in housing and helping our unhoused population using 41.18 signage. When 41.18 is enforced folks tend to accept services more rapidly and are not left to deteriorate on the streets as they would if 41.18 is not enforced. When 41.18 is not enforced you have trash on your street, rodent issues, And inhumane conditions for people to live like this is actually a crime not to enforce 41.18 people deserve better. Thank for your consideration to support the 41.18 signage and enforcement.
Sharon Kilbride PPTFH.org

Communication from Public

Name: Kim

Date Submitted: 10/05/2026 10:18 PM

Council File No: 20-1376-S5

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support councilwoman Park's motion to amend ordinance 41.18 to align with Governor Newsom's direction and enact tougher restrictions on camping on LA city streets. Many years and millions of tax dollars later the city government has not improved the problem of homelessness and trying to convince unhoused people to come inside. The option to return to the streets with no enforcement follow-up makes all the efforts futile. While I support providing housing and services to the homeless before removing encampments, I also believe that tax paying hard working residents of LA deserve safe and clean streets. This ordinance will help do this!! You need a carrot and a stick to make public policy effective! The goal of 41.18 is not to solve homelessness; it's to keep the city livable for all residents, so it should be made more effective through this amendment.

Communication from Public

Name: Susan Collins

Date Submitted: 10/06/2026 12:12 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I would like to thank Council members Park and Padilla and Lee for bringing this motion forward. Although a few of the council members have betrayed their constituents by removing the safety of LAMC 41.18 zones in "sensitive areas" - the vast majority of people in Los Angeles approve of keeping these areas clear of debris, and safely accessible. I strongly support Council File 20-1376-S5 and urge the City Council to adopt it. In City of Grants Pass v. Johnson, the Supreme Court confirmed that cities have the authority to regulate encampments and protect public spaces. Cities across Southern California have used that authority to update their rules. Governor Newsom has directed state agencies to clear encampments on state property and has given cities a model ordinance to work from. Los Angeles has not kept up. Our current framework was written for a legal landscape that no longer exists, shaped by settlements and court rulings the Supreme Court has since moved past. This motion is a measured, common-sense update: It removes red tape. Council members would no longer have to pass a resolution, site by site, before enforcing rules that already exist. Enforcement becomes consistent and predictable across the city. It protects essential services. Fire stations, police stations, and post offices need clear access at all times. Treating them as sensitive uses protects first responders and every resident who relies on them. It addresses fire risk. After the devastating fires Los Angeles has suffered, keeping encampments at least 500 feet from Fire Hazard Severity Zones, environmentally sensitive areas, and critical infrastructure is basic public safety. It aligns L.A. with state policy. Asking the City Attorney to study the Governor's model ordinance keeps Los Angeles consistent with California's direction rather than leaving it an outlier. Angelenos deserve safe, accessible sidewalks, parks, and public spaces. People living on the street deserve better than unsafe encampments too, so enforcement should go hand in hand with real offers of shelter, housing, and services. This motion gives the City the tools it needs, and I encourage the Council to approve it. — Susan Collins LA

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/06/2026 07:33 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 represents the absolute bare minimum of common-sense time and place restrictions necessary to keep our public spaces safe and accessible for everyone. In fact, much of the successful outreach, connection to services, and placement into shelter or housing has occurred as a result of the extensive outreach that accompanies enforcement. Enforcement and compassion are not mutually exclusive. When done responsibly, enforcement can be the catalyst that moves people from dangerous conditions on the street toward services, shelter, and housing. It is not compassionate to leave people languishing indefinitely on our streets, often in unsafe and deteriorating conditions. Nor is it reasonable to allow dangerous encampments to surround critical public infrastructure, community resources, schools, parks, libraries, or public safety facilities. These are shared spaces and essential services that must remain safe, sanitary, and accessible to the entire community. We need an approach that combines meaningful outreach and services with reasonable boundaries and accountability. Councilmember Park's motion recognizes that balance. Please support and pass Councilmember Park's motion.

Communication from Public

Name: Helena McDermott

Date Submitted: 10/06/2026 07:35 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a CD11 resident, I oppose my council member's cruel motion. Further criminalising unhoused people does not work to get them off the streets. These orders serve only to legalise the most traumatic, humiliating process for people, including children, through which their shelter and possessions are forcibly taken from them and their fragile lives further disrupted. It erodes precious trusts and makes people less likely to seek and benefit from services that can help. We are better than this. We must be better than this.

Communication from Public

Name: Scott Glenn

Date Submitted: 10/06/2026 07:46 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: As an extremely concerned resident of Playa Del Rey and lifelong Angeleno, I urge you, in the strongest terms, to pass Council member Park's basic and necessary restrictions to amend 41.18 with respect to housing & the homeless, and public safety. How we got to this point where there might be any debate on protecting city residents, not only from dangerous encampments, in general, but from encampments obstructing critical infrastructure like fire and police stations, and environmentally-sensitive areas, is both surreal and absurd. I would like to remind the council that just a few months ago, a resident in Venice was attacked by a homeless individual with a sword in the Whole Foods parking, nearly severing his arm. Three days later another resident was stabbed with a knife by a homeless transient in the same parking lot. Just a few years earlier a resident in Beverly Grove was killed in his own home by a homeless transient. These are just a few of numerous examples of innocent residents who have been put in harms way by the failed city policies over the past decade. Quite frankly, the homeless situation in Los Angeles is a blight on the city, that is now recognized on a national level, and as representatives of the hard-working, tax-paying residents, we require more of you. Most of what has been done is simply not working. Allowing homeless individuals to continue to live in squalor—most of who suffer from mental illness and/or drug addiction—presents a danger to themselves and the resident constituents in this city. Though there is a long road ahead in remedying this crisis, Council member Park's motion is an essential first step in moving in the right direction, by protecting critical and sensitive areas of the city. Please do the right thing and pass it.

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Name: Jenn
Date Submitted: 10/06/2026 07:49 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 KILLS. VOTE NO TO EXPANDING 41.18. LAMC section 41.18 sets up criminalization zones throughout the city where unhoused people may not stay without risking citation, arrest, and prosecution. These zones already cover a large part of the city, making it extremely difficult for people to avoid violating the existing law. This motion would dramatically expand these criminalization zones. Criminalization, as exemplified by section 41.18, is a completely ineffective approach to houselessness. It forces people to move from one location to another to avoid enforcement and punishment. It interferes with service providers' efforts to help people get housing by making people difficult to find. It endangers people's health by forcing them to hide, thus increasing their vulnerability. Criminalization is a cruel policy that punishes people for their poverty and for their disabilities. Almost no one chooses to live on the streets. Los Angeles has a massive shortage of affordable housing for people living in poverty. Hundreds of thousands of Los Angeles residents are on the brink of losing their housing, while tens of thousands already live on our sidewalks, in vehicles, or in shelters. Section 41.18 helps no one find housing and serves only to make their lives more difficult. Rather than enable punishment and spend resources on harming unhoused people, our city government should be working to help people get into permanent housing and to provide services that help people survive and stay healthy while living on the streets. The motion to expand section 41.18 will do nothing to end houselessness, but it will increase suffering of those experiencing it. Any humane government must include the public safety for unhoused people also - when creating, expanding or enforcing laws.

Communication from Public

Name: Monique Lacey

Date Submitted: 10/06/2026 07:51 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S5

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote to pass Traci Park's motion. As a law abiding, tax paying citizen, I should not have to accept living in a community where homeless encampments take over our sidewalks, parks, beaches, streets, and public spaces. There has to be a reasonable balance between compassion and the rights of the people who live, work, and pay taxes in these communities. Compassion does not mean abandoning people experiencing homelessness, but it also cannot mean abandoning the residents who follow the rules and pay a lot of money to live here. We deserve safe, clean, accessible communities too. 41.18 is the absolute bare minimum when it comes to common sense time and place restrictions. I'm grateful to have Councilmember Traci Park as our common sense representative, standing up for the residents she represents. Please pass Councilmember Park's motion.

Communication from Public

Name: Clare

Date Submitted: 10/06/2026 07:53 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support Council File 20-1376-S5 and the proposed expansion of protections around Fire Hazard Severity Zones, emergency facilities, evacuation routes, and other critical infrastructure. Living in Los Angeles, particularly in a community with significant wildfire risk, has made it impossible to ignore how important emergency access and clear evacuation routes are. During a fast-moving fire or other emergency, even small delays or obstructions can have serious consequences. Residents need to be able to evacuate safely, and firefighters, paramedics, and other first responders need unobstructed access to the places they are trying to protect. I believe we can approach homelessness with compassion and invest in meaningful shelter, services, and long-term solutions while also recognizing that there are certain locations where public safety has to take priority. Fire hazard areas, fire and police stations, evacuation corridors, and critical infrastructure are among them. Establishing clear, consistent restrictions in these particularly sensitive areas is a reasonable public safety measure, and I urge the City Council to support Council File 20-1376-S5.

Communication from Public

Name: Kaylee

Date Submitted: 10/06/2026 08:34 AM

Council File No: 20-1376-S5

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the expansion of 41.18. It is very clear that the person who put forth this motion does not view our unhoused neighbors as people. Criminalizing homelessness does not stop it and puts our most vulnerable at extreme risk.