

Communication from Public

Name: Westside Regional Alliance of Councils
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Council File No: 20-1376-S5
Comments for Public Posting: The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) submits the attached letter in SUPPORT of the above council file. Thank you. Christina Spitz, WRAC Vice-Chair, www.westsidecouncils.com.



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Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
Brentwood Community Council
Del Rey Neighborhood Council
Mar Vista Community Council
Neighborhood Council of Westchester-Playa
North Westwood Neighborhood Council
Pacific Palisades Community Council

Palms Neighborhood Council
South Robertson Neighborhoods Council
Venice Neighborhood Council
West LA-Sawtelle Neighborhood Council
Westside Neighborhood Council
Westwood Community Council
Westwood Neighborhood Council

August 30, 2025

Hon. Karen Bass, Mayor, City of Los Angeles; Hon. Nithya Raman, Chair, Council Housing & Homelessness Committee (HHC); Hon. Ysabel Jurado, Vice-Chair, HHC; Hon. Bob Blumenfield, Member, HHC; Hon. John S. Lee, Chair, Council Public Safety Committee (PSC); Hon. Curren Price, Jr., Vice-Chair, PSC; Hon. Tim McOsker, Hon. Hugo Soto-Martinez, Hon. Traci Park, Members, PSC; Hon. Heather Hutt, Councilwoman, CD 10; Hon. Kathy Yaroslavsky, Councilwoman, CD 5.

Via email to all addressees and submission to the City Clerk's comment filing portal

Re: SUPPORT CF 20-1376-S5 (Park); Request HHC and PSC to Take Up the CF ASAP

Dear Mayor Bass and City Councilmembers,

As you know, the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) is a cooperative coalition, founded in 2009, of all fourteen neighborhood and community councils in CDs 5 and 11 and parts of CDS 10 and 4 in Los Angeles. WRAC collectively represents over 500,000 housed and unhoused Angelenos.

Our Member Councils understand that the motion in this Council File has been brought in light of the *Grants Pass* decision and Gov. Newsom's recent proposed model ordinance to address homeless encampments "with urgency and dignity." WRAC supported a prior motion by Councilwoman Park for the C.A. to analyze the impact of the decision on our anti-camping laws (passed in Council in 2024; no action yet on CLA report): <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/WRAC-Letter-Grants-Pass-Motion.pdf>. As explained in our 2024 letter, WRAC appreciates the use of LAMC 41.18 to ease unsafe and unhealthy conditions and to assist our unhoused neighbors. As a result, a majority (8) of WRAC Member Councils have now passed this motion:

"The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), strongly supports CF 20-1376-S5 (Park), which calls for certain amendments of LAMC Sec. 41.18 and a report back by the City Attorney on the feasibility of amending 41.18 to prohibit encampments as per the Governor's model ordinance."

The following WRAC Member Councils have passed this motion: Bel Air-Beverly Crest NC, Brentwood CC, Mar Vista CC, Pacific Palisades CC, South Robertson NC, West LA-Sawtelle NC, Westside NC, Westwood NC.¹

Per our adopted position as expressed above, WRAC respectfully urges the Council HHC and PSC to take up and approve CF 20-1376-S5 at the earliest opportunity. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robin Greenberg and Christina Spitz

Robin Greenberg, Chair, and Christina Spitz, Vice-Chair
Westside Regional Alliance Councils

¹ **Minority position:** NWNC filed a CIS in opposition to CF 20-1376-S5 on 6/8/25. No other WRAC Member Council has opposed this CF or the above WRAC motion.