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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(14) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 07/12/2021

Type of NC Board Action: Against

#### Impact Information

Date: 07/23/2021

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 20-1376

Agenda Date: 07/27/2021

Item Number:

Summary: We, the Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council Neighborhood Council, oppose this effort to apply citations and other penalties for sitting or sleeping in public places throughout the City of Los Angeles.

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# WILSHIRE CENTER KOREATOWN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



To: Los Angeles City Councilmembers Martinez, Blumenfield, Bonin, Buscaino, Cedillo, De Leon, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, Krekorian, Lee, O'Farrell, Price, Rodriguez, Raman, and Ridley-Thomas,

**Wilshire Center Koreatown's Community Impact Statement,  
Re: CIS Opposing Council File: 20-1376 Unlawful Sitting, Lying, Sleeping / Unlawful  
Personal Property Storage, Use, Maintenance / Private Property / Los Angeles Municipal  
Code / Amendment**

We, the Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council Neighborhood Council, oppose this effort to apply citations and other penalties for sitting or sleeping in public places throughout the City of Los Angeles. While this council file has existed since 2020, the motion voted on Tuesday was entirely new, and was passed without input from stakeholders, including people with lived experience of homelessness, currently unhoused individuals, and members of impacted communities. The urgency of this motion stands in stark contrast to the process for building housing and shelter. We saw this in Koreatown, where an A Bridge Home site that the city planned to open in 2018 finally opened its doors in 2021.

Our city is facing a homelessness crisis, one which city leaders will readily admit that we don't have the resources to address. As we slowly but steadily accumulate permanent supportive housing and shelter beds, the number of available beds lags far behind the number of people who need them. Moreover, individuals placed into interim housing are not transitioning to permanent options within the three-month time frame the city has previously expressed as a goal. When the resources are not adequate to meet the problem, we cannot put the onus on unhoused people to make themselves invisible or else face citations and other consequences.

This motion does nothing to solve homelessness. What it will do is move people from place to place, creating a patchwork network of unpredictable rules, rules which will be applied differently depending on the priorities of the local council office. If we are going to regulate our streets, we need rules that are universally applicable and clear to those they apply to.

The motion makes it clear to the public that city leaders view unhoused people as inherently criminal, a threat to the housed people in their neighborhood. We believe this view is dehumanizing and

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discriminatory. The assumptions made by this motion do not match with our experiences in our neighborhood, where many unhoused people are struggling with the same issues as their housed neighbors. Koreatown's unhoused population includes long-time residents priced out of apartments, families, people suffering from mental illness, and survivors who've fled domestic violence. All of these people need housing, but that hasn't arrived. Until then, they need clear rules they can follow, not a patchwork of banishment zones.

We fully oppose the motion to make sitting, sleeping, or lying in public space an unlawful act.

/s/

Jamie Penn

Executive Vice President

*President Pro Tempore*

Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council

/s/

General Board, Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council

The Council vote for this community impact statement was \_\_Y \_\_N \_\_A on [DATE]