

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I support this amendment to the ordinance. I want to thank Superintendent Carvalho and the Councilmembers for having the courage and integrity to promote and pass it in the face of what will possibly be some very uncivil opposition. I'm a Neighborhood Council representative, committed progressive, and advocate for massive mobilization of our vast economic resources to end homelessness. I am aware that virtually all members of our city's unhoused population have experienced trauma the likes of which most of us can never imagine. I also feel that virtually every adult member of our society bears some responsibility for the tragedy that unfolds on our streets every day. But the one group on whom no blame can fairly be placed is our children. The unfortunate reality, which is clear to anyone who spends a material amount of time out and about in our city, is that the trauma that haunts our unhoused residents is re-enacted on a very regular basis in the encampments where some of them take up residence. This trauma should NOT be the problem of LAUSD students; we should not perpetuate the cycle of trauma by subjecting kids to it. It is our job as adults to face the consequences of our own failures in governance and compassion. Every public school child in Los Angeles deserves to have school be a haven; every one deserves a path to school as welcoming and safe as those enjoyed by private school students. Thanks again.