

Communication from Public

Name: Wendy Wang

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 09:08 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Wendy Wang and I represent Sycamores, a nonprofit organization that provides mental health treatment, child welfare programs, school based services and housing support for children, young adults and adults in Los Angeles County. Sycamores is the lead organization for the Youth Coordinated Entry System in LA County Service Planning Area 3. I am writing to convey Sycamores' strong support of agenda items #31 and #32 ,especially the proposed Street Engagement Strategy. As the City of Los Angeles moves forward with implementing the Street Engagement Strategy and Outreach Engagement Framework, it is critical that we continue to allocate outreach resources intentionally and equitably. For this reason, we support the proposed Street Engagement Strategy being a pilot program through January 2022. This will allow the City of Los Angeles time to fully assess the resources needed to successfully engage encampments for any resolution-based enforcement of LAMC Section 41.18. In addition, we recommend that regular reports be submitted to City Council by appropriate City Departments that include data on the types housing and shelter offered and housing retention and permanent placements . This data reporting is important to measure how engagement is contributing to permanent exits from homelessness rather than displacing unsheltered people to other areas of the City of Los Angeles. When housing resources are available and a strategic outreach plan is implemented, we can successfully move people off the streets and into housing. The Street Engagement Strategy will help the City of Los Angeles achieve this while minimizing the potential negative impacts of enforcement. Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Communication from Public

Name: Rachel Kassenbrock

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 05:36 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Rachel Kassenbrock, and I'm writing on behalf of LA Family Housing in support of the proposed items #31 and #32 and the proposed Street Engagement Strategy. As we implement the Street Engagement Strategy and Outreach Engagement Framework, it is critical that we continue to deploy outreach resources intentionally and equitably. Therefore, we especially support the proposed Street Engagement Strategy as a pilot through January 2022. This will allow the city to fully understand the resources needed to successfully engage encampments for any resolution-based enforcement of 41.18. Furthermore, Council should also include regular report backs that include not only housing and shelter offers, but retention and permanent placements as well. This is critical to ensure that any engagement is contributing to permanent exits from homelessness and not simply displacing unsheltered people to other areas of the City. We know that when housing resources are available and a strategic outreach plan is in place we can successfully move people off the streets and into housing. The Street Engagement Strategy helps us accomplish this while minimizing the potential negative impacts of enforcement. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Tamra King

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 03:35 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Good morning. My name is Tamra King and I'm speaking/writing on behalf of Harbor Community Health Centers in CD15 in support of the proposed items #31 and #32 and the proposed Street Engagement Strategy. · As we implement the Street Engagement Strategy and Outreach Engagement Framework, it is critical that we continue to deploy outreach resources intentionally and equitably. Therefore, we especially support the proposed Street Engagement Strategy as a pilot through January 2022. This will allow the city to fully understand the resources needed to successfully engage encampments for any resolution-based enforcement of 41.18. · Furthermore, Council should also include regular report backs that include not only housing and shelter offers, but retention and permanent placements as well. This is critical to ensure that any engagement is contributing to permanent exits from homelessness and not simply displacing unsheltered people to other areas of the City. · We know that when housing resources are available and a strategic outreach plan is in place we can successfully move people off the streets and into housing. The Street Engagement Strategy helps us accomplish this while minimizing the potential negative impacts of enforcement. Thank you for your time and attention to these matters.

Communication from Public

Name: Miki Jackson

Date Submitted: 09/12/2021 11:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Miki Jackson, AHF/HHR It is Imperative that anything and everything that can be done to place people who are experiencing homelessness be done. This is an urgent situation and speed of action is very important to save lives.

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa Abdishoo

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 12:10 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Good morning. My name is Dr. Lisa Abdishoo and I'm speaking/writing on behalf of Los Angeles Christian Health Centers (LACHC) in support of the proposed items #31 and #32 and the proposed Street Engagement Strategy. As we implement the Street Engagement Strategy and Outreach Engagement Framework, it is critical that we continue to deploy outreach resources intentionally and equitably. Therefore, we especially support the proposed Street Engagement Strategy as a pilot through January 2022. This will allow the city to fully understand the resources needed to successfully engage encampments for any resolution-based enforcement of 41.18. Furthermore, Council should also include regular report backs that include not only housing and shelter offers, but retention and permanent placements as well. This is critical to ensure that any engagement is contributing to permanent exits from homelessness and not simply displacing unsheltered people to other areas of the City. We know that when housing resources are available and a strategic outreach plan is in place we can successfully move people off the streets and into housing. The Street Engagement Strategy helps us accomplish this while minimizing the potential negative impacts of enforcement.

Communication from Public

Name: Nitzan Barlev

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 12:16 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Nitzan Barlev and I'm writing on behalf of the Valley Beth Shalom Homelessness Task Force in support of the proposed items #31 and #32 and the proposed Street Engagement Strategy. - As we implement the Street Engagement Strategy and Outreach Engagement Framework, it is critical that we continue to deploy outreach resources intentionally and equitably. Therefore, we especially support the proposed Street Engagement Strategy as a pilot through January 2022. This will allow the city to fully understand the resources needed to successfully engage encampments for any resolution-based enforcement of 41.18. - Furthermore, Council should also include regular report backs that include not only housing and shelter offers, but retention and permanent placements as well. This is critical to ensure that any engagement is contributing to permanent exits from homelessness and not simply displacing unsheltered people to other areas of the City. - We know that when housing resources are available and a strategic outreach plan is in place we can successfully move people off the streets and into housing. The Street Engagement Strategy helps us accomplish this while minimizing the potential negative impacts of enforcement.

Communication from Public

Name: Joanne Preece, Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County (CCALAC)

Date Submitted: 09/13/2021 01:26 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of the Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County (CCALAC), I would like to bring to your attention the importance of passing a Street Engagement Strategy. CCALAC represents 64 nonprofit community clinics and health centers that operate more than 350 sites throughout Los Angeles County and serve over 1.7 million low-income, uninsured, and underserved individuals each year. Health centers in Los Angeles County serve over 75,000 people experiencing homelessness annually and provide programs designed to address their needs, including street medicine services, housing referrals, and food distribution. A Street Engagement Strategy would be focused on connecting people experiencing homelessness to housing. It will ensure that any enforcement efforts are preceded by outreach and engagement by trained service providers who can assess people's needs and connect them to appropriate services and housing options. Without a strategy in place, Section 41.18 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code could disconnect people experiencing homelessness from the health care services they are currently receiving and make it difficult to re-engage this population if individuals are relocated without communication among those doing the placement and local service providers. A Street Engagement Strategy will assist in preventing the disruption of the care health centers provide to people experiencing homelessness, especially those who are served through clinics' street medicine programs. As we implement a Street Engagement Strategy and Outreach Engagement Framework, it is critical that we continue to deploy outreach resources intentionally and equitably. This will allow the city to fully understand the resources needed to successfully engage encampments for any resolution-based enforcement of 41.18. For these reasons, CCALAC urges Councilmembers to approve and implement a Street Engagement Strategy and not to let the enforcement of 41.18 go forward without a strategy in place to protect the health of those affected and mitigate potential disruptions to care. Thank you for your consideration.