

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jeff

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 09:02 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** The homeless encampments in Venice surrounding the bridge home have created a dangerous atmosphere making it very difficult to live and work in the area. I have witnessed fires and physical assaults at these encampments and I also found a syringe filled with what looks like heroine lying on the sidewalk. LAPD resources have been stretched so thin that they are usually not available to respond when the homeless residents begin trespassing on business property or when they take part in other illegal activity. These residents do not wear masks or abide by social distancing guidelines causing another layer of health hazards.

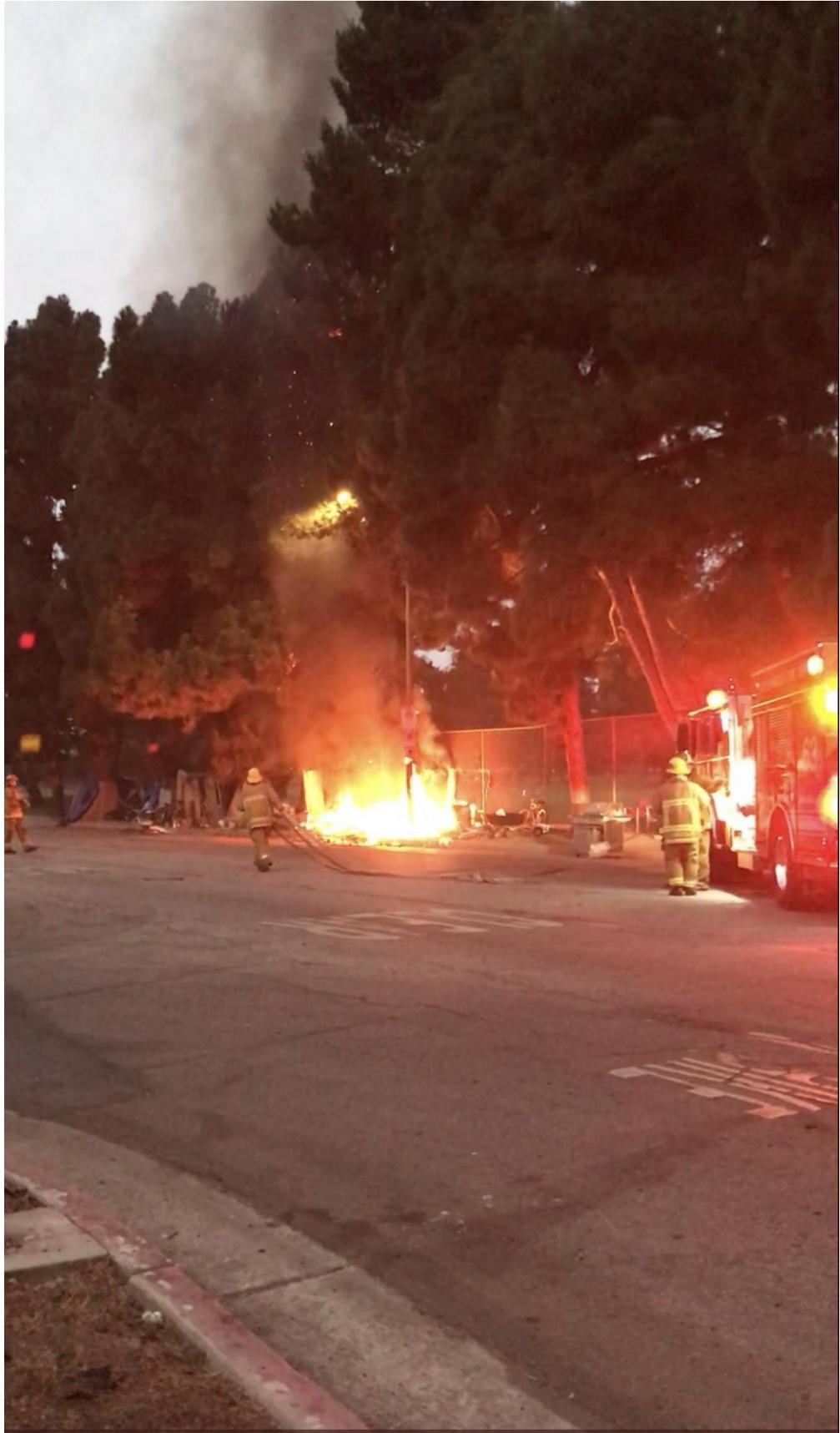
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**Name:** Steven Roth  
**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 09:23 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** This is a long overdue adjustment to current policy. There is a significant cost to the community regarding health and safety to the surrounding neighborhoods to the homeless encampments, including sanitation, crime and traffic. There are available shelter beds that are unused and expanding tent encampments, suggesting that without an enforcement mechanism, just providing a shelter do not keep the homeless off the streets. There has been a steady increase in crime, including assault, theft, burglaries and illicit drug sales on the sidewalks. This is not a human rights issue because as long as services are provided and the unhoused do not use it, it becomes a non-economic problem. If you provide free food and someone still starves, it's not because lack of food. Attached are some pictures of the local arson in the encampments from the past two months in case anybody wants to say there are no safety concerns.







## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ashley

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 09:26 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** As a homeowner living across the street from the Venice bridge home I am not in opposition of the shelter, but the lack of enforcement regarding the camps surrounding it and my neighborhood. In the 8 years I've lived here, never before have I felt so unsafe, seen so much crime and drug use, and unsanitary conditions. When the shelter was approved the agreement was the streets surrounding it would be kept clean. This has not been the case. The city needs to follow through on the agreement and enforce removal of the encampments. Our community has emailed and called the city council many times regarding numerous incidents and lack of enforcement in the Enforcement Zone. September 2, jut before 5pm things reached an incredibly uncomfortable new level as a homeless man, not wearing any pants, crawled over our complex wall and fell onto my neighbors patio and then proceeded to enter her condo. My boyfriend and I heard a loud crash and went to our front door to find that this pants-less, bleeding man had kicked open our neighbors gate as she screamed for help and for him to leave her property and he proceeded to roam about our courtyard. My boyfriend unaware if the man was armed, yelled at him to get out of the complex. The homeless man was clearly heavily intoxicated/high (unsure which) and eventually made his way to the gate to leave our complex only to stand there propping the gate open. While I called 911, my boyfriend was able to get him fully outside the complex and the gate closed. The week prior a male neighbor in our building went outside the complex gate to ask some homeless that were screaming and yelling outside our building to leave. They pulled a knife on him and luckily, my neighbor had pepper spray with him. This has to STOP. Something has to be done to clean up the area around the shelter. I've seen the surrounding areas of the other Bridge shelters and none of them have the enforcement issues faced by ABH Venice.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sessely McDaniel

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 09:32 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My family moved to Venice early in the pandemic. We chose Venice because of its diversity in race, culture, and socioeconomic background. I'm a nurse, therapist, and mother. I care about the unhoused folks, that is why I moved to Venice, but I need to keep my children safe. There has been a massive surge in violent crimes on our streets. There is a clear connection from the encampments to drugs, theft, and violent crime. If the city wants Venetians to continue to care for and support the unhoused community, we must clean up our streets. Please vote to stop the encampment next to shelters.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael Hastin

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 09:59 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please address homeless encampments that are within 500 feet of shelters, but please also address homeless encampments that are within 100 feet of SCHOOLS, and PRIVATE HOMES, and BUSINESSES. And by address we all mean remove!!! Put city dollars to work in helping the people that WANT help - but stop wasting time and money on the majority of these people, the ones who are choosing to live on the streets because they are able to live outside the law (doing drugs and committing petty theft). These people should be ticketed, they should be incarcerated, but they should be cleared away from our homes.

Communication from Public

Name: travis binen  
Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 11:07 AM  
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please pass this motion to restrict where homeless people can camp. The bridge home at the MTA lot, 100 sunset in Venice has become a magnet for drug addicts, drug dealers and criminals. There are encampments right across the street. There are daily fights, yelling, screaming, break ins, and drug use. My neighbors are afraid to leave their homes and they can't even sell their homes because property values have plummeted. they are prisoners in their own home. see below for some video clips as evidence.  
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**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 11:17 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please Support this Motion.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nichol Carlson

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 11:20 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Living in Venice has increasingly become impossible for residents who want to keep the streets clean. The homeless - especially around the newly constructed Bridge Housing - have completely taken over entire sections of my neighborhood. I've been an 18 year member of Golds Gym, but finally discontinued my membership in January of this year as the homeless encampments around the gym have made it unsafe for me to walk to the gym. The amount of taxes we pay each year to live here are outrageous when the city can't keep our streets clean. Instead they have allowed massive tents, garbage, blankets, clothing, bikes, food waste, and more to fester in favor of the homeless - it's unacceptable. I no longer have friends from out of town come to visit me in Venice - too embarrassing to show them what we've let Venice become - especially the beach. Please please please please help us help Venice recover from this disaster by passing this motion.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Josie Gormley

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 11:28 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am outraged by the Council's insistence on criminalizing homelessness and hope that you all see fit to vote against the motion presented by Councilmembers Blumenfield, Buscaino, Rodriguez, Krekorian, Price, Cedillo, and Lee. The City Council is doing nothing to stop more and more people from becoming homeless because of the pandemic, and now you think the answer is to arrest them? House them! Put them in our empty hotels. This is disgraceful. I demand that City Council and the Mayor's office instead invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing a healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, and take concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer, and furthermore to oppose the motion to instruct the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andreina Kniss Tafoya

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 11:31 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am disgusted that in a time where millions of people have lost their jobs and hundreds of thousands are staring down the threat of eviction our city council is prioritizing criminalizing the homeless instead of actually enacting measures that would HELP PEOPLE instead of punishing the indigent poor for daring to exist where the wealthy can see them. All this talk of being progressive and being more progressive than each other is empty talk when it comes to policy making and you can be certain that your constituents are noticing. You are disgusting and I don't know how you sleep at night.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gina  
**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 11:38 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376  
**Comments for Public Posting:** stop trying to criminalize homelessness and reinvest into helping them

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Carol Katona

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 11:38 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I favor the motion to restrict encampments within 500' of shelters. We were promised this when our Bridge Housing was placed in our neighborhood. Please keep your promise.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael Navarro

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 11:39 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Los Angeles City Council , My name is Michael Navarro and I am a District 1 constituent in Lincoln Heights. On October 21 2020, many of you presented a motion to drastically expand the criminalization and banishment of unhoused Angelenos across the city. The text of the motion instructs the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. This motion does not provide any new housing resources, wrap-around services for those experiencing homelessness, or any solutions to decrease the unhoused population in LA. Instead of focusing on actual, proven solutions to a crisis that continues to grow during this pandemic, you have decided to once again spend time and city resources on another attempt to expand harmful criminalization policies which have only proven to fail and exacerbate homelessness. Rather than get rid of the root causes of homelessness in our city, you continue to try and get rid of our unhoused Angelenos. As your District 1 constituent, I demand that you, City Council, and the Mayor's office instead invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing a healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, and take concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer, and furthermore to oppose the motion to instruct the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. Sincerely, Michael Navarro

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alex Fierro-Clarke

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 11:43 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** On October 21 2020, LA City Councilmembers Blumenfield, Buscaino, Rodriguez, Krekorian, Price, Cedillo, and Lee presented a motion to drastically expand the criminalization and banishment of unhoused Angelenos across the city. The text of the motion instructs the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. This motion does not provide any new housing resources, wrap-around services for those experiencing homelessness, or any solutions to decrease the unhoused population in LA. Instead of focusing on actual, proven solutions to a crisis that continues to grow during this pandemic, City Council members have decided to once again spend time and city resources on another attempt to expand harmful criminalization policies which have only proven to fail and exacerbate homelessness. I demand that City Council and the Mayor's office instead invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing a healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, and take concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer, and furthermore to oppose the motion to instruct the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Chase Engelhardt  
**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 11:46 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Councilmembers, As someone with experience working in homeless services this policy is asinine. This policy will cost the city more money moving people around and protracting their experience with homelessness. By constantly moving people around and throwing out their belongings you can set them back months to even years in the case management process. The money that would be spent on law enforcement, sanitation, and likely jail cells by fining those unable to pay could be spent on housing and supportive services that actually bring people off of the street, rather than shuffling them around and exacerbating problems by further criminalizing poverty. The spirit of this bill is to reward communities that have stepped up to provide solutions to this crisis, but with the ferocity of NIMBYism that persists in neighborhood council meetings towards density and affordable housing, and the fact that 75% of our city remains zoned R1 I don't believe any district should be parting themselves on the back for placing a bandaid on an infected wound. People's lives are literally on the line. We're experiencing a pandemic, resources to unhoused communities are thinner than ever, and we don't want people to see the results of their exclusionary preferences? I feel ashamed that this is the direction these councilmembers have chosen to go, and I sincerely hope they wake up and decide to meet this problem at scale and build historic amounts of affordable and permanent supportive housing. If you don't want to see people on the streets it's pretty simple. House them. Thank you, Chase Engelhardt

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kathryn O

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 11:49 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Criminalization of homelessness is NOT the answer and does much more harm than good. The city council's time and effort should be spent on expanding high-quality shelter space and supportive services, not further displacing and harming these LA residents. With the death toll for unhoused Angelenos already over 1,000 in 2020, this motion would contribute to another record increase in deaths and an increase in harmful police encounters with the unhoused community. In both cases, unhoused Black Angelenos are disproportionately impacted. This is outrageous, especially in the middle of a pandemic while winter is approaching. Let people rest under freeway overpasses while it rains without police harassment, for heavens sake.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brendan Miller

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 11:49 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** On October 21 2020, LA City Councilmembers Blumenfield, Buscaino, Rodriguez, Krekorian, Price, Cedillo, and Lee presented a motion to drastically expand the criminalization and banishment of unhoused Angelenos across the city. The text of the motion instructs the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 to effectively ban: Sitting, sleeping or laying within 500 feet of freeways, ramps, and tunnels  
Sitting, sleeping or laying within 500 feet of any facility opened after January 2018 that provides housing, shelter, services, safe parking, or storage to unhoused people  
The storage of property in the areas listed above  
This motion does not provide any new housing resources, wrap-around services for those experiencing homelessness, or any solutions to decrease the unhoused population in LA. Instead of focusing on actual, proven solutions to a crisis that continues to grow during this pandemic, City Council members have decided to once again spend time and city resources on another attempt to expand harmful criminalization policies which have only proven to fail and exacerbate homelessness. In his statement to LA Times regarding this motion, Councilmember Bob Blumenfield revealed the true motivation behind it: to “create visible progress” for some housed constituents by forcibly displacing encampments from one location to another, and establishing ‘enforcement zones’ to prevent unhoused Angelenos from returning to these locations. It is especially cruel to present this motion during an ongoing pandemic, which could lead to mass evictions as the winter season approaches. Where will people shelter from the rain when there aren’t enough housing resources available and the city bans people from resting beneath underpasses? With the death toll for unhoused Angelenos already over 1,000 in 2020, this motion would contribute to another record increase in deaths and an increase in harmful police encounters with the unhoused community. In both cases, unhoused Black Angelenos are disproportionately impacted. The Services Not Sweeps coalition rejects this motion and demands that all processes involved in propelling this motion forward be halted immediately, as this motion poses a direct threat to the health and safety of our unhoused neighbors and their surrounding communities. We demand that City Council and the Mayor’s office instead invest

their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing a healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, and take concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer. We demand that the city take the following actions immediately:

- Focus efforts on providing hotel rooms, motel rooms, and permanent housing to ALL unhoused Angelenos (not just those in specific areas that are visible to the general public)
- End Special Enforcement and Cleaning Zones (SECZ) permanently
- Respect CDC guidelines, and working with health department officials to ensure that basic sanitation needs are met without the threat of displacement
- Halt all CARE+ “comprehensive cleanup” operations
- Remove law enforcement from outreach
- Repeal LAMC 41.18, LAMC 56.11, and all ordinances used to criminalize unhoused residents.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Griffin  
**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 11:50 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376  
**Comments for Public Posting:** This is evil and bad, but you know that.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ryan Egan

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 11:50 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** The motion from Councilmembers Blumenfield, Buscaino, Rodriguez, Krekorian, Price, Cedilla, and Lee will expand the criminalization and banishment of unhoused people access the city. This does not provide additional services, housing, solutions or aid. Instead of focusing on actual proven solutions for a growing crisis in LA< Cit Council instead wants to use time and resources to expand harmful criminalization policies that have been proven to fail and exacerbate homelessness. I demand that the City Council invest time and power into programs that help us provide healthy and save living environments for out unhoused communities while they are on the street. Take actual concrete steps in providing housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than our current shelter and ABH facilities. Oppose the motion to instruct the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 Ask yourself why, in the middle of a pandemic and looming eviction crisis, you are spending your time looking for more ways to have the city use it's power to harm the most vulnerable.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Maria Coray

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 11:51 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am in favor of the motion to ban encampments surrounding Bridge Housing. The area should be keep clean and the sidewalk clear in compliance with ADA laws.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Austin

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 11:52 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Criminalizing homelessness is disgusting, inhumane, and cowardly. We have scientifically proven solutions on how to solve homelessness and you are choosing a more expensive and obtuse option. Shame on all of you. I want my tax dollars to go into proven solutions not more arrests.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Danielle Kolker  
**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 11:54 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Buscaino's request to the District Attorney to draft a motion to further criminalize and punish humans who our city has left unhoused more than they are already criminalized and punished in Los Angeles is shameful and repulsive. Do you realize how much space in this city you have deemed illegal for people to literally just exist in? I don't think you understand that nobody asked to be born and you are literally punishing people for existing. How dare you tell people where they can and cannot sleep and rest. This is a human rights crisis. Seize the hotels and let people stay there or wherever they please. If you want everyone off the streets then give everyone a house. If you will not give everyone a house then the LEAST you can do is let people exist on the streets in peace.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Clare Sandlund

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 11:55 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear LA City Councilmembers, The motion filed by Councilmembers Blumenfield, Buscaino, Rodriguez, Krekorian, Price, Cedillo, and Lee on October 21 would drastically expand the criminalization and banishment of unhoused Angelenos across our city. As a citizen and homeowner from Los Angeles district 13, I urge you to vote against this motion. Criminalizing homelessness is not the answer. We need new housing resources, comprehensive (and kind) services, and solutions that help reduce the number of Angelenos who become unhoused. City Council members have chose to again attempt to expand policies that criminalize (and exacerbate) homelessness. Nonetheless during a global pandemic where citizens have lost their incomes, homes, access to community and more. It's unconscionable to take such actions at this time. I demand that City Council and the Mayor's office instead invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing a healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, and take concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer, and furthermore to oppose the motion to instruct the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. Signed, Clare Sandlund District 13 Citizen

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Janis Yue  
**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 11:58 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing in opposition of this motion. I am horrified to learn that City Council is attempting to pass this criminalizing, traumatizing motion during the pandemic, but I am not surprised that certain members of City Council are once again showing their contempt towards our unhoused neighbors with this ludicrous motion. I ask that City Council members critically and deeply reflect upon why it is being proposed that time, energy, and money go towards banishing unhoused folks from public spaces rather than actually providing the housing/resources needed to sustainably support our unhoused neighbors. As someone who has experience providing mental health support to individuals in permanent supportive housing, I fully believe that permanent housing is healthcare and a human right and criminalization/banishment is not!!! Both the neglect and dehumanizing actions that City Council has taken against unhoused folks have already caused too many deaths, especially during the pandemic, and I urge City Council members to reject this motion.

## Communication from Public

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** David Jette

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 12:00 PM

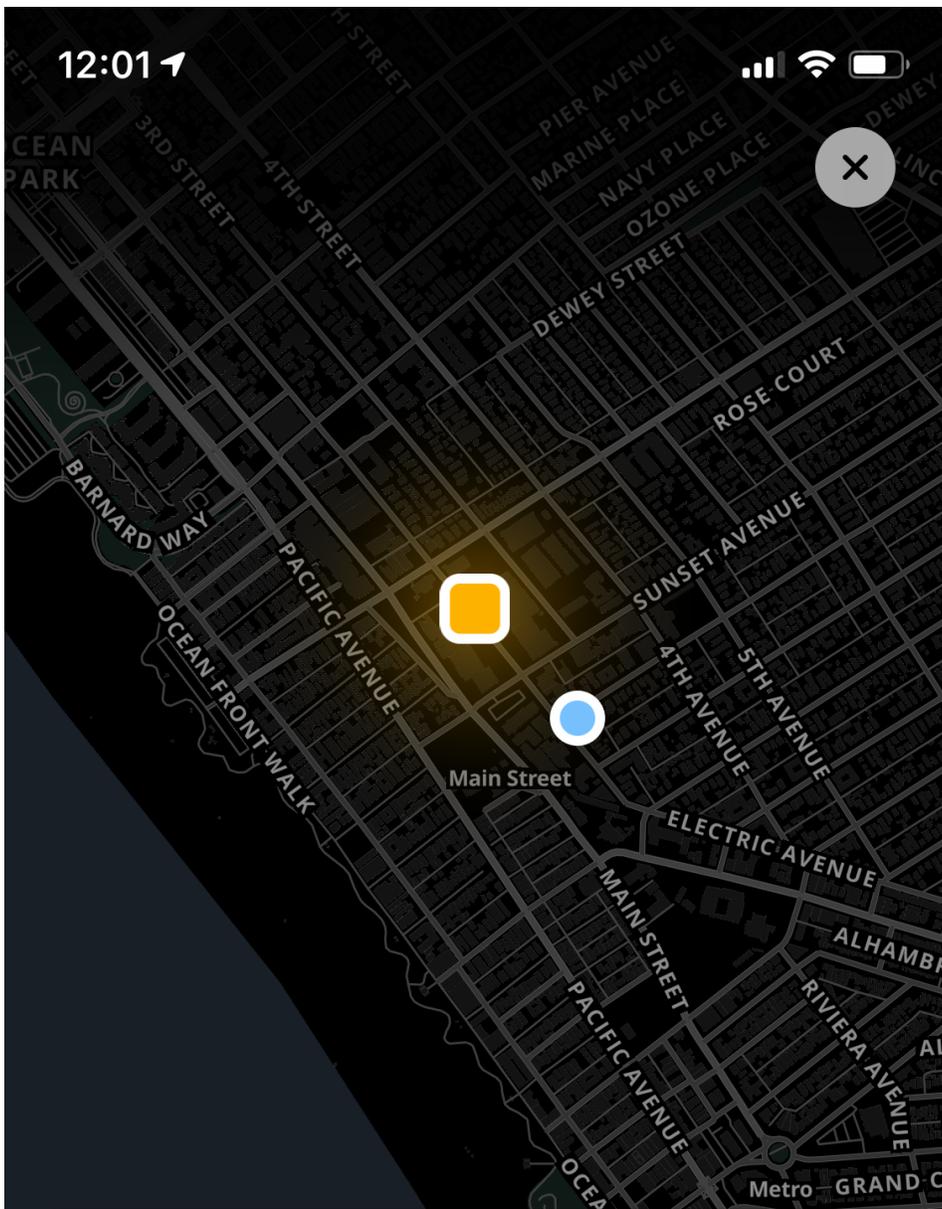
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Don't criminalize the homeless. This motion is very bad. Stop giving homeowners veto powers over the habeus corpus rights of human beings, and sop making single family housing owners defacto rulers of this city.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tim Bonefeld, Hampton Dr Venice  
**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 12:11 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm in support of the motion. Please restore safety and a clean community.

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mike Morabito

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 12:15 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Buscaino's motion is disgusting and craven in how it criminalizes homelessness. Shame on him, Rodriguez, Blumenfeld and Krekorian for supporting this trash legislation which advances City Council's crusade against the less fortunate. How about you provide some adequate housing instead of pushing people into cramped shelters without access to their items, where they fear harassment and theft and violence and COVID? There are literally thousands of apartments, homes and hotels sitting vacant that could be used to temporarily shelter our city's neediest. Stop carrying water for the rich and real estate interests! By putting this legislation into action, you'll be making this city a worse place to live. Your heads are emptier than a Playa Vista mixed-use monstrosity if you think this will stop homelessness. But maybe I'm giving you too much credit; there's always a chance that you just don't care about poor Angelenos.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** how are you this evil  
**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 12:17 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376  
**Comments for Public Posting:** How do you become the horrible pile of sludge that writes something like this? Disgusting. It's simply disgusting.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** CJ Cole  
**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 12:17 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge the City Council to pass the motion set forth in Council File Number 201376.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alexander Stanley

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 12:21 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** This is a disheartening step backwards and does nothing to protect or serve the most vulnerable members of our community. A society can and will be judged by how it treats the least among them, equating the lack of property with criminality is disgusting and wrong. Do better

## Communication from Public

**Name:** chris cohen

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 12:22 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

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## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 01:32 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** If you destroy someone's belongings, do you think that person disappears? What in the world do you think you're accomplishing here? Anyone who votes for this motion is a disgrace.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Judith Esposito

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 01:42 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council Members, Please vote in Favor of Council File 20-1376. This motion is vital because it will help Los Angeles maintain a balance between helping the homeless and helping the residents and homeowners keep and maintain a clean and healthy community and while still staying within the parameters of the Boise Idaho decision. I support this motion because it addresses The Americans with Disabilities Act, which has been for too long dismissed by the city of Los Angeles. Disallowing sidewalk access to the disabled due to tents and encampments blocking entire sidewalks and not allowing for the 3' sidewalk clearance is wrong and a civil rights violation against the disabled and wheelchair bound. The disabled are forced onto the streets and their lives are being endangered with cars whizzing by them at 40+ mph. There must be a three-foot (3') clearance of all sidewalks in the city of Los Angeles to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act. The disabled through the ADA are guaranteed equal access to and equal opportunity in public Accommodations and prohibits discrimination in all areas of public life. It gives the disabled civil rights protections similar to those provided to individuals on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, and religion. I also support this motion because it addresses the many promises made and promises broken by the City. The people of Venice who live near the bridge shelter on Sunset were promised encampment cleanups and secure zones surrounding the shelter. Eight months later, this shelter is surrounded more than ever with tent encampments, a massive surge in crime, theft, break-ins, assaults, sexual harassment, sexual assaults, car break ins. From late February when the Bridge Shelter Venice opened to August of this year, there were 144 police calls. The residents living around bridge shelter are suffering without the police protections they were promised. Promises made, promises broken. To rebuild the faith, the Police, Mayor, Council and the Councilman for CD11 must keep the promises made to Venice residents surrounding this bridge shelter. If the promises are not kept, then no community will want a Bridge Shelter in their neighborhood because they cannot trust the City will keep their promises made of safety zones, and clear of encampments. And finally, I support this motion because it seeks to amend 41.18 which is vitally important

in addressing sleeping on sidewalks at particular locations and hours of the day. Thank you for this reasonable and well thought out motion to help Los Angeles maintain a balance between helping the homeless and helping the residents and homeowners keep and maintain a clean and healthy community. Sincerely,  
Judith Esposito, Frank Defurio, Pamela Harbour Venice  
Residents

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Anthony Dedousis  
**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 01:43 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, Please see attached for Abundant Housing LA's letter OPPOSING the motion that would amend Municipal Code Section 41.18 to prohibit sitting, sleeping, or lying within 500 feet of a recently opened shelter facility or transportation infrastructure. Thank you, Anthony Dedousis



October 26, 2020

Council President Nury Martinez  
Los Angeles City Council  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Council President Martinez,

Abundant Housing LA is a pro-housing education and advocacy organization working to help solve Southern California's housing crisis. We write in opposition to the [recently introduced motion](#) that would amend Municipal Code Section 41.18 to prohibit sitting, sleeping, or lying within 500 feet of a recently opened shelter facility or transportation infrastructure ([Council File 20-1376](#)). We oppose laws that criminalize homelessness and impose a heavy burden on Angelenos experiencing homeless, as this one would.

Los Angeles is experiencing a severe homelessness crisis, exacerbated by the high cost of housing and the economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic. People who are homeless need safe, clean shelters and permanent supportive housing in order to escape homelessness and rebuild their lives. Resuming sweeps near shelters and freeway overpasses is cruel and counterproductive. The proposed amendments to Municipal Code Section 41.18 will do little to encourage people to seek shelter, while making it harder for outreach workers and homeless services providers to move people into permanent housing. This will also further destroy trust in public authorities, a lack of which discourages people experiencing homelessness from seeking shelter or assistance in the first place. Moving homelessness does not solve homelessness.

Solving homelessness in Los Angeles requires us to provide enough housing for all of its residents who are experiencing homelessness. It is discouraging that [Project Roomkey has provided less than a quarter](#) of the 15,000 hotel and motel rooms that were initially promised, and that vocal neighborhood opposition has been used as an excuse for failing to provide enough new shelter space in all of Los Angeles' neighborhoods. We urge you to remove this motion from consideration, and to instead redouble the city's efforts to make Project Roomkey, A Bridge Home, and other similar programs successful.

Sincerely,

Anthony Dedousis  
Director of Policy and Research  
Abundant Housing LA

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Aurora Culver

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 01:45 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I believe enacting a similar code to the Boise v. City of Martin case would be inhumane. Fining those that are homeless can do nothing to help them be off the streets, it only continues and exacerbates the problem. So many people are struggling during the shut down- we should be continuing our work to home and help our homeless neighbors, not giving them fines and kicking them off of a particular street without offering a place to go.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Robert Farb

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 01:46 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Josh

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 01:46 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Stop trying to persecute people experiencing homelessness and maybe try doing something to help them instead? They are members of the public, and as such are entitled to public space just like the rest of us. They don't have the luxury of four walls and a roof, so they have to set up tents to sleep in in public, if they've even got a tent. If you're so interested in getting them off the streets, build more affordable housing, and build permanent homes for people experiencing homelessness. While you're doing that, build some places they can securely keep their things, work on maintaining the sanitation facilities, and train more outreach workers (who dont work for BIDs or the cops).

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 01:49 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** This is cruelty. Criminalizing the unhoused doesn't help anything or anyone. How is being left behind by an unfair capitalistic system criminal? We should be prosecuting those who get rid of affordable housing and gut social services networks not our most vulnerable citizens. These are PEOPLE not blight. Anyone who supports this is a sociopath who values an empty sidewalk over human life. Criminalizing sleeping in a tent on the sidewalk because you have literally no where else to go pretty much ensures that the person prosecuted will never have anywhere else to go. Who will hire them with a criminal record? Who will house them with a criminal record. POVERTY IS NOT A CRIME. Have some goddamn empathy.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 01:50 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** These laws have to be passed!! I've seen disabled people have to get off sidewalks and wheel their chairs in the street!! Bridge Home Venice, is completely surrounded by families and 3 schools. It has garbage-filled encampments all around it, and on all streets nearby including all over the Venice boardwalk. Bonin & Garcetti PROMISED residents this wouldn't happen. Why isn't all the land by LAX being used for homeless? Why only big money, slow, housing developments? Why no innovative thinking for housing (containers, mini houses etc..)? Why is there no sanctioned camping land with toilets? Why aren't city & county land and empty buildings being used to house people? There's so many solutions to homeless housing that LA is refusing. Allowing encampments in front of businesses, around homes helps nobody! Please help homeless AND residents!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sarah C Cayer

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 01:51 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Los Angeles continues to face an unimaginable public tragedy as a result of our astronomical rents and failed social services: three unhoused individuals are dying on the streets every day, while others struggle through our twin public health and financial crises. Council File 20-1376 examines these political failings and, instead of allocating resources and support for our unhoused neighbors, chooses to punish them simply for existing within the City of Los Angeles. If passed, this motion not result in a better quality of life for any person living in Los Angeles. Rather, it will more deeply entangle our unhoused neighbors with the criminal legal system, lead to greater harassment by officers of the state, and waste taxpayer money. The funds and manpower that this motion would need could better be spent ensuring that people experiencing homelessness or housing instability in Los Angeles have access to services and permanent supportive housing. The United Nations has recognized that the Los Angeles homelessness crisis is one of public policy and resource allocation. Responding to such a crisis with criminalization and cruelty will not contribute to a better city for any one of us.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** FRANK DEFURIO

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 01:52 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council Members, Please vote in Favor of Council File 20-1376. This motion is vital because it will help Los Angeles maintain a balance between helping the homeless and helping the residents and homeowners keep and maintain a clean and healthy community and while still staying within the parameters of the Boise Idaho decision. I support this motion because it addresses The Americans with Disabilities Act, which has been dismissed for too long by the city of Los Angeles. The disabled and wheelchair bound are forced onto the streets endangering their lives with cars whizzing by them at 40+ mph because the sidewalks are blocked. The disabled through the ADA are guaranteed equal access to and equal opportunity in public Accommodations. I also support this motion because it addresses the many promises made and promises broken by the city. The people of Venice who live near the bridge shelter on Sunset were promised encampment cleanups and secure zones. Eight months later this shelter is surrounded more than ever with tent encampments, a massive surge in crime, theft, break-ins, assaults, sexual harassment, sexual assaults, car break ins, and the list goes on and on. If the promises are not kept, then no community will want a Bridge Shelter in their neighborhood. And finally, I support this motion because it seeks to amend 41.18, which is vitally important in addressing sleeping on sidewalks at particular locations and hours of the day. Thank you for this reasonable and well thought out motion to help Los Angeles maintain a balance between helping the homeless and helping the residents and homeowners keep and maintain a clean and healthy community. Sincerely, Frank Defurio Venice Resident

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Deborah Rothman

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 01:53 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** In the Venice community there is a lot of compassion for our unhoused neighbors. We want them, and us, to have safe, clean, affordable housing within a safe, clean and healthy community. To that end, we ask the City Council to approve this motion, which is a reasonable and well thought out motion to help all of us who bear the impact of broken dreams and broken promises. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Will Beyer

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 01:54 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** This is the stupidest, cruelest and most unproductive move you could make right now; we just don't understand. When you throw away everything a person owns and have cops harass them, they don't just vanish and become an issue you've now dealt with! That is not a resolution! They are still a citizen of your district, they are still homeless, and now they are much much more likely to remain so. There are so many hardworking people and organizations trying to help this city through a poverty & housing crisis, and you're fighting directly against them to exacerbate it. Your friends, neighbors and children should all be ashamed to know you: someone who chooses specifically to use their position to be cruel and dehumanizing and keep people homeless. This cannot be what you set out to do with your time on earth.

## Communication from Public

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**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 01:54 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Erin Serfass

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 01:55 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** We demand that City Council invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing a healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, and take concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer. We demand that the city take the following actions immediately: 1. Focus efforts on providing hotel rooms, motel rooms, and permanent housing to ALL unhoused Angelenos (not just those in specific areas that are visible to the general public). 2. End Special Enforcement and Cleaning Zones (SECZ) permanently. 3. Respect CDC guidelines, and working with health department officials to ensure that basic sanitation needs are met without the threat of displacement. 4. Halt all CARE+ “comprehensive cleanup” operations. 5. Remove law enforcement from outreach. 6. Oppose and repeal LAMC 41.18, LAMC 56.11, and all ordinances used to criminalize unhoused residents. The homeless population in LA continues to grow everyday, and the only way to solve this problem is for the city to give them the help they need. They won't be able to change their current situation on their own, and passing legislation such as this will not solve the problem.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Melissa Macfadyen

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 01:56 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council Members, Please vote in Favor of Council File 20-1376. This motion is vital because it will help Los Angeles maintain a balance between helping the homeless and helping the residents and homeowners keep and maintain a clean and healthy community and while still staying within the parameters of the Boise Idaho decision. I support this motion because it addresses The Americans with Disabilities Act, which has been dismissed for too long by the city of Los Angeles. The disabled and wheelchair bound are forced onto the streets endangering their lives because the sidewalks are blocked. The disabled through the ADA are guaranteed equal access to and equal opportunity in public Accommodations. I also support this motion because it addresses the many promises made and promises broken by the city. The people of Venice who live near the bridge shelter on Sunset were promised encampment cleanups and secure zones. Eight months later this shelter is surrounded more than ever with tent encampments, a massive surge in crime, theft, break-ins, assaults, sexual harassment, sexual assaults, car break ins, and the list goes on and on. If the promises are not kept, then no community will want a Bridge Shelter in their neighborhood. And finally, I support this motion because it seeks to amend 41.18, which is vitally important in addressing sleeping on sidewalks at particular locations and hours of the day. I think about this ordinance everyday, as I wonder what happened to the city I grew up in and if my neighborhood will ever recover from what our elected officials have let happen to it. Thank you for this motion to help Los Angeles maintain a balance between helping the homeless and helping the residents and homeowners keep and maintain a clean and healthy community. Sincerely, Melissa Macfadyen Venice Resident /Stakeholder

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lane McFaddin  
**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 01:56 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I Oppose this measure strongly. Criminalizing homelessness is not only cruel, it is ineffective. This measure will not solve homelessness any further, it will not clean our streets, and it will not help house our vulnerable unhoused neighbors. All it will do is allow more chances for the unhoused to be criminalized and brutalized by LAPD and cost taxpayers unnecessary expense. If this council truly wants to solve the housing crisis they will spend their energy and our money funding actual services and plans, instead of placating residents who would rather pretend the issue doesn't exist.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 01:57 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Have some compassion for our most vulnerable and let them keep their belongings during a pandemic.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 01:59 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am in favor of this motion. We have not been able to walk down our block for about 9 months now due to the tents that are blocking the sidewalk. Thank you, Ed

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gelly Arnold

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 02:09 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Have you spoken to any unhoused people about your idea to just clear the communities they've built or why they have chosen to find shelter in the places and ways that they have? It's not for kicks. Some have built genuine family and protection in many places that have been deemed "unsafe" by those of us who are fortunate enough to have permanent housing. I've lived in LA for three years and have only seen income inequality and (criminalization of) homelessness rise, but now I'm supposed to believe you all are ready to use the innumerable vacant units or build out the infrastructure necessary to help? And not even into permanent, affordable housing, but into shelters (that from what I've observed, may not even be what you all call "appropriate for human habitation.") Before I had a car, I actually walked under underpasses and crowded sidewalks to get places (e.g. Homeboy Industries to volunteer), and many unhoused residents had actually gone out of their way to not take up sidewalks and other parts of the street because, shocking I know, they too may be disabled and need the space. Saying that there are no safe street crossings near on/off ramps is not the fault of the unhoused communities. Living in CD4 for the past year and a half, I've had families who are living on the street having to come inside my building to charge phones and sleep, just so they would NOT be on the sidewalk, often being harassed by law enforcement. And that's within a mile distance from SEVERAL shelters or homelessness agencies that are supposed to be helping. It's unconscionable that City Council would pick now as the time to destroy these communities when it may be all they have. Go to the streets and talk to someone. Have a heart. Vote NO on this motion.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lola Proctor

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 02:10 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** On October 21 2020, LA City Councilmembers Blumenfield, Buscaino, Rodriguez, Krekorian, Price, Cedillo, and Lee presented a motion (council file 20-1376) to drastically expand the criminalization and banishment of unhoused Angelenos across the city. The text of the motion instructs the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. This motion does not provide any new housing resources, wrap-around services for those experiencing homelessness, or any solutions to decrease the unhoused population in LA. Instead of focusing on actual, proven solutions to a crisis that continues to grow during this pandemic, City Council members have decided to once again spend time and city resources on another attempt to expand harmful criminalization policies which have only proven to fail and exacerbate homelessness. I demand that City Council and the Mayor's office instead invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing a healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, and take concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer, and furthermore to oppose the motion to instruct the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Patricia Procter  
**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 02:12 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376  
**Comments for Public Posting:** PLEASE vote in favor of this motion! I have lived in Venice most of my life. I have attended all grades in public school and have raised a family here in Venice. As a City we have had many ups and downs but today's everyday life in Venice is unnecessarily dangerous and could so easily be alleviated by just using common sense and restoring public health and safety to our streets. I have Tried to be tolerant and understanding Of the homeless situations but I feel as a homeowner I am being neglected and my rights are not being considered. My family is afraid to walk to the local market for fear of being a victim of violence. Please vote responsibly and let Venice tax paying citizens know you are concerned with our health and welfare. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Richard Stanger  
**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 02:12 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly support this motion! We have had an awful problem at the Venice Bridge site that needs to be corrected. Thanks.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Bryan C Jones  
**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 02:14 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376  
**Comments for Public Posting:** We need more services, not more sweeps. Taking the personal belongings of homeless individuals without free storage options is inhumane, Regards

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 02:16 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Emma

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 02:24 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** This motion does not provide any new housing resources, wrap-around services for those experiencing homelessness, or any solutions to decrease the unhoused population in LA, which is unacceptable. Instead of focusing on actual, proven solutions to a crisis that continues to grow during this pandemic, City Council members have disappointingly decided to once again spend time and city resources on another attempt to expand harmful criminalization policies which have only proven to fail and exacerbate homelessness. I urge City Council to instead invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing a healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, and take concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer, and to oppose this motion. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jack

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 03:57 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I'm a home owner in Venice. Our city is concurrently experiencing both a massive homelessness crisis and a huge budget deficit. Therefore, it boggles my mind that the City Council is on the the verge of passing this motion (20-1376) that would further criminalize homelessness while costing the city a fortune to enforce this draconian measure. What our unhoused neighbors need is services and housing, not state violence delivered by the LAPD. I know LA City Council is the most cowardly and venal governing body in the state, but even you all should be embarrassed to have put this motion forward. Vote no on this disgusting piece of legislation.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 04:01 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a constituent living in CD3, I oppose CF 20-1376. Sweeps and criminalizing homelessness only makes it more difficult for the unhoused to get back into housing by taking away their property, providing them a criminal record, and increasing the likelihood that they will have a negative encounter with law enforcement. Sweeps are expensive and just push homelessness into different areas without solving the root issue of those people being unhoused. That money can be more efficiently and effectively spent invested in homeless outreach and services. The unhoused people in these areas should be helped and reached out to not locked up or displaced. I support the building of more shelter beds, but additional criminalization of homelessness will only detract from the gains of more shelter beds.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Selena Phelps

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 04:04 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm emailing to oppose the proposed law (41.18) which would criminalize last-resort shelter such as tents and sleeping bags, as well as general property necessary for human life and job-seeking such as transportation (bikes), hygiene products, and other essential items. As someone who's been homeless in Los Angeles before, I GUARANTEE you the city is not equipped to address the homelessness crisis through "supportive services" and city shelters alone. There are simply not enough beds, and without living in close proximity to such shelters, the possibility of getting into one is slim to none. Find other ways of addressing the homelessness crisis if you want homeless people off the streets. 41.18 is not it.

## Communication from Public

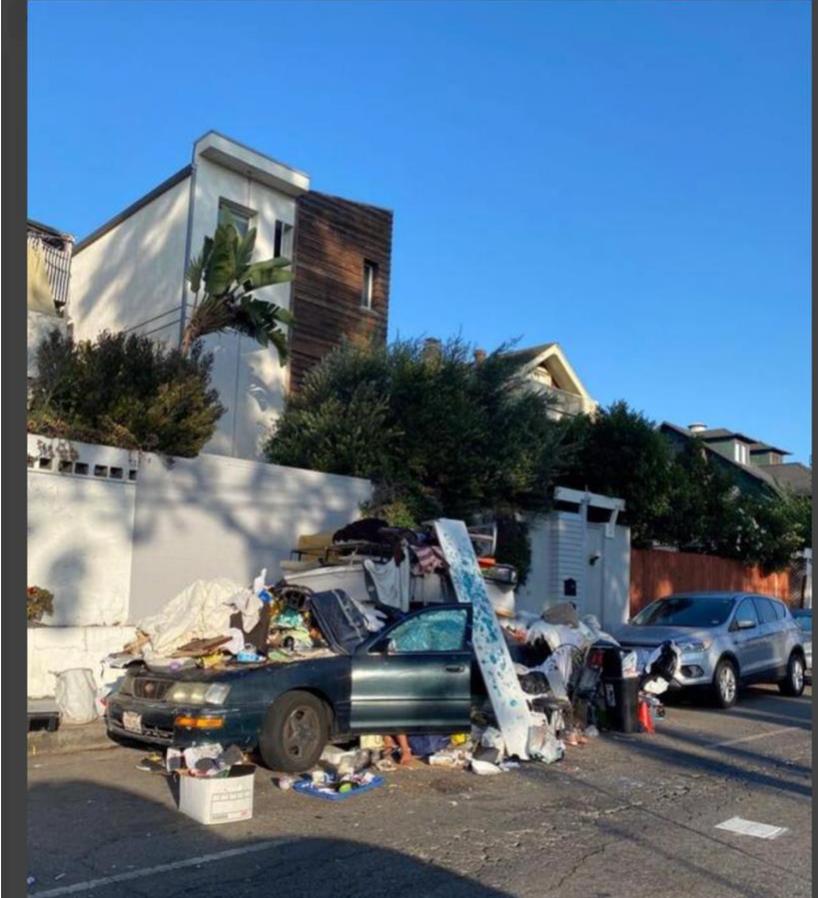
**Name:** Dana Millikin

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 04:05 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council Members, Thank you for taking the time to understand our situation in Venice. I am attaching photographs so you can see some of the conditions in our neighborhood. Please vote in Favor of Council File 20-1376. This motion is vital because it will help Los Angeles maintain a balance between helping the homeless and helping the residents and homeowners keep and maintain a clean and healthy community and while still staying within the parameters of the Boise Idaho decision. This motion addresses the serious Americans with Disabilities Act violations, it addresses the promises made and the promises broken by the city for residents who live near Bridge Housing Shelters, and it addresses LAMC Sec. 41.18. Thank you for this reasonable and well thought out motion to help Los Angeles maintain a balance between helping the homeless and helping the residents and homeowners keep and maintain a clean and healthy community. Sincerely, Dana Millikin \_\_\_\_\_  
Venice Resident/ Stakeholder

Venice, CA





## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sharyl  
**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 04:10 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge you strongly to please vote yes on this motion. There is housing available, and per Boise/Martin, if shelter is available then encampments should not exist. I would have taken it further with no encampments allowed anywhere. Criminals belong back in jail. The mentally ill need help. People who've truly lost their homes and vets would gladly take the help with job employment assistance. Our City has done nothing but make empty promises to both the housed and unhoused. We are sick and tired of fires, theft, burglary, mentally ill people doing insane things, drug addicts shooting up heroin in the streets, rape, assault, battery, etc. These people need help, and the City has failed in every aspect of providing such help. By allowing encampments to continue, you are forcing we housed to deal with a problem you refuse to clean up while you do nothing to help them. When will the City stand up and strong and do something about this problem? The shelters that have been built have not been filled. Yet, there are encampments all around them. The way it should work is take the free shelter, get off the drugs, quit committing crimes and if you don't take the shelter, then you should leave the City, period, end of story. Please vote yes on this resolution. Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Anne Orchier

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 04:12 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Throughout the pandemic, the City Council has consistently abdicated its responsibilities to protect and meet the needs of ALL constituents, particularly ignoring the dire situations of low-income housed tenants and all unhoused tenants. It is unconscionable that our elected "leaders" would be introducing any measures to criminalize people experiencing homelessness while doing absolutely nothing to ensure that everyone in our city has a safe and stable home (which is currently the only known "cure" or protection for COVID-19). We need you to stop leaning on criminalization and banishment as the primary "solutions" and start focusing on measures that would actually address the systemic, underlying causes of homelessness.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tiffany Le

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 04:13 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jon Paul Arciniega  
**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 04:15 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please stop criminalizing the homeless with disastrous motions like LA Municipal Code 41.18 and 56.11, allowing the city to ban sitting, sleeping or lying down within 500 feet of freeways, ramps, and tunnels. What will it take for City Councilmembers to realize that people do not choose or wish to be homeless. Homelessness is a deliberate policy choice perpetuated by greed and corruption. People need subsidized care. They need healthcare (both mental AND physical). They need education. They need housing. They need rehabilitation. They DO NOT need militarized police sweeping their belongings and subjecting them to fear of violence. Why don't you City Councilmembers stop taking money from greedy developers and instead do your best to construct affordable subsidized housing, free from a militarized police presence. Try it. I beg of you. This city will be a wonderful place if for all involved, if gave the homeless quality care. Please. Do your job.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gina Viola

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 04:16 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amber Keating

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 04:20 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose CF 20-1376, as it is an effort to criminalize poverty by making it illegal to sit/sleep/lie down in many parts of LA. It wastes tax money & won't reduce homelessness. I am a clinical social worker and nonprofit program manager in the San Fernando Valley. We know how to stem the tide of homelessness: provide supportive, affordable housing, and an array of social services (employment, health, mental health). This proposal is only trying to make it so people don't have to see the unhoused & feel uncomfortable by their presence in our city. The un housed are PEOPLE. They are our neighbors, perhaps even family and friends. Please use your time and our taxpayer resources to solve the root problem, not just play musical chairs with our residents' lives.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jillian Stiles

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 04:21 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** The efforts of this motion are harmful and counter intuitive to helping our communities unhoused residents. We need to stop putting resources toward what is essentially a cruel game of ping pong with unhoused residents lives to preserve the aesthetics of those more fortunate to have housing in this city. We are a city full of endless talent, intelligence and passion that could put forth that energy into outcomes and solutions that would not only actually help our unhoused residents get the dignity and respect they deserve through actual housing and social program solutions - but also alleviate the unfathomable, overwhelming burden of residents having the misfortune of seeing unhoused people and having to horribly reconcile their part in a system that drags its feet on actually helping time and time again. Put more resources into transitional and permanent housing solutions that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities are offering, and additionally oppose the motion to instruct the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Keira Rogers

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 04:23 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

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Venice Resident/ Stakeholder

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 04:27 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tracy Carpenter  
**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 04:27 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Peter Freedom

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 04:28 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a concerned resident of Venice we respectfully request the adhere to it's original promise of keeping the areas in close proximity of homeless shelter clean, free of tents and patrolled. Keeping such promises helps encourage more shelters in neighborhoods throughout LA. The current climate has seen certain districts being treated unfavorably, without cause or resolution.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Renee Amador

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 04:28 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose this motion to continue to criminalize homelessness. People choose to shelter under freeways because it protects them from the elements and is close to commercial areas where they can purchase food or use restrooms. What does criminalizing this accomplish? You're criminalizing people's right to survive. I believe there is a moral obligation to make sure that *\*every single\** unhoused person has unconditional housing. When you criminalize the only shelter folks have *\*before\** making sure everyone is housed, then you are prioritizing ridding "blight" over human life. If you are passionate about housing rights as you claim to be, then you would understand that if you help get everyone housed, then you wouldn't need to criminalize this behavior. Criminalizing it is an admission that you know that you will not be able to house everyone, and they will remain on the streets, and you need to control their whereabouts. "Out of sight out of mind" is not a solution.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** ZP

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 04:35 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council Members, Please vote in Favor of Council File 20-1376. This is such an important motion. Here in Venice, encampments have taken over residential neighborhoods after we were promised clean public right-of-ways for supporting the Bridge Home facility. Ever since it has opened, the encampments have exploded, denying us the right for a safe and healthy place to walk our kids and pets. The filth and despair has been building up for months, with zero accountability or resources to help keep our street safe for everyone. This, at the very least, helps the community and shows that the city is indeed living up to its promises. We want the best for the housed and unhoused citizens alike, and status quo is not working. This is a reasonable motion that keeps our streets safe and clean, while showing all of us that supporting homeless facilities come with rewards for the community at large. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sarah Patzer

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 04:35 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** The motion would drastically expand the criminalization and harassment of unhoused Angelenos across the city. The text of the motion instructs the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. I find this motion to be entirely morally abhorrent and actively harmful to residents of . Rather than provide new housing resources, wrap-around services for those experiencing houselessness, or any solutions to decrease the unhoused population in LA, city council members have decided to target your most vulnerable constituents for abuse and harassment. Shame on you. Instead of focusing on actual, proven solutions to a crisis that continues to grow during this pandemic, City Council members have decided to once again spend time and city resources on trying to expand violent criminalization policies, which have caused immeasurable harm and exacerbated homelessness. I demand that City Council and the Mayor's office stop their cruel campaign harassing unhoused people in Los Angeles, and instead invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help provide healthy and safe conditions for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, rapidly expand transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer, and furthermore to oppose the motion to instruct the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Georgia Jessup

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 04:41 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** This homeless environment in our city of Venice has gone on too long and now Los Angeles can be considered a third world country. Because of homelessness causing rats, maggots, covid health risks as well as blocking sidewalks to prevent the handicapped and anyone from safely walking by, the City has subjected itself to continued dangers presented by people who have mental problems, alcoholism and drug addiction. This is all because of ideologies promoting the rights of homeless, never rights of property owners and citizens living in these areas and must cope with the dangers this environment presents. Not all homeless are in this addiction category but the majority are. WHAT IS THE PLAN OF THE CITY FOR THIS PROBLEM? WHAT IS BEING DONE TO ADDRESS THEE SAFETY ISSUES? There are already fires daily in Venice. Leadership by the mayor and city council is POOR.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jean-Marie webster

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 04:42 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** You have to keep sidewalks clear in all areas of the city as it is a public safety matter ..please vote in favor of council file 20-1376 but the city also cannot keep pushing the homeless from neighborhood to neighborhood...that's just crazy and Inhumane ..this is a start but all the neighborhoods have to be provided for in terms of public health and safety...there needs to be a large piece of land where the homeless can receive the necessary services and help they need in one central place ..then they can be successfully transitioned back into society if they want...but to leave people on streets is really criminal and the city and it's representatives of neighborhoods are not doing their job...again homelessness needs to be addressed as they cannot be just shoved into unsuitable living spaces that even a dog would not be left...again this is simple a central place where homeless people who want to get off the streets can go and be serviced by various non profits and other interested parties..transitioned out back into society who are located on the same parcel of land so that with that leg up the city would be on the way to solving homelessness and maybe Even become a model for other communities . Currently the city has squandered millions of dollars and the problem has gotten worse...the city and it's representatives clearly are in over their heads and those heads are buried in the sand. Communities are no longer safe and the homeless who want to get off the streets are preyed upon by criminals and sociopaths ...It is not my job to solve this issue which is why city council people are elected and they get paid...and I assume why they ran for office...to solve important issues and move on up the political ladder....otherwise those city council people should find employment elsewhere , a place where they can collect pay checks and not solve problems... Thank you for your co operation in this matter

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Charley Casler

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 04:45 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge the council to oppose this motion which criminalizes the city's unhoused residents, and instead repeal all laws that criminalize homelessness including 41.18, focus efforts on providing hotel rooms and permanent housing to all unhoused Angelenos, and work with health department officials to meet residents' needs without threatening displacement.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** MARK KNIGHT

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 04:47 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** We wanted to send a note in favor of this motion. We actually live in Venice, as opposed to others posting as activists (or councilmen that don't live near it). We deal firsthand with the realities of having so many living on our streets in such a small area. We were promised that to find balance between those in need and permanent residents around the shelters that a safe/clean zone would be allowed. This has not been the case. We have an explosion of filth and vermin caused by hoarding on our streets. This is not referring to basic items for someone to survive, but random junk such as broken appliances, living room furniture, and piles of garbage. We need some balance of sanity in dealing with this crisis. The current state is untenable for all parties.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Steve Bornstein  
**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 04:47 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council Members, Please vote in Favor of Council File 20-1376. This motion is essential for Los Angeles to achieve balance between helping the homeless and helping residents and homeowners to keep our community safe, clean and healthy. This motion addresses the serious Americans with Disabilities Act violations, it addresses the promises made and the promises broken by the city for residents who live near Bridge Housing Shelters, and it addresses LAMC Sec. 41.18. Thank you for this reasonable and well thought out motion. We all want to support the homeless without compromising our community. Sincerely,  
Steve Bornstein Venice Resident for 40 years

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Eli Friedler

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 04:49 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please support this motion. Although residents of Venice (and many other L.A. residents) are compassionate human beings, we feel that our concerns regarding a rise in crime in our streets, vagrants from all over the country occupying our public spaces, and the continued disinterest of our public officials regarding our voices is unacceptable. This motions is a beginning.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Carter Moon

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 04:53 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is despicable and unforgivable that we as a city will continue to criminalize homelessness when we have done nothing to expand services or supportive housing, and if anything further limited protections during the ongoing pandemic. This council has effectively done nothing to protect renters from a wave of evictions, has done nothing to shelter homeless individuals in hotels, how dare you think you can punish people for trying to sleep in the only places they can get some marginal protection from the worst aspects of living outside. If there is a hell, I simply hope the members of the city council pushing for this motion fall to the very bottom of it as quickly as possible. I demand that the city immediately implement the following: 1) Focus efforts on providing hotel rooms, motel rooms, and permanent housing to ALL unhoused Angelenos (not just those in specific areas that are visible to the general public) 2) End Special Enforcement and Cleaning Zones (SECZ) permanently 3) Respect CDC guidelines and work with health department officials to ensure that basic sanitation needs are met without the threat of displacement 4) Halt all CARE+ “comprehensive cleanup” operations 5) Remove law enforcement from outreach 6) Repeal LAMC 41.18, LAMC 56.11, and all ordinances used to criminalize unhoused residents.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Logan Rees

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 05:00 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** How dare City Council further criminalize poverty with this cruel and inhumane measure. During a global pandemic you have failed to pass an eviction moratorium or a rent freeze or create any public housing for our most vulnerable citizens. Your only response to this catastrophe is to further punish the most vulnerable people that you claim to represent. Shame on any and all of you for even considering this measure. How do you sleep at night?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stefanie Cho

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 05:03 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Members of City Council : I implore you all to vote in favor of Council File 20-1376. We must have a better balance between clean, safe neighborhoods and housing for the homeless. It is critical to support the Americans with Disabilities Act which seems to be completely ignored by the City. Why should disabled or elderly people be forced into the streets when the sidewalks are blocked by encampments? We also expect that promises made to neighborhoods where Bridge Homes were built to be kept. Clean ups and security were supposed to be consistent, not intermittent and then conspicuously absent . In particular, the ABH at 100 Sunset causes residents to suffer from surging crime, sexual assaults, open drug use and property crimes large and small with a constant background of unregulated fires and gunshots . Why is this acceptable? It is definitely not. And the premise behind LAMC 41.18, which regulates sleeping on the streets can also be recognized and addressed. We must preserve safe and clean neighborhoods. This shouldn't be put off for a moment longer .

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kendall Darfler  
**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 05:08 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to oppose the motion (council file 20-1376). These amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 would drastically expand the criminalization and banishment of unhoused Angelenos across the city. This motion does not provide any new housing resources, wrap-around services for those experiencing homelessness, or any solutions to decrease the unhoused population in LA. Instead of focusing on actual, proven solutions to a crisis that continues to grow during this pandemic, City Council members have decided to once again spend time and city resources on another attempt to expand harmful criminalization policies which have only proven to fail and exacerbate homelessness. I demand that City Council and the Mayor's office instead invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing a healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, and take concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer, and furthermore to oppose the motion to instruct the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Meg Wachter

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 05:09 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am continually appalled at this City Council that chooses to criminalize the unhoused in our city before and during during a pandemic--and now as evictions become rampant since they refused to fully protect renters affected by COVID-19. Why not offer REAL solutions -- like providing services instead of violently seizing their belongings and seizing motels and hotels to offer temporary and permanent housing. How does City Council think this is going to shake out? You've already failed us by letting the housing crisis turn more people and families out on the street with NO REAL SOLUTIONS. Criminalizing homelessness does not solve the issue! Do better!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alana

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 05:10 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge that the Los Angeles City Council do not pass the amendment to LAMC 41.18 and to repeal LAMC 41.18 and 56.11 which further criminalizes poverty and homelessness, rather than providing real solutions. Policies like this allow Los Angeles to continue to terrorize the most marginalized Angelenos, which is especially cruel in a pandemic and as winter approaches. How can the city of LA criminalize people sleeping on the streets, when they do not provide an adequate number of beds for those who need them? How can the city tear down tents and belongings of unhoused peoples for "blocking the sidewalks", when allowing restaurants to take over the sidewalks and lanes of traffic? We need to care for all of our city's people, not just the ones with money. The city's "cleanups" of the belongings of unhoused people does nothing to address the problem of homelessness or to help those affected by it. Over 66,000 Angelenos live on the streets, shelters, and in cars, and over 1,000 unhoused people have died in LA so far this year. Preventing unhoused people from taking shelter under freeways, tunnels, or near service facilities without providing alternates will cause more people to die. Taking unhoused people's belongings which may include tents, sleeping bags, clothing, or medications will cause more people to die. City council needs to stop trying to simply make the city look cleaner, and start coming up with real solutions to the problem of homelessness.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 05:10 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Do not criminalize homelessness. Do not pass this measure. You already have enough death on your hands from all the luxury development you approved. You need to give the people a public option by borrowing money and providing at-cost rental. You need to implement a vacancy tax. You can't force homeless people to move into shelters while Covid-19 makes it unsafe to do so. You need to leave homeless people alone!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sierra Marcelius

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 05:10 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a resident of Los Angeles and am writing to demand the City Council repeal all laws that criminalize homelessness, including Municipal Code 41.18, focus City efforts and resources on providing hotel rooms and permanent housing to all unhoused Angelenos, and work with health department officials to meet residents' needs without threatening displacement (ending CARE+ sweeps). Criminalizing homelessness, including Municipal code 41.18, only exacerbates the problem of homelessness in our city, it does nothing to improve it. Providing care and housing to people are unhoused is not only the right and moral way to respond to the homelessness crisis in our City but it is the more effective way to bring out about a permanent and sustainable solution.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cait

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 05:12 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** We demand that City Council invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing a healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, and take concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer. We demand that the city take the following actions immediately: 1. Focus efforts on providing hotel rooms, motel rooms, and permanent housing to ALL unhoused Angelenos (not just those in specific areas that are visible to the general public). 2. End Special Enforcement and Cleaning Zones (SECZ) permanently. 3. Respect CDC guidelines, and working with health department officials to ensure that basic sanitation needs are met without the threat of displacement. 4. Halt all CARE+ “comprehensive cleanup” operations. 5. Remove law enforcement from outreach. 6. Oppose and repeal LAMC 41.18, LAMC 56.11, and all ordinances used to criminalize unhoused residents.

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** John Tapia

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 05:22 PM

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\_\_\_\_\_ Venice Resident/ Stakeholder

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Danielle Carne

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 05:24 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Max Parry

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 07:04 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is urgent that we prohibit overnight camping at Echo Park Lake. I am not a NIMBY. I welcome the homeless to recreate with other citizens at the lake during the day- but to be a well-functioning city we cannot abide the baseless land claims being made by homeless squatters at the lake. Our beloved community recreation space is not designed for overnight camping, and a lack of enforcement fosters both intimidation to park-goers and threats to safety. I suggest we build a bridge housing project or another temporary camping facility to house the homeless at the lake, and offer them the choice to move with assistance to this space, and close the lake for re-habilitation. Please enforce the fair community sharing of public spaces.

# PHOTOS TAKEN AT THE ECHO PARK LAKE ON 10/15/20



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Aaron Stern

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 07:14 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council Members, Please vote in Favor of Council File 20-1376. This motion is critical. It will help Los Angeles maintain a balance between helping the homeless and helping the residents and homeowners keep and maintain a clean and healthy community, while still staying within the parameters of the Boise Idaho decision. Importantly, this motion addresses the serious Americans with Disabilities Act violations; the promises made and the promises broken by the city for residents who live near Bridge Housing Shelters; and it addresses LAMC Sec. 41.18. Thank you for this reasonable and well thought out motion to help Los Angeles maintain a balance between helping the homeless and helping the residents and homeowners keep and maintain a clean and healthy community. Sincerely, A. Stern

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael Konik  
**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 07:14 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm a homeowner in historic Sunset Square; I'm one of the affluent people this ordinance is supposed to serve and protect. I object unequivocally to this cruel, heartless motion. We must offer our unhoused brothers and sisters COMPASSION, not criminalization.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dalia  
**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 07:14 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the motion to keep a clean city.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andrew Petr

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 07:16 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a constituent of District 13 I strongly oppose this motion to expand criminalization and persecution of unhoused Angelenos. This motion is cruel and does nothing to alleviate the conditions of some of the most vulnerable in our city. I demand that City Council and the Mayor's office instead invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help provide healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, and take concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer, and furthermore to oppose the motion to instruct the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Robert McKeon  
**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 07:17 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** The bridge home concept is a good one, however, the Bridge Home in my neighborhood, Venice, the Bridge Home facility has drawn many large, expansive encampments to the surrounding neighborhood, a neighborhood that contains a mix of multifamily homes, single family homes, and businesses. These encampments are large enough that the tents and other structures that they consist of often block sidewalks and other public rights of way. Additionally, while many of the bridge home residents are upstanding citizens, for those who aren't, these nearby encampments seem to provide an easy access outlet for illicit activities that are not allowed within the facility. Cleaning up encampments within a five hundred foot, or greater, distance from the facility would ameliorate the accumulation of encampments near the facility, and the public nuisance that these encampments create.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Madeline Low

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 07:18 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Motion 41.18 is incredibly inhumane. Our city is still in the throes of the coronavirus pandemic which continues to threaten our unhoused community in Los Angeles. Criminalizing homelessness by forbidding lying down (i.e. "resting") near bridges and freeways is unacceptable. Angelenos are paying attention and will not stand for this policy. Listen to the public. Protect all of this city, especially those who need our help.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Emily Albohm

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 07:24 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council Members, Please vote in Favor of Council File 20-1376. This motion is vital because it will help Los Angeles maintain a balance between helping the homeless and helping the residents and homeowners keep and maintain a clean and healthy community and while still staying within the parameters of the Boise Idaho decision. I support this motion because it addresses The Americans with Disabilities Act, which has been dismissed for too long by the city of Los Angeles. The disabled and wheelchair bound are forced onto the streets endangering their lives with cars whizzing by them at 40+ mph because the sidewalks are blocked. The disabled through the ADA are guaranteed equal access to and equal opportunity in public Accommodations. I also support this motion because it addresses the many promises made and promises broken by the city. The people of Venice who live near the bridge shelter on Sunset were promised encampment cleanups and secure zones. Eight months later this shelter is surrounded more than ever with tent encampments, a massive surge in crime, theft, break-ins, assaults, sexual harassment, sexual assaults, car break ins, and the list goes on and on. If the promises are not kept, then no community will want a Bridge Shelter in their neighborhood. And finally, I support this motion because it seeks to amend 41.18, which is vitally important in addressing sleeping on sidewalks at particular locations and hours of the day. Thank you for this reasonable and well thought out motion to help Los Angeles maintain a balance between helping the homeless and helping the residents and homeowners keep and maintain a clean and healthy community. Sincerely, Emily Albohm Venice Resident

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Matthew Won

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 11:03 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a District 2 constituent and homeowner, I am writing to urge the Council to reject this motion to escalate the criminalization of unhoused people in Los Angeles. I was shocked and disappointed to see your name on this effort, and I am compelled by the gravity of this situation to add my voice to the many others across the city opposing this approach. I walk by and speak to unhoused constituents almost everyday. I know firsthand from speaking to many of them that most of our neighbors who live beneath these underpasses do so because there is no other feasible option: when we make real strides to solving the housing crisis the tents by these underpasses will disappear. Myself and others provide what help we can to the unhoused but it pales in comparison to the power you and the Council have to do good. Every dollar and hour of labor that the city wastes on sweeping the homeless deepens our public health crisis instead of addressing it, increases misery in the city, and simply moves the problem. The vast majority of housed Angelenos I've spoken to realizes that these sweeps only move the problem. I demand that the City stop wasting my tax dollars on these punitive measures and instead move immediately to offer better permanent and transitional housing solutions than currently available. We also need services to immediately improve the quality of life of unhoused people, which will also improve life for their housed neighbors. I cannot abide seeing one more of my tax dollars spent on dozens of city employees standing around for hours during the kinds of sweeps that will follow this motion, in the cruel ritual of destroying the few possessions unhoused people have. I demand the Council change course and oppose the motion for amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. Matthew Won 11138 Aqua Vista St 91602

## Communication from Public

**Name:** William Janes

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 11:07 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** On October 21 2020, LA City Councilmembers Blumenfield, Buscaino, Rodriguez, Krekorian, Price, Cedillo, and Lee presented a motion (council file 20-1376) to drastically expand the criminalization and banishment of unhoused Angelenos across the city. The text of the motion instructs the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. This motion does not provide any new housing resources, wrap-around services for those experiencing homelessness, or any solutions to decrease the unhoused population in LA. Instead of focusing on actual, proven solutions to a crisis that continues to grow during this pandemic, City Council members have decided to once again spend time and city resources on another attempt to expand harmful criminalization policies which have only proven to fail and exacerbate homelessness. I ask that City Council and the Mayor's office instead invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing a healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, and take concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer, and furthermore to oppose the motion to instruct the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brenda Martinez

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 11:07 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm opposing LAM.41.18 and 51. We must stop these measures to criminalize homelessness in the absence of housing. In CD 14 the great greediness of one individual in power sky rocketed this crisis. We need reasonable solutions to help individuals and entire families with housing, Safe Parking, Safe Camping, personal storage, medical care, mental health care, and jobs. Criminalizing will not end with homelessness but will exacerbate the crisis, the poor will be hit the hardest, it is expected that in 2021 the number of individuals without a home will triple because of the covid-19 crisis. Every single member of this Council is personally liable, for YOU were elected to represent us ALL! Do your job, Be the Voice of those who can not speak!!! For goodness sake where is your humanity!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Allison Celosia

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 11:07 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** One of the most heart-wrenching moments of this summer was witnessing a encampment sweep as it was happening. Our unhoused neighbors had no dignity, no support, and nowhere to go next. This happened in Sawtelle Japantown where many families and residents do their best to be good neighbors, and the sweep certainly did not represent our values. This is why concerning LA Municipal Code 41.18, I demand that City Council and the Mayor's office instead invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing a healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, and take concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer, and furthermore to oppose the motion to instruct the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. Stop criminalizing the homeless. Full stop.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Oliver

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 11:10 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council Members, Please vote in Favor of Council File 20-1376. This motion is vital because it will help Los Angeles maintain a balance between helping the homeless and helping the residents and homeowners keep and maintain a clean and healthy community and while still staying within the parameters of the Boise Idaho decision. This motion addresses the serious Americans with Disabilities Act violations, it addresses the promises made and the promises broken by the city for residents who live near Bridge Housing Shelters, and it addresses LAMC Sec. 41.18. Thank you for this reasonable and well thought out motion to help Los Angeles maintain a balance between helping the homeless and helping the residents and homeowners keep and maintain a clean and healthy community. I have lived in Venice my entire life. I am now a homeowner here. I have always loved this city and never thought I would live anywhere else. That being said, the current state of Venice and the homeless is making me reconsider living here. Sincerely, Oliver Tragert

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Annabel Shabestari

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 11:19 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly urge City Council to oppose Councilman Blumenfield's proposition to revise LAMC 41.18. These revisions would further criminalize poverty and those in LA experiencing houselessness. We need to create solutions to this crisis that are restorative, humanizing, and compassionate. Criminalization as outlined to be expanded in 41.18 is not only cruel but also harmful, expensive, and ineffective as a solution for homelessness. Homelessness needs to be viewed as not a personal failure by those experiencing it, but a symptom of our city's failed housing policies. 41.18 and all LAM codes that criminalize poverty must be repealed. Efforts should be redirected toward repurposing underutilized buildings such as hotels for housing. Furthermore, I urge you to end "CARE+" sweeps. These sweeps only displace LA residents living on our streets. They are cruel, traumatic, and threaten survival for residents. End these sweeps as they do not address the larger crisis of homelessness. I urge all council members to work with health department officials to meet residents' needs without threatening displacement.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 11:33 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I write in strong opposition to this motion. Homelessness is not a crime; we shouldn't be punishing people who are already struggling through so much. The City's efforts should be focused on creating solutions and channeling resources towards more housing, services, and opportunities for our unhoused neighbors. This motion, if passed, will have severe negative impacts on our unhoused neighbors, and it's equally unlikely to achieve its desired impact of appeasing NIMBYs offended by the presence of both new affordable housing and unhoused people alike. We have to work together to come up with compassionate, effective solutions that don't treat our city's unhoused citizens as sub-human and instead provide everyone with a decent, safe, and healthy place to call home.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rylee

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 11:37 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to oppose the amendments of municipal codes 41.18 and 56.11 to criminalize actions of individuals experiencing homelessness. This proposal would lead to the unnecessary criminalization of houseless individuals who already have to face the pandemic and poor air quality from wildfires without shelter. In addition, making it illegal to store personal items within these specified areas only will lead to the loss or displacement of crucial possessions -- including identification, medicine, and other necessities. Law enforcement already has an ugly record of harm to our houseless neighbors, and this type of motion would further undermine relationships of trust that are needed in order for houseless individuals to get the services they need. In addition, I plead the council to listen to the demands of the Services Not Sweeps Coalition (<https://servicesnotsweeps.com>), and prioritize providing emergency housing in hotel and motel rooms, ending special enforcement and cleaning zones (SECZ) permanently, halt all CARE+ "comprehensive cleanup" operations, remove law enforcement from outreach. Unhoused Angelenos deserve to be respected and treated with dignity just like anyone else in this city.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** AC

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 11:46 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge the members of the LA City Council to vote yes to support Council File Number 20-1376. Please amend 41.18 to allow enforcement of no camping laws and clean-up of all encampments in residential neighborhoods. Help the ACTUAL residents of Los Angeles for a change. Stop allowing our neighborhoods to be overrun with vagrants, criminals and the mentally ill.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ethan Senser

**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 11:52 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** This is a ridiculous piece of legislation which criminalizes residents for the city's failures. Not only that, it flies in the face of court rulings, which will no doubt result in a waste of taxpayer resources and time - and for what? To make Councilmembers look "tough" on unhoused communities, and put up even more barriers for people already struggling? If only our city could spend this much time and energy on implementing real solutions to invest in our most marginalized communities and combat the vast level of income inequality in our city. This is shameful.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nicolas Bartolotta  
**Date Submitted:** 10/26/2020 11:54 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376  
**Comments for Public Posting:** This needs to happen. It has been a long time coming!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Anchal Jain

**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 12:22 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** This attempt to criminalize homelessness is absolutely disgraceful. In the midst of an unprecedented global pandemic, jobs crisis, and housing crisis (which city council continues to fail to address), you are now trying to displace people who are already forced to live on the streets. 4 homeless people die every day in this city. Address the root causes. Any city councilmember who signs or seconds these changes to 41.18 is at risk of losing their seat upon reelection. You are greedy cowards. Fuck you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 12:30 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** What a cruel and despicable motion to even consider voting on. As a city council you are dehumanizing folks for not having permanent shelter and attempting to force them to go where exactly? Are you attempting to just vanish our unhoused neighbors into thin air because you and Mayor Garcetti have failed at your jobs. This is a problem that wasn't created overnight and you cannot make it go away by making criminalizing homelessness. You are neglecting to see to it that the folks that are currently temporarily housed are struggling to and are also threatened with becoming unhoused due to your failures. While you may think you have done enough with temporary eviction moratoriums and lousy \$2K rental assistance ...all you have done is kicked the can down the road. Where will all the newly homeless folks go when you make it a crime to sit, sleep or lay your head to rest in certain areas? Do you plan on housing all the currently unhoused residents of Los Angeles and also house the folks getting evicted due to Covid19 once you lift the moratorium BEFORE you pass this motion? If you are able to house everyone so that there is no reason to sleep or sit or rest on the street then by all means pass this motion, otherwise this is absolutely Heartless and a civil rights violation. We are human just like you and the NIMBY's and rich developers and business owners supporting this.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mike Dickerson  
**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 12:40 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Councilmembers, I am writing to oppose this motion. Despite the protestations of city councilmembers that homelessness is an urgent emergency, I have rarely seen urgency clauses used for homelessness motions. In this case, the city council has decided that it is URGENT to begin handing out misdemeanors to anyone who sleeps in the public right of way, or too close to a driveway, or any of the many other places restricted by this law. To claim that this is on behalf of homeless people, as the city does, is disgusting. This policy will not make it easier for anyone to get housed. It will do the opposite. IDs will be lost or confiscated, as will other documents and contact methods. Case managers will lose track of clients. Individual unhoused people will further lose trust in the people coming to "help" them. Moreover, this will take resources that could be put into housing and use them to further criminalize unhoused people. This is not an urgent action, but instead a choice to rush something through at the height of a fever-pitch election season, in hopes that the council can take action that they want to take but don't want to be blamed for. Every councilmember who votes for this is making the problem we need to solve worse. The existence of people on our streets is the symptom of homelessness, not the cause. Making it illegal to be homeless will not stop the growth in homelessness we've seen year after year. We cannot enforce our way out of homelessness. We need homes, not enforcement zones. We need care, not cops. We need services, not sweeps. Please choose to do the right thing and vote no on this motion.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Charles Kong  
**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 12:49 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I condemn the proposal to ban sitting, sleeping, and lying down on public sidewalks. The resources exist to help the unhoused, but you are not efficiently directing those resources to them. Shelters lack the room for all of the unhoused and there is little practical mobility to go search for what might be room at another shelter. Poverty should not be criminalized. Saddling people with fees discourages their ability to gain employment, participate in civic discourse, and find housing. Further, you are not providing adequate housing by securing rooms for the unhoused. 41.18 only removes visibility of the issue and kicks it down the road. The issue still remains. It is your job to solve the root issue and not resort to criminalization which does not promote a more stable life.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Judy Branfman

**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 12:49 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing LA City Councilmembers Blumenfield, Buscaino, Rodriguez, Krekorian, Price, Cedillo, and Lee to request that you abandon your efforts to expand the criminalization of unhoused Angelenos across the city by amending LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. It would make it illegal to be unhoused in more than half of the city, which is inhumane and impossible and makes no sense at all. Every year the city's housing policies (or lack of them) helps push more and more people onto the streets - and this effort runs counter to everything you say you care about and should be doing. It will waste many millions of dollars on policing and health emergencies instead of building housing, acquiring hotel/motel rooms, providing services, and developing life-affirming policies. You should be repealing LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 and all the other ordinances used to criminalize the unhoused. In the meantime you should be ashamed of yourselves.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elvee Ahkasta

**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 02:06 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council Members, Please vote in Favor of Council File 20-1376. This motion is vital because it will help Los Angeles maintain a balance between helping the homeless and helping the residents and homeowners keep and maintain a clean and healthy community and while still staying within the parameters of the Boise Idaho decision. This motion addresses the numerous and very serious Americans with Disabilities Act violations, it addresses the promises made and the promises broken by the city for residents who live near Bridge Housing Shelters, and it addresses LAMC Sec. 41.18. Absolutely amend it. Without order in this city the chaos WILL continue and more deaths and violence from unregulated encampments from predatory drug dealers will never never stop. It is only reasonable and logical that the policies to support homeless individuals does not impose and cause risk and endangerment to residents and neighborhoods surrounding encampments. Residents, myself included, are tired of having our lives endangered on a daily basis. I am tired of fearing to walk out my home because of threat of confrontations with emotionally and mentally unstable people that often inhabit encampments. Make a fair assessment of the laws in regards to everyone. The laws should benefit everyone equally, not just a few because of classification. The need for safety and security is necessary for physically handicapped individuals that need to use the public rights of way to get around. Not everyone can afford public transportation or a special vehicle designed for disabled folks so many must get around on their own power. Without clear passage this grossly neglects this, also, vulnerable community. We no longer have public use of sidewalks near my home or right of way under the 405 underpass! We are denied our right to safety while in public in this vicinity. This simply is unacceptable. All this can be resolved with this motion as a start to restoring order and safety for all. Thank you for this reasonable and well thought out motion to help Los Angeles maintain a balance between helping the homeless and helping the residents and homeowners keep and maintain a clean and healthy community. Sincerely,  
LDM

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Matt Zarro

**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 02:14 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Im am writing as a member of Street Watch LA and the Services not Sweeps coalition. I am requesting you do not ban our unhoused brothers and sisters from being 500 feet from freeway's and buildings that provide services to them. This ban will do nothing to reduce the population of unhoused people in our community, all it will do is further criminalize poverty and make life harder for our unhoused neighbors. As a community we should be working to help the unhoused so they can do the difficult task of securing housing. It is sad that our city doesn't have the housing resources to care for all our citizens, we have failed as a nation, state, and a city. We should not compound that failure further. Freeway over passes act as shade and rain cover, these have been critical in the last few months where we have seen record heat to the health of our unhoused. Additionally we are in the middle of a global pandemic and the CDC has recommended all unhoused people shelter in place, forcing unhoused people to move away from freeways could further spread the virus that has already killed too many in our city. Please focus on securing housing for our unhoused neighbors, buy hotels and motels and convert them into housing, build community housing, and provide life changing services that actually help folks instead of making their lives even more challenging. Thank you for your time.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kat

**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 02:29 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please don't criminalize homeless people. Understand that it is sometimes more complicated than "accepting shelter". I imagine you have a team of mental health experts to help explain that to you. Focus on housing people and finding care and services to match their needs. We have the resources to do so now match it with compassion and we'll make progress. The city will never advance to its full glory if we don't respect and honor the humans that through some misfortune or another have fallen into homelessness. My father was homeless at times through out his life and I believe it was because he was depressed, had an alcohol problem, and low self esteem. He ended up dying from cancer because of the many years he neglected his health. I never saw him as a bum but society did because of the lack of humanity in our infrastructure. Please, these are humans. They are someone's child, someone's father, someone's sibling. Please respect them. Respect the few belongings they have. The street sweeps you order do are often brutal with the way you throw out what few items they may have. Seriously, think a little harder, have a heart, listen to the unhoused and their advocates about what they really need from their city. Because this is their city too. I hope this reaches you. Thank you for your time.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** STEVEN BARLEVI  
**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 03:50 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please vote in favor of 20-1376. This will seek to create a balance between helping the homeless and, protecting homeowners and our communities. Thank you

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Peter Haderlein

**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 04:37 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** This motion is cruel and doesn't make sense, and I wholeheartedly oppose it's passage. First, Judge Carter vacated his original ruling that called for the clearance of freeway-adjacent encampments in June on the condition that the city find 6,000 new beds in the next 18 months. There is no present legal compulsion for the city to move residents away from the freeways, and using the ruling as cover to legitimize more punitive enforcement of anti-tent statutes is disingenuous. It's also absurd to codify these new enforcement mechanisms PRIOR TO THE EXISTENCE OF THE AVAILABLE HOUSING OPTIONS. The promised temporary shelters, Project HomeKey sites, and new Bridge Housing will take months to build and already have to contend with virulent local opposition. Assuming they even DO get built, their capacity will not be nearly enough to handle the influx of persons who will experience homelessness anew this very year due to the economic conditions surrounding the pandemic. This motion will also warp the priorities of homeless services non-profits and authorities, who will be forced to prioritize assistance to populations based on proximity to overpasses rather than a truly needs-based or morbidity-risk-based approach, which will create confusion and administrative dysfunction. Forcing the dispersal of folks from relatively stable tent locations will also make it harder for LAHSA outreach teams to find individuals for follow-up appointments. The motion is also overly broad. It allows for the forced removal of tents and persons from public spaces if an "offer of housing has been made". First, what constitutes "an offer", and what housing is there to offer? This motion puts the cart before the horse in an incredibly unfair and harmful way. Finally, it's against the law. This motion does not comply with the federal legal decision in the Boise case, and you are setting yourself up for yet another lawsuit you will, and should, definitely lose. Peter Haderlein

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Scott W Doyle  
**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 04:57 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am disgusted by the City Attorney's proposed ordinance, whose net effect would be a dramatic expansion of the criminalization of homelessness, and a dramatic increase in the involvement of law enforcement in issues (homelessness, mental health) they are ill-equipped to deal with. I am also disappointed to see my Councilmember Gil Cedillo supporting the motion that led to this report. I understand that there are a lot of people who are exasperated with the issue of homelessness, and want more than anything else for it to be "out of sight and out of mind." But the approach of this proposed ordinance - which focuses on the symptoms and not the causes - is not the way to go. This is a carrot-and-stick approach with a lot of stick. When the bridge housing the City has provided to date addresses only a small percentage of the total need, we cannot in good conscience be using law enforcement to push homeless individuals off the street. Even with a local shelter in place, there are many reasons individuals may choose to remain on the street. They may perceive the shelters as unsafe, and indeed some would argue that these shelters do not meet the CDC's guidelines regarding COVID and social distancing. Or they may have other issues. We should focus our efforts on providing more housing and shelter. For those who choose for whatever reason to remain on the street, we should reach out with compassion: to understand their needs and concerns, and try to provide them with the services or treatment that would encourage them to get off the street.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 05:36 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** No on 41.18 sweeps just destabilize unhoused people. People lose valuable belongings which makes receiving services even more difficult. Instead of sweeps help people keep their area cleaner and provide services (mental health/drug alcohol/hygiene) and housing to the community. Get to know people instead of just trying to throw them away especially during a pandemic. We can do better, we have to consistently invest in doing better.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Debora McCormick

**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 05:38 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council Members, Please vote in Favor of Council File 20-1376. This motion is vital because it will help Los Angeles maintain a balance between helping the homeless and helping the residents and homeowners keep and maintain a clean and healthy community and while still staying within the parameters of the Boise Idaho decision. This motion addresses the serious Americans with Disabilities Act violations, it addresses the promises made and the promises broken by the city for residents who live near Bridge Housing Shelters, and it addresses LAMC Sec. 41.18. In the Venice community there is a lot of compassion for our unhoused neighbors, but we want them, and us, to have a safe, clean and healthy community. Unfortunately, leaving the unhoused on the streets of Venice is not compassionate, it is a death sentence. Create safe camping areas on city / county property with water, toilets and services NOW. To that end, we ask the City Council to approve this motion, which is a reasonable and well thought out motion to help all of us who bear the impact of broken dreams and broken promises. Thank you for this reasonable and well thought out motion to help Los Angeles maintain a balance between helping the homeless and helping the residents and homeowners keep and maintain a clean and healthy community. Regards, Debora McCormick Venice Resident/ Stakeholder

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alaina Kommer  
**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 06:57 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Our unhoused neighbors are more vulnerable than ever during the Covid-19 crisis. This policy will cause further harm and it is not necessary. It is a cruel and inhuman policy. I urge you to stop criminalizing the most vulnerable population in our city.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jamie stern  
**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 07:02 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Clean up the sidewalks. It's a health hazard

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jane Pressman

**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 07:05 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please vote in favor of 20-1376. We desperately need reasonable solutions to help both the homeless and residents in our community, and this is a good beginning step.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Christina

**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 07:14 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello Los Angeles Council Members. I'm a lifelong Los Angeles resident and I would like to address LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 today. The housing crisis has worsened over the years. According to the Los Angeles Mission website, the number of people without houses has increased by 12% since 2018. These codes will not decrease the rate of people living on the street. It will just make it harder for them to exist with any sort of dignity for the crime of not owning property. The root of this problem has everything to do with Los Angeles becoming harder to afford and very little to do with health issues like drug addiction and mental illness. I say this because I am mentally ill and I still live in a home. I did nothing to earn or deserve my home--I'm just lucky enough to have a support network to insulate me from the cruel realities of discrimination. Likewise, a friend of mine passed away from a drug overdose outside of his suburban home in June. He was 29 and, like myself, had a father in the LAPD. Mental illness and drug addiction are serious health issues that plague our city and nation, and it's not just happening out on the street. It's happening in your neighbor's houses, well-kept lawn and all. We must dispel the myth that only criminals, drug addicts, and "crazy" people become homeless. That is simply not true, and it makes it harder for people who suffer from mental health issues to access care. Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 are short-term "solutions" to long-term societal problems. They will make it harder for people who don't have homes to exist, and not much else. Higher class Los Angeles citizens will no longer have to deal with the unhoused in daily life, but lower class unhoused people will be displaced. I'll put it plainly--these codes are legalese for policy makers who are afraid to say they would prefer lower class citizens to just die. Because without offering alternatives for the unhoused, that's what people will do. Thank you for your time. I have an address so I will be voting this election.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** L & M

**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 07:20 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am 74 yrs old and my partner is 80 yrs old. We have lived in Venice for almost 20 years. We were supportive of the Venice Shelter as it was presented by the Mayor and Chief of Police at a Community Meeting in Venice prior to the opening of the Main Street Shelter. This Shelter is directly across the street from our home at Venice Art Lofts. The new group of homeless on Sunset & Hampton are a different and dangerous group . More in the Meth using homeless. We have difficulty walking our dog or taking any walks near our home. One of us was accidentally hit by a rock while sitting on our patio thrown by a homeless man known to the police. Some stay at both the shelter and their tent. On one such occasion a large fire only yards from our home completely burned an individual's tent and belongings on Sunset Ave while he was at the Shelter. A few days ago our building manager heard our gate code being yelled between this group. We were able to change that code immediately. However, we have had to hire security due to thefts in our garage, people jumping our fence, screaming at all hours in the night and vandalism. We have also incurred costs to prevent camping directly on our property. We were promised that this was a humane answer to a goal of long term housing. Instead along with COVID it is a misery for everyone.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ray Muneton

**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 07:24 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please search your heart for compassion, and abandon this proposed ordinance. Sleeping on the sidewalk is demeaning and dangerous, criminalizing it will only make more people eligible for citation, arrest and incarceration. The City of Angels has to do better. The promises of Project Roomkey should be fulfilled, instead of stripping the rights of the unhoused.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Marlene Sadan  
**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 07:27 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I live in the senior housing building on Ocean Front Walk in Venice 90291 and for the past 6 months I have felt uncomfortable to even walk on the boardwalk because of the many homeless encampments. I've become a prisoner in my building. I no longer am able to even go for a walk. It's not so much I'm afraid of these people, but I'm very concerned because no one wears a mask and I fear catching the virus. I listen every day and night to the shouting and swearing and fighting, which I guess I've become used to. In the past, I used to make healthy sandwiches for these poor souls and pass them out to them. But the situation has gotten so out of hand. I don't know what plan Mr. Bonin has in mind, but whatever it is, it is not working. I do not know what the answer is, but please.....something must be done to relocate them. Living this way is inhumane for them and for us.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 07:37 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** These rules will not create any more places for anyone to go, but will create many more reasons for them to be cited and cycle in and out of jail. This is a return to the failed methods of the past, and is so contrary to current movement towards undoing racist systems and having a more compassionate approach to these issues. It also would seem to make routine actions illegal, like sitting on the curb outside a restaurant waiting for an Uber. It is easy to see how this could be abused.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Erin Siskind

**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 07:39 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Patricia Gallaher Glenn

**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 07:43 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council Members, Please vote in Favor of Council File 20-1376. This motion is vital because it will help Los Angeles maintain a balance between helping the homeless and helping the residents and homeowners keep and maintain a clean and healthy community and while still staying within the parameters of the Boise Idaho decision. This motion addresses the serious Americans with Disabilities Act violations, it addresses the promises made and the promises broken by the city for residents who live near Bridge Housing Shelters, and it addresses LAMC Sec. 41.18. Thank you for this reasonable and well thought out motion to help Los Angeles maintain a balance between helping the homeless and helping the residents and homeowners keep and maintain a clean and healthy community. Sincerely, Patricia Gallaher Glenn Venice Resident/ Stakeholder

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jorge Novotny

**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 07:44 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council Members, Please vote in Favor of Council File 20-1376. This it will help homeless, residents and homeowners keep and maintain a clean and healthy community and while still staying within the parameters of the Boise Idaho decision.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Peggy Lee Kennedy  
**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 07:49 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am extremely opposed to this motion and draft ordinance. Los Angeles City Council members should be ashamed for doing this when HOUSING SHOULD BE THE FOCUS. This motion needs to be halted immediately and rejected for these reasons and more:

- Is LACity going to hand out 500 foot measuring tapes to senior, disabled, and mentally ill unhoused people so they know when they can rest after leaving a service? For clarity the signs should really say “NO HOMELESS ZONE” in both English and Spanish. Because that is exactly what this is: a No Homeless Zone law that is racist at its roots. Only 8% of the population in Los Angeles are Black, but 40% of the homeless population is Black.
- This is not just about 500 feet here and there. As a resolution, this racist law that discriminates against disabled people living unhoused will spread throughout the City like the Oversized Vehicle Ordinance.
- The City of LA has not come remotely close to providing even a small percentage of the required low income or affordable long term housing to meet the housing and homeless crisis prior to the COVID epidemic, but it wants to now make it a crime for a disabled unhoused person to sit within 500 feet of a service? This is inhumane.
- A shelter bed is NOT housing. It is a temporary bed in a congregate living space where COVID is more pervasive. It is reasonable to reject shelter beds for this reason alone. People need real long term permanent housing opportunities, not more criminalization.
- This law will move unhoused people to a new street and it will be used to criminalize unhoused people when HOUSING SHOULD BE THE FOCUS.

Peggy Lee Kennedy, Organizer Venice Justice Committee

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 07:56 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Repeal LAMC 41.18, LAMC 56.11, and all ordinances used to criminalize unhoused residents. What you are effectively proposing is sweeping them under the rug by preparing a pathway to prison. This is inhumane, cruel, and nowhere near the right approach. Provide services and a pathway to shelter instead of feeding the prison-industrial complex.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stephanie  
**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 07:57 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** We live in Venice and have for the last 10 years. I have a 9 year old son has witnessed with his own eyes, people standing on the corner pissing, strungout homeless men freebasing 2 streets from our house, and endless encampments with homeless starting fires to the neighborhood. Not to mention has to skateboard in the street (he is only 9 years old) due to the tents that have taken over the sidewalks with no place to skate on the sidewalks. The encampments have littered our sidewalks with fecal matter which I am sure is in violation of health standards. The drug contraban on the sidewalks in front of our house where the homeless encampments have become a problem and very dangerous with children around. Please ban encampments in Venice on our sidewalks and beaches and boardwalks. Build them shelters in the inland empire or downtown. Anywhere away from our Venice families.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sarah Rudoy

**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 08:02 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** An upheaval of the unhoused community during a pandemic is not only inappropriate, but cruel. The idea that the city council is chasing “visible progress” rather than actual progress for that community is unacceptable. Forcing a vulnerable group to relocate, and essentially making their existence illegal, does nothing to address the overall issue of homelessness. Give these people resources, support and house keys, not handcuffs. I fervently oppose this law change and ask the city council to have compassion for its constituents and fellow human beings. Sarah Rudoy

## Communication from Public

**Name:** maya  
**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 08:04 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to express strong opposition to the proposed amendment to 41.18. To criminalize our unhoused neighbors without a hint of a plan to provide services and housing for these displaced individuals is negligent, cruel, and plain wrong. Who do you serve, City Council? Our unhoused neighbors are fighting for safe places to live amid a pandemic, inhumane sweeps of legal encampments, and complete neglect by this legislative body to ease the burden of the most vulnerable members of the Los Angeles community. To propose an amendment that would displace, criminalize, and terrorize our neighbors shows so clearly that this council had no regard for the well-being of all Angelinos. This amendment would be a sadly cosmetic and counter-productive measure to creating the real change that is crucial in our city - providing housing and health care to our most vulnerable neighbors.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 08:07 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Repeal LAMC 41.18, LAMC 56.11, and all ordinances used to criminalize unhoused residents. Put the money you were going to use for these costly & cruel sweeps towards actually helping people, not just moving them from one location to another and throwing away all their stuff. What you're doing is not a solution, why are you wasting our money on this?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** John Stein

**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 08:07 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please redress the balance between residents and homeless in Venice by putting better boundaries and what those living on the streets can and can not do. The incursion of homeless living on Venice streets is having a very negative effect on the quality of life for all of us who live near or come from far away to enjoy the beach area. Respectfully submitted, John Stein, Ph.D.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** E.Loring

**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 08:15 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am strongly opposed to this extreme motion. I'm a home owner and long time LA resident in Councilperson Krekorian's district. I too wish I didn't have people living in a tent across the street from me or have to navigate around encampments on my walks. However re-criminalizing homelessness will not solve the issue of 66K human beings living on the streets of our City. Shelter and services are needed for that. Instead, criminalizing homelessness will create another obstacle for unhoused folks trying to survive and will divert police resources.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cora  
**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 08:18 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to tell LA City Council to oppose 41.18 and to demand the city decriminalize poverty, provide housekeys NOT handcuffs, and end "CARE+" sweeps. It's outrageous and unconscionable that at a time when unhoused Angelenos are already suffering from extreme air pollution from fires, the threat of Covid-19, reduced services amid increasing economic instability, and record unemployment, that the city council would consider increased enforcement against them. As soon as the heat waves subside, winter cold, rain, and flu season will arrive. How could you look back on this time of national emergency and think "my response was to pass laws to harass and criminalize the homeless and make it harder for them to sleep." Use your power to obtain emergency housing and services for people, and to prevent renters from losing their homes and joining the ranks of the unhoused. This is a craven attempt to tell a few moneyed, vocal constituents that you're "doing something," by which you mean disappearing the problem. You're turning your backs on the most vulnerable people in the city. History will judge you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Adriana Vallejo  
**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 08:18 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I am opposed to this motion and strongly urge all council members to oppose this motion. The motion further criminalizes homelessness and is not a solution for the homeless crisis. It is cruel! Resources should be put toward helping people and not criminalizing them.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Deborah

**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 08:47 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear city representatives: On October 21 2020, LA City Councilmembers Blumenfield, Buscaino, Rodriguez, Krekorian, Price, Cedillo, and Lee presented a motion (council file 20-1376) to drastically expand the criminalization and banishment of unhoused Angelenos across the city. The text of the motion instructs the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. This motion does NOT provide any new housing resources, wrap-around services for those experiencing homelessness, or any solutions to decrease the unhoused population in LA. Instead of focusing on actual, proven solutions to a crisis that continues to grow during this pandemic, City Council members have decided to once again spend time and city resources on another attempt to expand harmful criminalization policies which have only proven to fail and exacerbate homelessness. I demand that City Council and the Mayor's office instead invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing a healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, and take concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer, and furthermore to oppose the motion to instruct the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11.  
Signed, Deborah

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 08:50 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please vote to amend 41.18 to provide for enforcement around freeways, around interim shelter facilities, to ensure disabled access under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and for anyone who has been offered shelter and declines. I support this important action and appreciate your leadership on this challenging issue.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andrew Silver

**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 08:52 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose this measure and I urge the Los Angeles City Council to reject the proposed revisions of LAMC 41.18 and LAMC 56.11. This ordinance will only result in displacement, criminalization, incarceration, damage to the stability and health of unhoused residents, and loss of personal property. Hundreds if not thousands of Angelenos are in danger of losing their housing, this ordinance will only make their suffering worse. The proposed changes to 41.18 and 56.11 are not a solution to the homelessness crisis, they will only add to the suffering of the unhoused. This ordinance will not placate the angry and frustrated residents of Los Angeles that despair at the sight of growing encampments. This ordinance has no plan on where the displaced homeless residents will go. For many the only recourse will be into the neighborhoods of the residents who are complaining about the homeless at the underpass. Shuffling the homeless from one corner to the next is not a solution and only increases the misery of the homeless and will further anger the housed residents when new encampments grow closer to their homes. I urge the city council to reject 20-1376 and rewriting LAMC 41.18 and 56.11. Please focus your time and energy and developing true, proven, effective solutions to the homelessness crisis. Only housing will solve homelessness. I talked to an outreach worker yesterday who told me how displacement and citations will slow the progress of getting people housed. The loss of important paperwork and medications are inevitable consequences of the forced displacement you are proposing. The passage of 20-1376 and the proposed changes to 41.18 and 56.11 will only set back the progress of housing the most vulnerable people in our society. I urge the city council to reject 20-1376.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 08:59 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please vote yes on the changes to 41.18. It's become an issue of safety and the opposition's high-minded idealism conveniently ignores that fact. As a woman I often feel unsafe walking at night because of the homeless population, particularly the ones who are clearly mentally unstable. It feels like right now there's nothing the police can do to get these people off the streets, which is why we need stronger laws that are actually enforced. The opposition to this change has no clear plan except to magically give everyone housing, which wouldn't solve the issue that a lot of the homeless suffer from mental health issues that won't be solved by having a place to stay. It often feels hopeless living in LA and watching my neighborhood become less and less safe each year as people push their elected officials to be more and more lenient with the homeless violating laws. We need a change.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Megan Rosati

**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 09:03 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I have been a resident of Los Angeles for over 15 years and the problem of unhoused people has gotten so much worse in that time. We should be focused on SUPPORTING and SAFELY HOUSING ALL residents of Los Angeles, especially during a pandemic, instead of destroying their property and wasting time and resources on costly, harmful sweeps. I stand with my fellow Angelenos and demand that the city repeal all laws that criminalize homelessness, INCLUDING 4118. We should be providing housekeys, not handcuffs - focus our efforts on providing hotel rooms and permanent housing for our citizens instead of DESTROYING their property and leaving them with even less resources. End the care sweeps - they are focused on aesthetics, and not results. Every sweep I've ever seen has just made people return to the spot, with more trash, more mess, and less ability to help themselves. Los Angeles should be ASHAMED of their treatment of unhoused people. Stop hurting them and hoping they disappear and start giving them HELP so the problem STOPS. Signing my FULL NAME to this- proud LA resident, Megan Rosati.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Carolyn S Englar

**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 09:04 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Chad Monk  
**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 09:11 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1376

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kate Corry-Saavedra

**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 09:11 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am strongly opposed to the proposed 41.18 and 56.11 amendments. These laws will make it even more difficult to survive as an unhoused person in LA. Homeless mortality rates are incredibly high, and rising every year because of this city council's inaction and evil attempts to continue criminalizing homelessness. Limiting peoples ability to camp under freeways as we enter rainy season is cruel - and will almost certainly result in lives lost. The amendments do nothing to improve our housing crisis. The only housing being offered as part of the new 41.18 is a jail cell. In June, the city council kept talking about how much "Black Lives Matter". By voting to approve these amendments, and voting to approve criminalizing and jailing our unhoused population that is incredibly disproportionately Black, you are firmly telling LA that Black Lives do not matter. Stop criminalizing homelessness and seize the hotels.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Zoe

**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 09:14 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** No on 41.18 It is not a crime to live on the street. It would cost us less money to help unhoused folks but we choose to terrorize them and demonize their lives. We need services—services like healthcare for the uninsured, consistent and reliable food banks, and safe shelters for anyone in transition—not sweeps.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Joe ONeill

**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 09:27 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1376

**Comments for Public Posting:** I do outreach and harm reduction in Skid Row and Greater LA with The Sidewalk Project, a project based arts & public health organization that exists to create community and wellness for those who live outdoors. I am beyond appalled at your proposed motion banning houseless camps near shelters and freeways. While the camps may be problematic, they are merely a symptom of the greater problem- a society that refuses to deal with addiction, mental health issues, income inequality, and a great lack of affordable housing which are the true causes of homelessness. The 2020 Homeless count showed a 12% increase in LA's homeless population. This is before the pandemic, which has the potential to greatly increase homelessness in LA. According to UCLA 495,000 Angelenos are in danger of eviction. What percentage of them will end up on the streets of Los Angeles? There are not enough shelter beds in Los Angeles. There is not enough affordable housing in Los Angeles. Where do you propose the unhoused go if you "ban sitting, sleeping or lying" within 500 feet of a designated freeway overpass, underpass, ramp, tunnel, or pedestrian subway or "a facility opened after January 1, 2018, to provide housing, shelter, supportive services, safe parking or storage to homeless persons."? I understand that the easiest way for a politician to deal with this is to criminalize homelessness, which is what you are doing. You don't have to find any real solutions, or do the hard work of implementing programs which may take some time to be effective. You can just blame people for being unhoused, ticket them, arrest them, and take their belongings (which may include medications and documents that are very hard to replace). Of course all this does is make people's situation more difficult, and harder to get off the streets. Rather than treating homelessness as a problem for those who have homes and criminalizing the unhoused I challenge you to find real solutions with community partners on the ground. We need mental health care, addiction treatment, and affordable housing. You can start with figuring out why we still don't have any housing from proposition HHH. The camping statutes being passed throughout the country, and indeed what you are proposing in the midst of a pandemic, violates the International Covenant Against Torture and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which states that all

people have a right to housing, that governments have an obligation to put the well-being of people above the concerns about disorder and aesthetics, and that homelessness exerts a tremendous cost on those subjected to it. From the DOJ's filing: When adequate shelter space exists, individuals have a choice about whether or not to sleep in public. However, when adequate shelter space does not exist, there is no meaningful distinction between the status of being homeless and the conduct of sleeping in public. Sleeping is a life-sustaining activity — i.e., it must occur at some time in some place. If a person literally has nowhere else to go, then enforcement of the anti-camping ordinance against that person criminalizes her for being homeless. Such laws, the DOJ argues, violate the Eighth Amendment protections against cruel and unusual punishment, making them unconstitutional. You could continue on your punitive path in dealing with our most vulnerable and marginalized humans, or you could create viable solutions for a better future for our citizens. You absolutely can not take photos ops to “help“ the unhoused. Those of us doing the work see through the empty gestures as you engage in human rights violations. We urge you to drop this measure and work with local organizations to create humane solutions. We are more than happy to sit with you and communicate about ideas to build health and healing in our communities. We are sharing this letter with our partners and intend to keep this conversation about the human rights violations in our communities alive within our networks. We believe it is our responsibility to speak for those who’s voices are not being heard, the people we serve. We believe it is your responsibility to listen.