

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Clerk, Stop criminalizing and start creating solutions. 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 by amending LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. It is currently scheduled for a full Council vote tomorrow, November 24th. 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 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. Once again, stop criminalizing and start creating solutions! Signed, Maureen Silva

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Name: Samantha Zurcher

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Comments for Public Posting: Just a concerned citizen commenting to express my support of Councilmember Blumenfield's proposed changes to 41.18 and 56.11. The homeless encampments below the freeway pose clear and obvious danger to pedestrians, and deprive surrounding neighborhoods of value. Most importantly, perhaps, are the inhumane and unsafe conditions our homeless are living among. Councilmember Blumenfield has demonstrated notable progress in his district, by requiring alternative housing and cleaning up these areas.