

Communication from Public

Name: Pacific Palisades Community Council
Date Submitted: 06/25/2021 09:42 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) supports the motion in CF 20-1376 and draft ordinance submitted by the City Attorney on 10/26/20, with the development of appropriate enforcement protocols as suggested by the City Attorney on 11/20/20 in the above-referenced Council File. See the attached letter for additional comments.



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

June 26, 2021

Hon. Nury Martinez, President, Los Angeles City Council
Hon. Joe Buscaino, President pro Tempore, Los Angeles City Council
Hon. Mark Ridley-Thomas, Chair, Council Housing and Homelessness Committee
Hon. Mike Bonin, Councilmember, CD 11
Hon. John Lee, Councilmember, CD 12

Via email and submission to City Clerk filing portal

Re: Council File 20-1376; hearing in City Council 6/29/21; SUPPORT

Dear Councilmembers

Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) has been the most-broad based community organization and voice of Pacific Palisades since 1973.

PPCC learned on June 25, 2021 that the above-referenced matter was scheduled for hearing by the full Council on June 29, 2021. The full PPCC Board does not meet until July 8. Therefore, pursuant to PPCC's bylaws, the PPCC Executive Committee takes this position on behalf of PPCC.

PPCC supports the motion in CF 20-1376 and draft ordinance submitted by the City Attorney on 10/26/20, with the development of appropriate enforcement protocols as suggested by the City Attorney on 11/20/20 in the above-referenced Council File. Specifically, we support regulation that prohibits persons who have been offered shelter from sleeping on any publicly owned property.

This position is based upon multiple public discussions and positions taken by the PPCC Board in addressing the issue of homelessness in our community, and specifically on our strong opposition to the use of public beaches, beach parking lots and public parks for homeless housing or overnight dwelling of any kind. See numerous PPCC position letters and statements at: <http://pacpalicc.org/index.php/statement-letters-re-cf-21-0350-bonin-motion/>.

Executive Committee, Pacific Palisades Community Council

David Card, Chair	Christina Spitz, Secretary
David Kaplan, Vice-Chair	John Padden, Organization Representative (P.R.I.D.E.)
Richard G. Cohen, Treasurer	Joanna Spak, Elected Representative (Area 1; Castellammare, Paseo Miramar)

cc (*via email*): Hon. Eric Garcetti, Mayor, City of Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/26/2021 01:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Regarding Agenda 55, I am wholeheartedly in support of the motion which would remove tents and make camping illegal. The City is falling apart!

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/26/2021 03:29 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: It's time to clean up our streets, our sidewalks, our beaches and our cities. It is in humane to allow human beings to live in the conditions they are living in and we have allowed this way of life to permeate and overtake our beautiful city for far too long. We the people of Los Angeles will not stand for this anymore and we demand a change. We support the motion to remove tents and make camping illegal in public spaces.

Communication from Public

Name: Charlie D

Date Submitted: 06/26/2021 04:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the motion to remove tens outlaw of camping - this problem has gotten severely out of hand. Homeless should not be allowed to do whatever they please with impunity. Blocking sidewalks, harboring filth and crime, wasting over 50% of LAFD resource hours on encampment related fires, the list goes on. I fear the rising disgust by the public will very soon turn to vigilanteism and we will begin seeing the public taking back their towns from non-taxpaying degenerates by force.

Communication from Public

Name: Ralph A

Date Submitted: 06/26/2021 08:21 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please restore the ban on outdoor camping. This is not “cruel” or “radical”. Almost every city in America has these rules for a reason: The free flow of pedestrians and commerce must not be impeded. This goes for everyone. Even disabled homeless people are unable to walk to the store because sidewalks are blocked. We have kids forced to walk in the street to get to school. Some are too afraid because people inside the tents yell at them. PLEASE bring back order and civility back to Los Angeles!

Communication from Public

Name: Suzanne Altman

Date Submitted: 06/26/2021 10:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The safety of our community and the residents of our community is crucial the safety of our families and our children is a top priority. The fact that the homeless in our area are attacking people in the community, are going into peoples homes, through their mailboxes, through the trash, and when asked to leave or stop they are often violent . when you walk under the freeway you can't walk on the sidewalk and people scream at you. there are open flames, drug deals it is no longer safe to be out and about in your own neighborhood It is terrifying and scary. This is not just a few homeless, it is a whole community of people. There is trash and debris and rotting food and germs and there are fires all the time . . I should not be afraid to walk in my own neighborhood or to have my kids walk to School or home from work. This needs to be contained and controlled and our streets should not be contaminated like this . Our community needs to be safe again .

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/27/2021 06:09 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: We can not continue to live within communities where we are afraid to go out and run our errands for bare necessities. The homeless have take over our city and are creating unhealthy, unsafe, ugly streets and landmarks. We pay above our fair amount of taxes and expect clean and safe streets for our family and neighbors. We demand change. We no longer accept living in fear!

Communication from Public

Name: Jay Aaron

Date Submitted: 06/27/2021 08:40 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support quick adoption and immediate enforcement of this motion. Venice is NOT safe and the thousands of unhoused people left to rot in the streets are the reason why. It is NOT progressive to allow people to lawlessly camp out anywhere they want and do drugs and engage in other dangerous behavior with no consequences. Laws and rules **MUST BE ENFORCED**. Stop using COVID as an excuse and start doing your job. Bonin will be recalled over this issue. Do the other 14 of you want to be recalled along with him?

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/27/2021 10:00 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please vote to prohibit encampments on public sidewalks.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/27/2021 11:02 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I 100% support the enforcement of the no tents/camping ordinance on sidewalks. Sidewalks are meant for people to walk on, not for people to be walking in traffic to get around them. They are a safety hazard, they are unsightly, oftentimes surrounded by filth. This is not homelessness for the most part, it is mental illness, it is drug abuse and criminal element. Please make our sidewalks, our parks, our beaches, any public area safe for our families. The people are begging you to do something, that is your job to do it!

Communication from Public

Name: Emily scott

Date Submitted: 06/27/2021 11:35 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Every single day I have to deal with people camping in front of my window at my art studio. As someone who grew up in Venice beach and has seen things change for the worse it's upsetting and mentally unhealthy every single day. I have to deal with these people personally and try to negotiate with them to keep the sidewalks clear during the day. Sometimes they work with us and other times they can be violent, loud and disrespectful. it really affects me running my business. We are left helpless and alone here in Venice.. going to the beach is no longer an option. I carry pepper spray ready to go everywhere I am walking during the day. Venice has never been completely safe but this is on a different level completely. Something has got to change. This is just unacceptable and disheartening.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/27/2021 12:12 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The homeless encampments have gone out of control with mentally ill drug users being allowed all the criminal activity with no law enforcement. They have more rights and freedoms and taxpayers. This has to stop NOW! The encampments must be removed from our streets and the homeless must be relocated to the shelters, rehabs and other facilities immediately. Citizens are being robbed, raped, assaulted, harassed, threatened, etc on a daily basis because our city officials allow and PROFIT from the homeless crisis. The sidewalks are occupied by trashed with used needles, feces, etc. The action must be taken IMMEDIATELY.

Communication from Public

Name: Linda Ota

Date Submitted: 06/27/2021 12:21 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support restoring our sidewalks to the community and prohibit encampments on our sidewalks. I live in the College Acres community of Woodland Hills and have been impacted by the encampments that surround my community. Currently, the encampment on Corbin Avenue under the 101 Freeway is completely out of control. My family is unable to walk and access businesses on Ventura Blvd. because the sidewalks are not open and safe. Also my community has had a many mail thefts, home break-ins, and physical threats from the transients that live on Corbin. Please vote "yes" in support because I want to reclaim the safety and accessibility in my community.

Communication from Public

Name: John Jakubowski

Date Submitted: 06/27/2021 12:32 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support this motion to restore our sidewalks to community and prohibit encampments. I live in College Acres of Woodland Hills and am impacted by the encampment on Corbin Avenue. My family and I am unable to walk to access businesses on Ventura Blvd. When we first moved here 7 years ago, we would walk to go to restaurants and stores on Ventura Blvd. We can no longer do that because the sidewalk on Corbin under the 101 Fwy is filled with tent like structures and it is not accessible or safe. My community also has many incidents of mail theft, home break-ins, and physical threats by those transients that are living in this encampment.

Communication from Public

Name: Studio City Resident
Date Submitted: 06/27/2021 01:05 PM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Good Afternoon, As a concerned, active, and progressive Studio City Resident I wanted to voice my opinion on voting YES towards the passing of the city ordinance that would restrict people from lying, sleeping, sitting or placing tents on public streets and sidewalks. To keep this brief, I am in full support of my tax paying money going towards helping individuals in our community. What I am NOT in support of, is watching the city spend millions and now (billions) towards the homeless crisis with no visible changes taking place. A question I have for my city council members: If this is a housing problem, why do we still have the homeless crisis when a majority of these individuals have makeshift homes under overpasses, often times with electrical power or fully functional RVs? Walking on the street around any freeway, walking to the store, or even walking down many streets requires walking IN the street with traffic flowing at 40+ mph day and night, simply because the encampments take up the entire sidewalk. Our fellow citizens who live in these encampments need help. When speaking with outreach programs I was informed that it takes on average, 9 separate outreach meetings to convince one of our "unhoused" neighbors to go to a shelter. But why go to a shelter when you have a large encampment covered by a freeway, with thousands of square feet of sidewalk at your disposal with no recourse? I know that many people have opinions of this extremely important matter. It's a tricky, almost impossible problem. The homeless crisis of Los Angeles should be a national emergency. I'm tired of traveling the city and walking past bodies on the ground. I'm tired of walking in the street with cars passing near me because I can't use the large sidewalk that's filled with tents and if I walk through them I am harassed by people who are convinced it's their property. In closing, I wanted to voice my opinion once more for a vote of YES to the city ordinance restricting persons from placing tents, lying, sitting, sleeping on public streets and sidewalks. One last question I often ask people who want to take the compassionate route on this matter (as do I). If one of your loved ones was down on their luck, sleep deprived, abusing alcohol or drugs, would the compassionate route be to "let them be" or would you hold an intervention? Thank you for taking the time to read my comments, and I look forward to following up on this city ordinance. Please

take the steps that need to be taken to fix this once great city.

Communication from Public

Name: Halle Resch

Date Submitted: 06/27/2021 01:08 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: In 2016, the City settled litigation, agreeing to a \$1.4 billion dollar commitment to repair broken sidewalks, walkways, curbs, etc. over a 30 year period. What is the point, then, of spending \$1.4 billion to fix any sidewalks when there are entire city blocks across Los Angeles that are unreachable due to an extensive network of homeless encampments? I have been a resident of Los Angeles for over a decade. I lived about three blocks from Skid Row in for 5 years beginning in 2009. I had no issues with the homeless population, but I was forced to move after 5 years due to a harrowing incident with a mentally-ill transient that attacked me from behind in broad daylight while walking my dog. Still, I participated in the Greater Los Angeles Homeless count, and did other volunteer work as time permitted to try and lend a hand to help the growing and problematic issue. Since 2018, it seems that homelessness has exploded in almost every neighborhood I visit (not Beverly Hill, of course). I have, sadly, found a small community on Instagram where I, among others, post pictures and videos of the massive homeless crisis in Los Angeles. They are harrowing, disturbing, and reprehensible. Women and men cannot walk with their children down the sidewalk--forget about pushing a stroller or a cart of groceries. If you rely on public transportation, it is more than likely that the bus stop is a makeshift encampment, littered with needles and feces and trash. If you are a disabled person, you cannot use sidewalks as intended when they are overrun with tarps and tents. I have countless times seen residents with children, biking, pushing strollers, carts, or riding push scooters on the busy streets in order to continue on their route, because the sidewalk is not available for public use due to homeless encampments. Must Los Angeles residents continue to endanger themselves and others using the street in order to circumvent homeless encampments? These encampments are similar to favela-style living; they are connected, secure, and well-built. Subsequently, their trash, their feces, their used needles are thrown out on sidewalks, streets, and park benches. I can't imagine being a sanitation worker in present-day Los Angeles; they have my utmost respect. As a mother with a toddler, I no longer frequent Harold Henry park, due to the daily trash and drug paraphernalia left behind from the transients who use the park at dark. I have long stopped enjoying

Echo Park Lake and MacArthur Park with my family and friends. Each time I go to another neighborhood in LA, I am more and more discouraged by the proliferation of homeless encampments. I cannot believe how widespread this issue is. This is not humane, and this is a public health crisis. Los Angeles has lost itself. Los Angeles has become a lawless retreat for the mentally-ill and unhoused who wreak havoc on citizens who are simply trying to live day to day. Los Angeles homelessness needs a swift and fast solution, and while banning homeless encampments from sidewalks is an encouraging start, it is unthinkable that this is something that must be debated. I fully support the passing of an ordinance that would ban camping/tents/encampments on public sidewalks. It will, no doubt, save lives.

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Name: Maureen
Date Submitted: 06/27/2021 01:33 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: Restore our sidewalks to the community and prohibit encampments.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/27/2021 03:44 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: There should not even be a bit of hesitation to return the use of sidewalks to residents. Currently my children have to walk in traffic when walking around our Venice neighborhood because most streets have encampments. A man was murdered in an encampment yesterday just 5 minutes from where I live. The city council has massively neglected its citizens and most of you will pay with your jobs next year. Show that you want to right this wrong and vote yes to increase encampment restrictions.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/27/2021 04:13 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: These massive tent encampments on sidewalks must stop. They're full of stolen items, and inhabitants are often quite aggressive toward anyone who walks near them - even though it's a public sidewalk! This has gotten so out of hand.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/27/2021 04:23 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please clear sidewalks. I am personally concerned about ADA sidewalk requirements. Handicapped residents should be able to safely use sidewalks. Additionally, many people in sidewalk (and all) encampments are in desperate need of mental health treatment and drug treatment. This combination makes our city dangerous for tax payers. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/27/2021 04:27 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I fully support the measure to restore the daytime camping ban. It has gotten out of control. It is clear what happens when we allow a behavior that is supposed to be kept to a minimum - it is exacerbated and perpetuated. While circumstances of the pandemic may have allowed it temporarily, it can no longer be permitted. The accompanying trash and collection of stolen belongings make our city resemble that of a third world country. Allowing people to set up on the sidewalks - public goods funded by us, the taxpayers - is not compassion. We the taxpayers are the ones funding public goods, yet our quality of living seems to come at the cost of those who pay less taxes. Our voices and collective quality of life should be considered the most, not the least.

Communication from Public

Name: Melesa Crisci

Date Submitted: 06/27/2021 05:14 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: We need to take control of our neighborhoods! They have been taken over by criminal transients with their piles of disgusting trash, human feces, and drug paraphernalia. The law abiding, tax paying citizens deserve safe, clean neighborhoods!! You are also doing a disservice to the homeless by allowing them to live in such unsanitary conditions. They need rules and consequences!! They cannot be allowed to continue to terrorize our neighborhoods!!

Communication from Public

Name: Humberto Capiro

Date Submitted: 06/27/2021 05:30 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I have lived at 40 Rose Ave for the past 35 year so have seen the failures of all the approaches to the homeless problem. I have also tried in the past year to get permits for ADU units in several areas including the Compton area. The city of LA bureaucracy has been a nightmare and I have emails to prove it. You either help the small scale developer help build housing or you need to change the beurocratic mess.

Communication from Public

Name: Andre San

Date Submitted: 06/27/2021 06:24 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: As a person who has lived in the East Hollywood community their whole life I have noticed our streets becoming less & less accessible to our neighbors. I come from a multi generational family apartment complex that has housed the same people for as long as I can remember. A couple have left as our rent prices have soared & have become unaffordable to those who can barely scrape by. A week ago I was walking down Melrose, as I turned on Manhattan I noticed across the street a lady in a wheelchair was unable to get by, she was forced to get off the sidewalk, & go on the road. Instances like that are becoming commonplace, people with disabilities & mothers with children in their strollers having to walk on the dangerous road alongside cars because our streets have been taken over by our unhoused neighbors. The same unhoused neighbors that maybe a couple months or years back also had a roof over their head like most of us do. Do you wonder where those neighbors go? If they were able to find affordable housing? Do you wonder if one of those faces in the crowd of tents was someone you once knew? Our unhoused neighbors deserve more, they deserve affordable housing, mental healthcare & the choice to recover from drug addiction. My councilman Mitch O Farrell has spent months trying to beautify the district, "cleaning up" those tents but what he's doing is not with the right intentions. Just like we saw with the Echo Park Lake situation, he demonized the unhoused & militarized the police to brutalize our people. Why is it that there's more & more luxury condos being built across the city? With most of them promising less than 20% for "low income housing"? Why at a time where our people are losing their homes, livelihoods & being displaced at rapid rates do our leaders approve these developments? I support the no tents/camping on the sidewalk ordinance because I believe we have to do better for our unhoused & our housed. Our children deserve to be able to walk the streets without seeing an unhoused person flaunting their genitalia about or heating up a crack pipe, just like our unhoused deserve the opportunity to heal & rise from the unfortunate situation they're living through. We need to decriminalize homelessness & instead use that energy & those resources to help them out of poverty & become working citizens. I've lived my whole life surrounded by the unhoused, every Mayor & Councilperson swears they're going to fix the

issue & somehow the issue just keeps getting worse. Throwing our vulnerable people in jail for the crime of being poor is not what our cops should be doing, they shouldn't be called upon to fix a problem our leaders promised they would fix everytime they asked us to vote for them. We want action, we deserve action. Before our Mayor flies off into the sunset to become an ambassador, I think he should give our people the effort they deserve.

Communication from Public

Name: Kira

Date Submitted: 06/27/2021 06:40 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly urge City Council to OPPOSE Council File 20-1376. This proposed legislation will further harm, traumatize, and criminalize potentially thousands of un-sheltered people in Los Angeles, and will only serve to worsen the city's homelessness crisis. Our city's temporary solutions from homelessness are failing, and putting the responsibility, blame, and burden of this on our unhoused population is cruel and unfair. Proposals like these promote the myth that people are homeless by choice, not the result of a failure to expand the city's homeless housing stock (both shelters and permanent). The Centers for Disease Control states "clearing encampments can cause people to disperse throughout the community and break connections with service providers." Increased enforcement will not put more people in housing. Increased enforcement will not increase trust between the city and unhoused folks. It will create a further divide, and potentially destroy valuable connections and items that unhoused people need to transition into housing, like relationships with case workers and crucial documents like ID's. Legal scholars have argued that these ordinances constitute cruel and unusual punishment and violate basic human rights. Jones v. City of Los Angeles ruled that enforcing the bans on sitting and sleeping in public violate the Eighth Amendment's cruel and unusual punishment clause. We must not continue to waste millions of City dollars on a homelessness response led by criminalization - we MUST lead with services. Programs like Project RoomKey will not be extending past September, resulting with even more people out on the streets again after they can no longer be supported by the City's temporary housing solutions. We cannot prioritize building systems to force people into shelter when there is nowhere for them to go. A total of 1,383 homeless individuals died in Los Angeles County in 2020, according to LA County's Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner. The number of deaths among people experiencing homelessness has doubled since 2014. It is clear that these enforcement-led plans are not working, and in fact are only resulting in more harm to the unhoused population. Because of this, I urge you to oppose Council File 20-1376.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/27/2021 08:52 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I support this motion. sidewalks on the westside, especially venice, are absolutely usable and unsafe for children and the elderly. i could not walk with an elderly woman because she couldn't get around a tent

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/27/2021 10:19 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: You need to enforce the existing laws it is time to end people usurping the law

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/27/2021 10:23 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As an LA resident born & raised, I am writing in support of the ordinance to restrict encampments from our city sidewalks. The sidewalks have become dirty, unsafe, and full of crime and it has deterred people from visiting businesses and living in certain areas. The giant encampments that completely block sidewalks are in violation of the ADA as elderly and disabled people are forced to walk into traffic to get around dangerous encampments. This needs to end.

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Name: Mingzhao Xu

Date Submitted: 06/27/2021 10:30 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I grew up in LA in the '90s, and lived in some gang ghettos. However, I never felt disgusted or unsafe while biking or walking to/from school, the park, or the stores, even as a child. I've never seen the homelessness and trash problems spiral so terribly out of control. I've got pushed on the streets by a psychotic homeless man. The police didn't follow up on my report of this incident. I've seen suicidal homeless folks jump in front of cars and extremely aggressive ones try to fight me while I'm driving. The entire city has turned into trashland. FIXED THIS or get out of office.

Communication from Public

Name: Bill Cotter

Date Submitted: 06/27/2021 11:03 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the Council to vote to lift the restrictions against daylight camping on sidewalks. Many of these campsites have become dangerous, both to the inhabitants and those that pass by them. Many encampments have spread completely across sidewalks, putting the city in clear violation of the ADA rules. Additionally, allowing people to stay in these campsites, especially in the summer heat in the city, particularly the valley, is endangering their lives. The city needs to take a "tough love" approach that stops enabling this dangerous behavior and instead encourage transition to alternative housing. A vote to again enforcing the law will have a huge improvement on the quality of life for all Angelenos, both the housed and unhoused. The COVID crisis has passed. There is no reason to continue the obviously broken process of allowing these camps to continue to spread and to fester.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 12:17 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am writing in to express my strong support for the enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11, the public camping ban. Every person in this city has been horribly affected by the ever-growing encampments on our sidewalks, doorways, parks, and public spaces. The amount of debris, bulky items, toxic and human waste, have been allowed to create a public health crisis. These items have encouraged rodents, and disease, they have prevented businesses from being able to operate. During the pandemic these areas have worsened and will prevent businesses from recovering as quickly as they should. Most tragically these items have blocked the pathways for people with disabilities for years now. People with disabilities have been denied the right to use the sidewalks or gain entry to businesses because they are unable to navigate around the debris. Time after time we have all watched as small children and our elderly loved ones, are forced to walk in the middle of the street because their sidewalks are impassable. We are all compassionate people, and I am asking every member of this council to please apply the terms equity and inclusion to your compassion. True compassion does not impede on the basic, fundamental rights of our children, the elderly and people with disabilities. Thank you Council members Joe Buscaino and John Lee for proposing this motion and for bringing it forth today. I respectfully ask that every member of this council vote in favor of the enforcement of 56.11 Thank you, Kristi Jerome

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 01:53 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: As long time Venice residents my wife and I support the reinstatement of 51.16 requiring tents to be down between 6 AM and 9 PM. Many sidewalks and public spaces are blocked by the debris that homeless hoarders accumulate. Our beaches, parks and streets should not be used as public camp grounds. Currently in Venice many encampments include large tents used to hide bicycle chop shops and drug sales. This needs to stop. Crime has skyrocketed in Venice-the police statistics prove this. Please vote to give us back our public spaces!

Communication from Public

Name: Elvee

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 02:30 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm a 50 yr resident and MV stakeholder and live very near one of the largest encampments in the District as well as the biggest and oldest in Mar Vista. In the span of 7 years I've seen absolutely no balance in homeless support and resident safety. The point against yet another sanctioned encampment sight is that there is NO REGULATION which has made it a major safety issue for the entire community. "The definition of Low Barrier shelters do not have curfews, nor do they require background checks, employment or savings, chores, or mandatory attendance at meals or workshops" Yet, we're expected to yield out safety to Low Barrier sites! Low Barrier are in fact NO BARRIER. I don't understand the justification for letting one class of people overwhelm with burden of assaults, drug abuse and theft on the other? At the very least enforcement of the motion to restore our sidewalks to the community and prohibit encampments will clear out those that refuse shelter options, refuse work, refuse services to get them off the streets, refuse to better their lives! There is no enforcement for ADA law for free sidewalk spaces for the "other" vulnerable members of our community - the elderly and disabled. Despite repeated requests for safety code enforcement. We have lost THREE of those elderly vulnerable because they were murdered in the span of 4 months by people that had no limitations imposed on their behavior or substance abuse! All vagrants from unregulated encampments. There are no limitations or penalties for misusing illegal substances and the District has little regard to fires and explosions of generators, grill, gas-powered devices that are illegal for everyone else, but, not the homeless. More than 80% of fires in this City of Los Angeles are started by a homeless person illegally kept in public spaces including commandeered public parks and beaches!!! These same non-restrictions are permitted in every public space all over Los Angeles. Law and Order has become such an elusive concept when it comes to people that do not respect the law or a community?! We need order and now. We've put up with dangerous conditions, high risk environments, drug dealing, shootings and murder. EVERYONE must be under the same rule of Law. No exceptions or this state, county governments are travesties of justice for those that obey the law and pay taxes to support the public servants who are no longer serving the public.

We have the Ballona Wetlands 5 acre fire where an RV blocked the needed hydrant making the fire damage worse. The Penmar fires. Or the fires under the 405 (btw it sounds like cannon fire!! These explosions with fires happened at least 4 times in one month!!!!) fires in an encampment which is sanctioned by this District. The fires in Venice along the main path abutting the encampments are costing thousands of dollars in city funds. OR how about the one on my street - someone lit a car on fire at 3 in the morning earlier this year. If I hadn't seen it and made the call the house next to it would've been engulfed in flames. So the fear that residents, near every encampment, is very real. There is no safety boundaries with a No Barrier camp site which is what all encampments are. This is what comes from people who have no rules. This is what the City has allowed to escalate to an intolerable level when there is no regulation of homeless people who are abusing the freedom from any rule of a civilized society. Enough!!! Let there be some accountability for these folks!!! Treating them fairly is treating them like the rest of use who follow the law. We need regulation of illegal camping. The no camping ordinance during specific times of the day will go so far to help alleviate the massive burden placed on neighborhoods that are having to defend their person and property on their own. Help your law-abiding citizens. Restore order to your Districts and neighborhoods.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 04:49 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Susan Collins • Sherman Oaks S of the Blvd Please take a moment to improve the safety and cleanliness of our city: This Tuesday morning, June 29th at 10am - the Los Angeles City Council will vote to decide if they should reinstate Municipal Code 56.11, which would allow the enforcement of the anti-camping law in certain areas. Enforcement of 56.11 will mean that our sidewalks will be clear for people with disabilities, children and our elderly loved ones to use again. Encampments have redefined life in Los Angeles for all of us, but for people with disabilities, they have been devastating. I'm asking everyone to please call in this Tuesday morning, June 29th at 10am and ask our City Council to support the enforcement of 56.11 (the anti-camping motion). Here is the link to the meeting: CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE BROADCAST LIVE ON CABLE TELEVISION CHANNEL 35 AND ON THE INTERNET AT: [HTTPS://CLERK.LACITY.ORG/CALENDAR](https://clerk.lacity.org/calendar). LIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS CAN ALSO BE HEARD AT: (213) 621-CITY (METRO), (818) 904-9450 (VALLEY), (310) 471-CITY (WESTSIDE) AND (310) 547-CITY (SAN PEDRO AREA) Members of the public who wish to offer public comment to the Council should: · Call: 1-669-254-5252 and · use Meeting ID No. 160 535 8466 and - · then press #. · Press # again when prompted for participant ID. · Once admitted into the meeting, press *9 to request to speak. Here's the meeting agenda. Our motion is # 55.

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If you are not able to call in, you CAN SUBMIT A WRITTEN STATEMENT HERE: LACouncilComment.com You will need to reference Council File: 20-1376 PLEASE BE SURE TO CONFIRM YOUR SUBMISSION: The city will send you a

confirmation email. You must click on the link they provide – otherwise your comment will not be recorded. Dear Council Members, I am writing to express my strong support for the enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11, the public camping ban. Every person in this city has been horribly affected by the ever-growing encampments on our sidewalks, doorways, parks, and public spaces. The amount of debris, bulky items, toxic and human waste, have been allowed to create a public health crisis. These items have encouraged rodents, and disease, they have prevented businesses from being able to operate. During the pandemic these areas have worsened and will prevent businesses from recovering as quickly as they should.

Most tragically these items have blocked the pathways for people with disabilities for years now. People with disabilities have been denied the right to use the sidewalks or gain entry to businesses because they are unable to navigate around the debris. Time after time we have all watched as small children and our elderly loved ones, are forced to walk in the middle of the street because their sidewalks are impassable. We are all compassionate people, and I am asking every member of this council to please apply the terms equity and inclusion to your compassion. True compassion does not impede on the basic, fundamental rights of our children, the elderly and people with disabilities. Thank you Council members Joe Busciano and John Lee for proposing this motion and for bringing it forth today. I respectfully ask that every member of this council vote in favor of the enforcement of 56.11. Thank you, Dmitri

Kondrashov

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 05:43 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Enough is enough! We have a right to clean and safe streets and neighborhoods! Time to clean it up. Look at the photo. Open fires right next to dry grass.

Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie Winthrop

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 06:47 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Our streets and sidewalks are overrun with trash, human waste, drug needles due to the numerous homeless encampments. They are everywhere! Closest to my community is the encampment on the south side of Ventura Blvd between Woodlake and Fallbrook. Broken down RVs with tents on the sidewalk, makes it impossible for anyone to use. We pay way too much in property taxes here to have to live with this. The crime in the area has skyrocketed and people are leaving the west valley in droves. Wake up!!

Communication from Public

Name: Tom
Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 06:51 AM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: Please give our families safe open sidewalk to walk on. No camping on sidewalks, parks or beaches, require people in need to accept services and housing.

Communication from Public

Name: Liz Strong

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 07:18 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I support the motion to remove tents and make camping illegal in the city of Los Angeles. The city leaders have lost control and perspective of the crisis. We can be compassionate and caring for the homeless while maintaining laws and boundaries. There has got to be balance by our leaders. We have allowed encampments to take over every corner of the city from downtown to venice beach. There is no policing, crime, fires, and trash are everywhere. The homeless need to be removed from the streets-- for their own benefit and for the safety of those who pay taxes here. It is not just about housing. Mental illness and drugs are everywhere. No where is safe. Everyone is affected. Since we can not provide permanent housing, we need to consider short term camping sites, which are staffed and policed. Where the homeless CAN live and at least have access to services. We can not continue to allow the homeless to live on our sidewalks, parks, and neighborhoods. The burden on residents and businesses are too great. I would like to see safe camping areas provided for those who want to stay on the streets (like in AUSTIN), even if it is outside the city. Then, the no camping policy needs to be strictly enforced. We can not continue to allow lawlessness in our communities. There is NO compassion in leaving the homeless on the streets to visibly suffer. It is time to find a temporary solution until we can have a permanent one.

Communication from Public

Name: Nanette Svolos

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 07:23 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: We want our sidewalks back. The transients have taken over and it is no longer safe at certain areas like the Corbin underpass and by Bowlero in Woodland Hills. Do what's right for the tax paying citizens and clean up this valley.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 07:59 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The city sidewalks must be restored on Ventura Blvd by the Bolero Bowling Alley in Woodland Hills. The RV's and garbage and junk card need to go! There is fecal matter there also. Its a public health hazard.

Communication from Public

Name: Elaine Jenkins

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 07:59 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please clean up our city sidewalks...I'm elderly and I sometimes have to walk using a walker and it's very difficult and I'm putting my safety in jeopardy when I have to walk my mail to my local San Pedro Post Office...All of the Sidewalks are blocked with tents and trash, forcing me to walk in the middle of the street, with the moving traffic honking there car horns because I move at a slower pace.... Stop This Madness and Clean up the Streets and Sidewalks of our towns...Open up Mentally Health Facilities most of the homeless are in desperate need of mental health care....Drug and Alcohol abuse and just down right laziness is festering amongst these individuals... I should not have to live in a place that's worse then a Third World Country...California and Los Angeles needs to step-up and stop this ugly madness, homelessness has become a money making business for some very corrupt politicians. I'm tired of hearing about the poor homeless, the homeless that lives down the end of my block or young criminals and drug addicts...They will steal your patio furniture right off of your front porch and argue with you that it's there right to do so and to go ahead and call the police, because they will do nothing to them...I was told from the local police that I needed to have a No Trespassing Sign Posted with the Ordinance number on my front gate..I called the police when a crazy homeless lady was throwing large rocks at my front house, she broke both of my front large picture windows, guess Who Paid for That? Me yes little old me that has to live on a limited monthly income.... CLEAN UP THE SIDEWALKS, CLEAN UP THE PARKS, CLEAN UP FWY UNDERPASSES..CLEAN THIS CRAP UP NOW....I WILL NEVER VOTE FOR ANOTHER HOMELESS BILL AFTER VOTING YES ON HHH.

Communication from Public

Name: Janet S Loeb

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 08:04 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am writing to express my strong support for the enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11, the public camping ban. Every person in this city has been horribly affected by the ever-growing encampments on our sidewalks, doorways, parks, and public spaces. The amount of debris, bulky items, toxic and human waste, have been allowed to create a public health crisis. These items have encouraged rodents, and disease, they have prevented businesses from being able to operate. During the pandemic these areas have worsened and will prevent businesses from recovering as quickly as they should. Most tragically these items have also blocked the pathways for people with disabilities. Time after time we have all watched as small children and our elderly loved ones, are forced to walk in the middle of the street because their sidewalks are impassable. We are all compassionate people, and I am asking every member of this council to please apply the terms equity and inclusion to your compassion. True compassion does not impede on the basic, fundamental rights of our children, the elderly and people with disabilities. Thank you Council members Joe Busciano and John Lee for proposing this motion and for bringing it forth today. I respectfully ask that every member of this council vote in favor of the enforcement of 56.11 Thank you, Janet Loeb

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 08:24 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: We recently moved to Woodland Hills and have huge safety concerns regarding the encampments on and around Ventura Blvd. There are open fires on the sidewalk; there is flagrant and unhidden drug use in plain sight; there are human feces and trash everywhere. It seems to be becoming an unsafe area for children and families. If something is not done to curtail the encroachment of sidewalk encampments, Woodland Hills will get to a point of no return, and that will not benefit anyone. Please put funds and attention toward humanely reducing and eventually eliminating this trend and protect the safety of all the residents of and visitors to the area. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Josette

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 08:54 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Enforcement of the law is needed and expected. Ensuring the safety of your community is unfortunately no longer a basic right. We are demanding that you enforce the laws that include no camping , no loitering and trespassing. Should not have to ask for this , but clearly making these laws stricter is key. The police want our help so they can actually enforce the law. Please give us back our community so I can safely walk down the street. I watched a man yesterday in the middle of the sidewalk with his pants down going to the bathroom. The police are unable to do anything. This is unacceptable on every level, cleanliness, disease, and human dignity. I don't mean the mentally disturbed or drug addict , I mean our children and our community should not have to see this or accept. Make the laws so the police can enforce , give them the tools to do their job and restore our streets to the law abiding citizens of our community.

Communication from Public

Name: ADAM JOHANSSON

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 08:56 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE clear our sidewalks, parks, beaches, parklands, parking lots and streets of tents, encampments and homeless. It is beyond unfair to those suffering on the street and just as unfair for those of us who pay our taxes, our mortgages, our rent and own businesses to have to see this daily. We cannot continue to make getting off the streets "voluntary". The vast majority are not mentally or physically capable of making a decision about their own welfare. Look at every European Nation! They do not allow people to live where they want. We need to make California Golden again. CA has become undesirable for so many visitors, due the the trash, feces, urine, needles, tents and encampments everywhere. PLEASE do something. Thank you so much!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 08:59 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please pass motion 20-1376. The disabled , the elderly and the community needs safe Access on their sidewalks. This is not criminalizing homelessness , but getting them the services they need and returning the sidewalks back to the community.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 09:02 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please pass the motion 20-1376 and return safe passage of our sidewalks to the elderly, disabled and students. This is not criminalizing homelessness, but getting them the services they need. Please return safe passage to our sidewalks

Communication from Public

Name: Brennan Lindner

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 09:02 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote to hear and pass ordinance (CF 20-1376), and make our sidewalks passable for everyone. Every resident and politician knows that the Boise decision only applies to specific instances and that the City Council can act on making sidewalks safe, beaches and parks safe, AND at the same time create safe parking and camping sites. Please stop talking and start acting.

Communication from Public

Name: Steve Sanders

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 09:10 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: It's time the LA City Council to vote to hear and pass ordinance (CF 20-1376), and make our sidewalks passable for everyone. The level of scapegoating over "Boise" and the CDC is of gargantuan proportion. Society can not function with out rules and its time for the City of Los Angeles to stop this rationalizing and return our public spaces to some semblance of order. This order is especially critical to neighborhoods hosting new Bridge Housing, Homekey and Tiny Home villages. The promise was to "keep those neighborhoods safe and clean" and it is long overdue that the city to hold up its end of the bargain. I Additionally, request Council President Nury Martinez to hold a hearing on Motion CF 20-0147 to return to "tents down" 6 AM to 9 PM. Thank You!

Communication from Public

Name: Jonathan Krogman

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 09:21 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I request the LA City Council to vote to hear and pass the ordinance (CF 20-1376) and make our sidewalks passable for everyone.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 09:32 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: We need our sidewalks clear of the tents for safety as well as ADA issues. If people refuse services, they shouldn't be allowed to set up tents.

Communication from Public

Name: Sherry
Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 09:38 AM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: We NEED our sidewalks back, remove the encampments from our sidewalks. Handicapped people do not have access, property values are adversely affected. It's unsanitary. HELP!

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 09:43 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please make our sidewalks safe for all. Return our public spaces to our communities and help restore some semblance of public health and safety. Our communities have been destroyed by lawless camping and the annexation of our public spaces.

Communication from Public

Name: Edward Esparza
Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 09:48 AM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: We need our town back. Homeless encampments are causing diseases, I was born in this town, it never looked like this. This is a disgrace.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 10:28 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to encourage the Council to endorse CF 20-1376, requiring that pathways on streets be kept clear for public access, including handicap access. Currently many streets are blocked - off by homeless encampments, which prevent public access. Streets are littered with personal items, as well as tents. If a person has been offered shelter, they should be prevented from lying, sleeping, sitting or placing tents on public property. Streets should be returned to the homeowners and renters who pay taxes in the City and are being denied safety and quality of life by tents blocking the streets .

Communication from Public

Name: paul Abascal

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 10:30 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: To whom it must concern - Please pass ordinance CF 20-1376. It's beyond time to address the homeless crisis with real forward thinking policy and scaleable solutions. One look at great city especially Venice and downtown LA and its clear the exsisting policies are not working for anyone. Pass this ordinance as the first step in a new direction to finally approach this crisis with smart, possitive action for the benifit of all. With respect - Paul Abascal - 40 year venice resident and stakeholder

Communication from Public

Name: JOANNE RALLO
Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 10:39 AM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: We are sick and tired of having our sidewalks over-run with encampments filled with shelter-resistant vagrants, who do drugs out in the open, leave their human waste and dirty needles along our streets, prevent those who are handicapped from accessing the sidewalk and pose a health and human danger to the children who walk to school and residents in the area, greatly affecting our quality of life on a daily basis. San Pedro's tourism is hurting because visitors will be walking off the ships and have encampments right in their face. The police are constantly addressing crime in the encampments, practically on a daily basis and it doesn't stop. There is a county shelter right across the street from the encampment with plenty of vacancy, and those encampment individuals refuse to go. What the City of LA has done in the past 10 years has NOT WORKED AT ALL! We need to do something different - we need tough love - get into a shelter, or go to rehab or get out of town. Slab City has no government nor residents/businesses nearby for people to get harassed - if the encampment dwellers don't want rules, they need to go to Slab City. Last I saw, LA had LAWS (i.e. rules) so if you can't abide by the law, leave and go back to where you came from because we all know, the majority of shelter-resistant vagrants here are NOT from our area. LA City needs to get some balls and stand up to the ACLU and these "enablers" calling themselves homeless advocates and lay down the LAW and actually enforce it. Let the police do their job and stop hindering them and if you can't make that happen, we the people, the MAJORITY, will rally to get the Sheriffs here to do the job that you cannot do. It's DISGUSTING that our tax dollars go into your checks for the positions you are in, and instead of making things better, you are the 15 people (and the mayor and the city attorney) who are RUINING our quality of life, our businesses and our communities. YOU people are the reason so many law-abiding, hard working, Angelinos are leaving this state that we were born and raised in. DO YOUR JOB AND DO IT RIGHT FOR ONCE!

Communication from Public

Name: Sean Obrien

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 10:44 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Use common sense and stop the nonsense, time to regulate public space, rampant crime, open drug use, violence are turning our city into a haven for criminals from all over the world to prey on your constituents. Time to put on your big boy pants and start working on a crisis you all have created by pandering to developers, removing 1000s of low income housing in favor of big luxury, market rate condos, apartments and hotels Support our sheriffmotion cf-20-1376 and cf-20-0147 Repeal prop 47, save our jail downtown

Communication from Public

Name: Sybil Watson

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 10:45 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: As a voting constituent and tax payer, I vote in favor of the motion to remove tents from public access areas.

Communication from Public

Name: David Gordon

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 11:02 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to strongly support Council Member Buscaino's motion for the City Council to consider and enact the legislation contained in CF 20-1376. Due to the presence of homeless encampments, trash, and related problems, my neighborhood is in the worst physical shape that I have ever seen. Crime is rampant and I fear for my personal safety. The proposed ordinance strikes the right balancer between the rights of the unhoused and the rights of the other residents of the City. It is unconscionable that the City Council has not moved forward on this issue for nine months and further inaction is unacceptable.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 11:04 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I work at a Crossroads of the World in Hollywood, adjacent to the historic 1st Baptist Church of Hollywood. Over the last year I have witnessed homeless smoking meth on the church steps, drinking on the church steps, lying half dressed on the church steps, and finally, on a recent morning at 10:15, a man openly masturbating in front of the church doors. I stopped my car and yelled for him to stop. He laughed, turned, and continued, aiming towards me. I called the church and a young pastor there poured his heart out about how he has to clean human excrement and semen off the church property every morning, this even though there is a porta-potty right across the street. He said he can't go outside the church during the weekly city cleanup of the camp on the sidewalk because advocates harass him, demanding he let the people defiling church property live inside the church. He admitted his faith is shaken, and attendance is falling, because members have to make their way through groups of unpredictable addicts to attend Sunday services. This is an historic Hollywood landmark; reinstate anti-encampment laws and tents down in daylight now to save what's left of our city.

Communication from Public

Name: Alex Fumero

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 11:10 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Regarding Agenda Item 55: Unhoused Angelenos face disproportionate risks of police violence. Motions like this greatly increase the number of hostile encounters between unhoused people and law enforcement, further increasing that risk. At a time when the public is demanding that we reimagine public safety, further involving police in the provision of homeless services is not the answer.

Communication from Public

Name: Valentine Freeman
Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 11:15 AM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: LA's sit-sleep-lie law is racist, classist, and draconian.
Villainizing homelessness and poverty is the epitome of evil.

Communication from Public

Name: Kristen Studard
Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 11:19 AM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: I am strongly opposed to the despicable intentions of Item 55. Unhoused Angelenos face disproportionate risks of police violence. Motions like this greatly increase the number of hostile encounters between unhoused people and law enforcement, further increasing that risk. At a time when the public is demanding that we reimagine public safety, further involving police in the provision of homeless services is not the answer.

Communication from Public

Name: Gina Viola

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 11:24 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This motion failed last time because it was bad policy then, and it's bad policy now. Councilmember Buscaino is wasting the council and the public's time on a political stunt by attempting to revive a motion that should be dead and buried. Do not reward this performative stunt for what will be a FAILED mayoral campaign dictate city policy. NO NO NO!!! Bringing this motion just to force counsel's hand is nothing more than a campaign stunt. We can't afford to sacrifice real solutions for political games. This motion does not provide any new resources or housing for unhoused individuals - these are the things we all know are needed to solve the homelessness crisis we face. Homelessness in Los Angeles continues to grow, and a wave of evictions is expected soon. Spending time discussing anti-homeless enforcement when we lack adequate shelter and housing is a distraction from the crisis, not a solution. Scarce shelter and housing resources should be allocated based on need and appropriateness. Reallocating shelter beds as a pretext for clearing a specific location means that people who need and want those beds won't be able to get them. We need to make delivery of services more efficient, not bend the system to fit with enforcement priorities. This motion failed the first time because it is unworkable and unrealistic. This will not address homelessness; at best, it reduces the visibility of homelessness. The only way to solve homelessness getting people housing, not moving them out of the way. Each time this motion returns, it's treated with a sense of urgency never applied to housing and shelter programs. Motions to provide street services languish in committee and pilot programs to house people aren't scaled up. That is where we need urgent action by council. Unhoused Angelenos face disproportionate risks of police violence. Motions like this greatly increase the number of hostile encounters between unhoused people and law enforcement, further increasing that risk. At a time when the public is demanding that we reimagine public safety, further involving police in the provision of homeless services is not the answer.

Communication from Public

Name: Sherin Varghese

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 11:28 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I heard from a woman this past weekend who has been homeless for three years. She was living in Los Angeles (as she had been for decades) when she fled domestic abuse. Lack of vacancy control meant that the next tenant in her unit is paying nearly twice what she had been paying (a price she cannot afford). She had an extremely traumatic experience in a shelter-it's not an option for her. She does not want to be homeless. She has a caseworker who tells her no housing is available. She does not want to be homeless. She is an adult who deserves to not be treated like a child or a criminal solely because she is poor, because she was the victim of abuse. She is not unique. There are myriad ways in which the system has failed her. Prioritizing enforcement when there are 10000 ways we can urgently improve the other gaps in the system does not reflect well on anyone. We have so many ways to do better and to be better. Let's focus on doing good over doing something.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 11:42 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I support the motion to restore our sidewalks to the community and prohibit encampments. I also encourage restriction of RV vehicles in residential areas.

Communication from Public

Name: Matthew Feige

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 11:44 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I, a resident of CD4, oppose this motion. The motion failed last time because it was bad policy and it's bad policy now. Councilmember Buscaino is wasting the council and the public's time on a political stunt by attempting to revive a motion that should be dead and buried. Bringing this motion just to force counsel's hand is nothing more than a campaign stunt. We can't afford to sacrifice real solutions for political games. This motion does not provide any new resources or housing for unhoused individuals - these are the things we all know are needed to solve the homelessness crisis we face. Homelessness in Los Angeles continues to grow, and a wave of evictions is expected soon. Spending time discussing anti-homeless enforcement when we lack adequate shelter and housing is a distraction from the crisis, not a solution. Scarce shelter and housing resources should be allocated based on need and appropriateness. Reallocating shelter beds as a pretext for clearing a specific location means that people who need and want those beds won't be able to get them. We need to make delivery of services more efficient, not bend the system to fit with enforcement priorities. This motion failed the first time because it is unworkable and unrealistic, not to mention unconstitutional. This will not address homelessness; at best, it reduces the visibility of homelessness. The only way to solve homelessness is getting people housing, not moving them out of the way. Each time this motion returns, it's treated with a sense of urgency never applied to housing and shelter programs. Motions to provide street services languish in committee and pilot programs to house people aren't scaled up. That is where we need urgent action by council. Unhoused Angelenos face disproportionate risks of police violence. Motions like this greatly increase the number of hostile encounters between unhoused people and law enforcement, further increasing that risk. At a time when the public is demanding that we reimagine public safety, further involving police in the provision of homeless services is not the answer. Thank you, Matt Feige

Communication from Public

Name: I.H.S.

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 11:57 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I support the ban on people putting tents up and camping on public sidewalks. It is absolutely shameful what has happened here in Hollywood over the past few years. When services are refused (which seems to be the case with many of these encampments) the council cannot continue to allow those who refused the city/county/state services to live lawlessly and create further health and safety hazards for everyone (including themselves). It is long past time for the members of the Council to take action so thing will not continue to get worse.

Communication from Public

Name: Antonia Raikes
Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 12:00 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: I urge the Los Angeles City Council to vote to hear and pass ordinance CF-20-1376 to make sure our sidewalks are passable for everyone.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 12:03 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: We need our sidewalks clean and clear for walking on. They are not properties that are meant to live on, and especially not meant to be filthy and littered! What ever happened to access for the disabled? Persons with disabilities and those especially that use wheelchairs, canes, etc., are not able to use the sidewalks freely and instead have to use the actual street to walk through and past the disgustingly littered and encamped sidewalks. This is not safe! Going past those encampments can be very scary to even drive past, you don't know when someone from there will run out and suddenly attack you, whether you're walking biking or driving past there. Please keep our streets and cities clean and safe for all!

Communication from Public

Name: Nicole Rodriguez

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 12:03 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: San Pedro needs its sidewalks back. The encapments have to go. Instead of improving San Pedro you invest a crap load of money the neglect it. For example, the Gaffey entrance from the end of the 110. What was once a small safe town full of life and fun has turned into a sketchy, scary, dirty, and drug infested place. which in turn makes me question if I truly want to raise my kids in the current situation San Pedro is in compared to how it was when I grew up. Make the chang, do what's best for the community and the future residences.

Communication from Public

Name: Pablo Buerto

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 12:08 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Homeless people are not members of some sort of abstract society to be held to an abstract rule of law or standard(s). The most definitive study on the homeless population conducted to date - funded by the National Institute of Mental Health - unequivocally demonstrated that only about one-third of the homeless population to be truly mentally ill, further demonstrating that a diverse group of people experienced homelessness. This research program set the bar for a generation of research and policy, characterizing homelessness as primarily an individual-level problem. Essentially, the majority of homeless people make poor personal, professional, and or relationship/association decisions or choices. These are of course personal choices on the part of the individual, as opposed to some sort of "sentence" or "excommunication" by an uncaring or insensitive general populace; to the contrary! Within American communities, there are countless numbers of people - many with nothing but genuinely good intentions - who believe that working in a homeless shelter, providing "tiny houses", storage bins, and other such "hand outs" to be "community service" as if aiding and abetting vagrancy is necessarily a "service" rather than a disservice to the community. Where I live San Pedro, it is readily apparent that more and more homeless people are not working and with ever increasing numbers, hanging out on the streets. The facts are that these people commit felonious and too often, violent crime(s). They urinate, defecate, engage in sexual activity, aggressively panhandle passersby on the sidewalks and elsewhere. They leave narcotics needles, trash, food, and other waste - not only in our streets, alleyways, and on sidewalks - but in the parks and on the beaches where our children play; does this make San Pedro better off? Of course not, and these hermetic habits will not change because "free" housing is suddenly made available. To date many of the responsible taxpayers in the community have been shouted down by local politicians and bureaucrats, for expressing their values, frustration, and sense of hopelessness. These tax payers who've not expressed their desire to protect their investments in home, hearth, family, and security cannot, and should not to be asked to compromise these values, much less be admonished, criticized, and or ridiculed for voicing, standing up for, and insisting community leadership pursue enforcement of not only

the letter of the law but that of common decency. It is a fact, that poorly planned social service programs have not only pushed the homelessness dynamic into the epidemic proportions it has become, but that these programs have enabled persons - perfectly capable of working - to instead choose the viable lifestyle that our government has provided them. Far too many individuals choose not to work in order to support themselves and or their habits because these programs - like bridge homes - provide for such a choice; this is an undeniable fact. The additional fiscal burden placed upon an already over-taxed, law abiding general public not to be dismissed.

Communication from Public

Name: Marla Fernandez

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 12:18 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I manage the building located at 1234 Wilshire Blvd. LA, 90017 in CD1 and implore the Councilmember's to vote in favor of this item and begin enforcing anti-camping on city public sidewalks. I believe that allowing our unhoused neighbors to live on the streets is cruel and presents an attractive nuisance for drugs/crime as well as a danger to the public as these encampments damage public/private property with the numerous encampment fires. It is time to bring order back to our City.

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Martinez
Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 12:21 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: Remove homeless encampment from sidewalks, and parks.

Communication from Public

Name: Aneez lakha

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 12:23 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE VOTE TO PASS CF-20-1376

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 12:29 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Homeless encampments. The majority of these people have drug addiction. Along with mental illness. Their instability & delusions are a Danger to the community. The way they live is a Major Health Hazard; feces, urine, trash, rats. Recipe for hepatitis and who knows what else. Bravo to Sheriff Villanueva for actually moving forward with a solution. We cannot allow them to take over our streets, parks, beaches. We cannot ignore them, we need to help them as they are incapable of making rational choices. Housing, counseling, drug programs. Letting them live as they do is killing them, destroying basic society as a whole.

Communication from Public

Name: brad markoff

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 12:33 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please prohibit sidewalk camping and tents throughout the city.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 12:35 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: We want safe, clear and clean sidewalks. The first rule of government is to keep the people safe. You have a duty to protect the disabled so they can use the public sidewalks and NOT the streets. Sidewalks are to be used by pedestrians. They are NOT meant to be used for encampments, tent cities, defecating, discarded needles and trash. Act now to clean up the trash in OUR city.

Communication from Public

Name: Jacob Woocher
Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 12:38 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: STOP THE CRIMINALIZATION OF UNHOUSED PEOPLE.
These are our neighbors and they deserve to live in peace.
Criminalizing them and sending police to enforce bullshit laws that only apply to the poorest people in our city is an outrage. And racist, given the hugely disproportionate number of unhoused people who are Black.

Communication from Public

Name: Jackie Vorhauer
Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 12:40 PM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Jackie Vorhauer and I am writing on behalf of The Center in Hollywood and as a resident of the City of Los Angeles. We urge City Council to not vote on item #55 and instead allow it to be heard in the Homelessness and Poverty Committee as previously planned. Unsheltered homelessness is one of the most complex issues facing our city. This legislation would have a large and sweeping impact on the lives of tens of thousands of unhoused Angelenos sleeping on our streets – while doing NOTHING to increase access to shelter and housing. In addition, Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 have been the subject of various failed attempts at rewriting and litigation for over 15 years. As such, this issue deserves as much intentional discussion and meaningful planning as possible. This is why the council sent the item to the committee last November. It was being rushed through council then – and it is being rushed through council now. If councilmembers truly wanted the right solutions, they would have included service providers in these conversations at the very start of brainstorming sessions to save time, and taxpayer dollars, so we could get to feasible, short and long-term, solutions faster. We can create policies and protocols that regulate public space while supporting a trauma-informed, person-centered process for serving and bringing inside our unhoused neighbors. But to do this City Council must be engaged in a robust dialogue centered on uplifting best practices for addressing encampments. Fast-tracking this – perhaps the most important policy matter facing LA – does a disservice to LA and all those attempting to constructively address homelessness. Send this item to Homelessness and Poverty where it can be thoroughly vetted and brought into alignment with other significant work being led by members of that committee. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Heidi Granic

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 12:41 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am writing in to express my strong support for the enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11, the public camping ban. Every person in this city has been horribly affected by the ever-growing encampments on our sidewalks, doorways, parks, and public spaces. The amount of debris, bulky items, toxic and human waste, have been allowed to create a public health crisis. These items have encouraged rodents, and disease, they have prevented businesses from being able to operate. During the pandemic these areas have worsened and will prevent businesses from recovering as quickly as they should. Most tragically these items have blocked the pathways for people with disabilities for years now. People with disabilities have been denied the right to use the sidewalks or gain entry to businesses because they are unable to navigate around the debris. Time after time we have all watched as small children and our elderly loved ones, are forced to walk in the middle of the street because their sidewalks are impassable. We are all compassionate people, and I am asking every member of this council to please apply the terms equity and inclusion to your compassion. True compassion does not impede on the basic, fundamental rights of our children, the elderly and people with disabilities. Thank you Council members Joe Busciano and John Lee for proposing this motion and for bringing it forth today. I respectfully ask that every member of this council vote in favor of the enforcement of 56.11 Thank you, Heidi Granic and Josip Muder 4109 Bakman Ave. Studio City, CA 91602 818-425-7706

Communication from Public

Name: Sheri' Quaintance

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 12:45 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: In favor of prohibiting encampments on ANY public sidewalk, street, park, beach, neighborhood, etc etc. Tired of paying taxes to clean up the filth from people who choose not to clean up after themselves.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 12:45 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Amendment 41.18 is a disgusting attempt to criminalize our unhoused neighbors for the city's failure to house them. While Subsections A-C clearly attack people living in most areas of the city, Subsection D enforces a blanket ban on living in public space if you've been offered "shelter" beforehand. It's nothing short of sadistic to force unhoused neighbors who have already been deprived of their most basic needs (shelter, water, food, healthcare) to pay fines or face incarceration for their deprivation. The council must reject every attempt to revive this sorry excuse for legislation and focus on actual solutions: immediate services for unhoused neighbors, clear pathways to permanent housing, and income-based rent for all tenants.

Communication from Public

Name: April McKay

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 12:46 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please have the LA City Council vote to hear and pass ordinance (CF 20-1376), and make our sidewalks passable for everyone. Let's bring safety and civility back, please.

Communication from Public

Name: Brittani Nichols

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 12:55 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This motion failed last time because it's bad. It's still bad. Everyone except the most ghoulish amongst you knows better than to support it now. This is nothing more than grotesque political theater by Buscaino, an utterly charmless and talentless man, to bring attention to his embarrassing mayoral campaign. This motion does not provide any new resources or housing for unhoused individuals. Therefore, it is not helpful. It's evil and disgusting, just like this council.

Communication from Public

Name: Resident of CD4

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 12:56 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am a 20 year resident of CD4 and am on the borderline of CD13. I fully support the motion to ban camping and tents on the sidewalk. I live near FOUR really bad encampments in CD4 and it's horrendous - Sunset/La Brea, Sunset/Detroit, Sunset/Poinsettia and Sunset/Martel. Nithya Raman and Mitch O'Farrell's districts are two of the absolute worst outside of Skid Row downtown. Our district is being overrun with tents and homeless and all of the rest that comes with it like assaults, violence, fires, destruction, robberies, drugs, gangs, as well as streets filled with garbage, feces, urine and flies. There are bodies on the ground all over the place. It looks a morgue. We can't walk down some of the sidewalks, let alone people with disabilities or those who are in wheelchairs. Nithya and the group of activists in her office have partnered with teams to hand out even more tents than what's already out there. Aside from the four bad encampments in her area mentioned above (Sunset/La Brea, Sunset/Detroit, Sunset/Poinsettia and Sunset/Martel), there are a host of others which are equally as dangerous and stretch all the way over to Berendo/Hollywood and Rodney/Hollywood. Nithya has lied about their progress on televised Los Angeles news programs (ABC7 is one of them) and continues to live in some kind of false reality when in fact, her district is in ruins. A few tents in Pan Pacific Park recently caught fire which are next to people's million dollar homes. Her field rep, Tabatha Yelos - who openly and proudly supports ACAB (all cops are bastards), went to Griffith Park for a tent situation and actively promoted keeping the homeless in a very high fire hazard severity zone. These people in office are just as dangerous as to what we currently have on the streets. Mitch O'Farrell's office acknowledges problems but has zero solutions. They won't tackle any of the valid issues you bring to their attention. They are not fit to be leading a district like that, and primarily, one in the public eye like Hollywood where a lot of tourists come for vacation. There are parts of Hollywood Blvd that smell like it's a toilet and it's like night of the living dead out there. There are people walking around like zombies and there are always a lot passed out on the stars on the Walk of Fame. Some really tragic encampments in Mitch's district are at Selma/Schrader, Santa Monica/Cahuenga, El Centro/La Mirada, El Centro/Selma, McCadden/Selma,

Franklin/Las Palmas, De Longpre/El Centro, Vine/Lexington, Franklin/Highland (MAJOR tourist area that leads up to the Hollywood Bowl) and under the Gower overpass. Some of them are even near kids elementary, middle and high schools. There's literally too many to mention. Garbage from the tents is piling up next to residents cars and some of our parking spaces are filled with it so they're unavailable to residents who pay to have permits. And let us not forget just how bad Echo Park Lake was that had multiple deaths in the tents. Neither one can keep up since their enabling has gone too far. A lot of us don't even go out past 6pm anymore because it's too dangerous. We can't even walk in our own neighborhood without bringing something to protect ourselves. It wasn't like this a few years ago. We keep getting duped by city council. Due to the lack of laws against the homeless and lack of care the city is able to provide, this will only end in yet another massive mess Los Angeles can't handle if we don't act on this right now. By ignoring this issue, not only are you continuously hurting the homeless who are living on the streets but you're hurting the residents as well. Again, I support the motion for no camping/tents on the sidewalk in addition to the other specifics mentioned. Photos attached from CD4 & CD13 to show you what we've been experiencing in recent times.

PHOTOS FROM DISTRICTS CD4 (NITHYA RAMAN) AND CD13 (MITCH O'FARRELL)



CD4 - Sunset & Detroit



CD4 - Sunset & Detroit (tent fire outside of the public library)



CD4 - Sunset & Martel



CD4 - Sunset & Fuller



CD4 - Sunset & Martel



CD4 - Sunset & La Brea (next to Jim Henson Studios)



CD4 - Hollywood & Berendo



CD4 - Hollywood & Berendo



CD4 - Pan Pacific Park after the fire



CD4 - Pan Pacific Park / more tents



CD4 - Homeless man lays in his own feces & urine outside of Ralph's at La Brea & Fountain



CD4 - Homeless man lays on the bus stop bench at Sunset & La Brea, body is covered in flies



CD13 - Selma & Las Palmas, next to Selma Ave Elementary School



CD13 - At the bus stop on Sunset & Cherokee



CD13 - Selma & Schrader



CD13 - Selma & Schrader after the fire



CD13 - De Longpre & El Centro



CD13 - Hollywood & El Centro



CD13 - De Longpre & El Centro



CD13 - Sunset & Orange, next to Hollywood High School



CD13 - Bodies on the Hollywood Walk of Fame



CD13 - Bodies on the Hollywood Walk of Fame



CD13 - Cahuenga & Santa Monica outside of the Hollywood Rec Center



CD13 - Lexington & Vine

Communication from Public

Name: Marla Miller

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 12:59 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I'm a stakeholder in mar vista and I support this motion.

Communication from Public

Name: Anne Shapiro

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 01:01 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: You must not CRIMINALIZE homeless for sleeping on streets. Los Angeles DOES NOT have alternatives for these people. I understand the prohibition from sleeping in spaces the public uses for recreation such as beaches, boardwalks and parks. But until we have housing (housing NOT congregant shelters) for these people, their use of sidewalks should not be criminalized. I am a Los Angeles homeowner and voter. Anne Shapiro

Communication from Public

Name: Christina Pederson

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 01:06 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please stop criminalizing houselessness. People need services that are easy to access. People need housing that is not surrounded by red tape. This motion is bad policy. Each time this motion returns, it's treated with a sense of urgency never applied to housing and shelter programs. Motions to provide street services languish in committee and pilot programs to house people aren't scaled up. That is where we need urgent action by council.

Communication from Public

Name: Josh Cretella

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 01:07 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Criminalizing homelessness is not the solution. Reps Busciano and Lee are again out of control, trying to criminalize people who are victims of bad policy, bad planning and failed politics. We need more homes in LA, we need affordable rent, we need protections for people who are forced onto the streets. The City Council needs to shake off the decades of failed politics and embrace a progressive solution that protects our fellow Angelenos. Failed policy masquerading as a campaign stunt for Busciano's already flailing mayoral campaign isn't the solution.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 01:09 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my support for the amendment that would invoke rule 54 and enforce the no camping rule. Please help the homeless population live in dignity and receive the support they need indoors and off the streets. We also need our population with disabilities to also share the sidewalks and be able to use them unobstructed.

Communication from Public

Name: Rachel L

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 01:11 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I support this initiative to enforce the no camping laws, it is good for the homeless population because this will force local government to find a solution for them rather than just let them camp anywhere indefinitely as they have over the course of this pandemic. This will also be great for our communities in general because the camping situation is beyond out of control, multiple fires daily, violence to and from the individuals camping. Drug use and gangs are heavily associated with these encampments as well (I have seen first hand! Gang signs being flashed when you drive by an encampment and witnessing drug deals) which puts the entire community in danger from violent drug fueled activity. The multitude of fires which causes such an immense danger to everyone as we yet again deal with wildfires that kill. It's time to clean up the streets, make sidewalks safe to walk on, and see to it that our mentally ill and drug/alcohol addicted members of society are taken care of not just left on the streets to be someone else's problem. We've kicked the can far enough down the road long enough, we are at the dead end and have to make the change.

Communication from Public

Name: Rene Ruston

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 01:22 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Enforce 56.11. It is troubling that taxpayers/voters must demand enforcement of our laws. No wonder the L.A. County sheriff has taken it upon himself to step in and enforce ignored laws in the city of L.A. The danger to citizens and the homeless is real and is skyrocketing every day. The encampments are a clear and present danger.

Communication from Public

Name: Josh Hoffman

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 01:23 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: My Name is Josh Hoffman and I am writing on behalf of The Center at Blessed Sacrament. We urge City Council to not vote on item #55 and instead allow it to be heard in the Homelessness and Poverty Committee as previously planned. Unsheltered homelessness is one of the most complex issues facing our city. This legislation would have a large and sweeping impact on the lives of tens of thousands of unhoused Angelenos sleeping on our streets – while doing nothing to increase access to shelter and housing. In addition, Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 have been the subject of various failed attempts at rewriting and litigation for over 15 years. As such, this issue deserves as much intentional discussion and meaningful planning as possible. This is why council sent the item to committee last November. It was being rushed through council then – and it is being rushed through council now. We can create policies and protocols that regulate public space while supporting a trauma-informed, person-centered process for serving and bringing inside our unhoused neighbors. But to do this City Council must be engaged in a robust dialogue centered on uplifting best practices for addressing encampments. Fast-tracking this – perhaps the most important policy matter facing LA – does a disservice to LA and all those attempting to constructively address homelessness. Send this item to Homelessness and Poverty where it can be thoroughly vetted and brought into alignment with other significant work being led by members of that committee. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Alec Arellano

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 01:32 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: My Name is Alec Arellano, and I live in Northeast Los Angeles. I urge City Council to not vote on item #55 and instead allow it to be heard in the Homelessness and Poverty Committee as previously planned. Unsheltered homelessness is one of the most complex issues facing our city. This legislation would have a large and sweeping impact on the lives of tens of thousands of unhoused Angelenos sleeping on our streets – while doing nothing to increase access to shelter and housing. In addition, Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 have been the subject of various failed attempts at rewriting and litigation for over 15 years. As such, this issue deserves as much intentional discussion and meaningful planning as possible. This is why council sent the item to committee last November. It was being rushed through council then – and it is being rushed through council now. We can create policies and protocols that regulate public space while supporting a trauma-informed, person-centered process for serving and bringing inside our unhoused neighbors. But to do this City Council must be engaged in a robust dialogue centered on uplifting best practices for addressing encampments. Fast-tracking this – perhaps the most important policy matter facing LA – does a disservice to LA and all those attempting to constructively address homelessness. Send this item to Homelessness and Poverty where it can be thoroughly vetted and brought into alignment with other significant work being led by members of that committee. Thank you. --Alec Arellano

Communication from Public

Name: Chase Engelhardt
Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 01:45 PM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: My Name is Chase Engelhardt, and I am writing on behalf of Westside for Everyone. We urge City Council to not vote on item #55 and instead allow it to be heard in the Homelessness and Poverty Committee as previously planned. Unsheltered homelessness is one of the most complex issues facing our city. This legislation would have a large and sweeping impact on the lives of tens of thousands of unhoused Angelenos sleeping on our streets – while doing nothing to increase access to shelter and housing. In addition, Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 have been the subject of various failed attempts at rewriting and litigation for over 15 years. As such, this issue deserves as much intentional discussion and meaningful planning as possible. This is why council sent the item to committee last November. It was being rushed through council then – and it is being rushed through council now. We can create policies and protocols that regulate public space while supporting a trauma-informed, person-centered process for serving and bringing inside our unhoused neighbors. But to do this City Council must be engaged in a robust dialogue centered on uplifting best practices for addressing encampments. Fast-tracking this – perhaps the most important policy matter facing LA – does a disservice to LA and all those attempting to constructively address homelessness. Send this item to Homelessness and Poverty where it can be thoroughly vetted and brought into alignment with other significant work being led by members of that committee. Thank you Chase Engelhardt CD 11

Communication from Public

Name: Fran Calderone

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 01:46 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am (writing / calling) in to express my strong support for the enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11, the public camping ban. Every person in this city has been horribly affected by the ever-growing encampments on our sidewalks, doorways, parks, and public spaces. The amount of debris, bulky items, toxic and human waste, have been allowed to create a public health crisis. These items have encouraged rodents, and disease, they have prevented businesses from being able to operate. During the pandemic these areas have worsened and will prevent businesses from recovering as quickly as they should. Most tragically these items have blocked the pathways for people with disabilities for years now. People with disabilities have been denied the right to use the sidewalks or gain entry to businesses because they are unable to navigate around the debris. Time after time we have all watched as small children and our elderly loved ones, are forced to walk in the middle of the street because their sidewalks are impassable. We are all compassionate people, and I am asking every member of this council to please apply the terms equity and inclusion to your compassion. True compassion does not impede on the basic, fundamental rights of our children, the elderly and people with disabilities. Thank you Council members Joe Busciano and John Lee for proposing this motion and for bringing it forth today. I respectfully ask that every member of this council vote in favor of the enforcement of 56.11 Thank you,

Communication from Public

Name: Alfonso Directo Jr.

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 01:47 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA City Council, My Name is Alfonso Directo Jr. and I am writing on behalf of Alliance for Community Transit - Los Angeles (ACT-LA). We urge City Council to not vote on item #55 and instead allow it to be heard in the Homelessness and Poverty Committee as previously planned. Unsheltered homelessness is one of the most complex issues facing our city. This legislation would have a large and sweeping impact on the lives of tens of thousands of unhoused Angelenos sleeping on our streets – while doing nothing to increase access to shelter and housing. In addition, Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 have been the subject of various failed attempts at rewriting and litigation for over 15 years. As such, this issue deserves as much intentional discussion and meaningful planning as possible. This is why council sent the item to committee last November. It was being rushed through council then – and it is being rushed through council now. We can create policies and protocols that regulate public space while supporting a trauma-informed, person-centered process for serving and bringing inside our unhoused neighbors. But to do this City Council must be engaged in a robust dialogue centered on uplifting best practices for addressing encampments. Fast-tracking this – perhaps the most important policy matter facing LA – does a disservice to LA and all those attempting to constructively address homelessness. Send this item to Homelessness and Poverty where it can be thoroughly vetted and brought into alignment with other significant work being led by members of that committee. Thank you, Alfonso Advocacy Manager, ACT-LA

Communication from Public

Name: Daniel Gaines

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 01:50 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to oppose agenda item 55. This motion failed last time because it was bad policy then, and it's bad policy now. Councilmember Buscaino is wasting the council and the public's time on a political stunt by attempting to revive a motion that should be dead and buried. Bringing this motion just to force counsel's hand is nothing more than a campaign stunt. We can't afford to sacrifice real solutions for political games. As someone who worked for 4 years in homeless services, I know intimately how harmful policies like these can be, causing people to have their important items like medications and family heirlooms confiscated during these pointless forced relocations, and placing them in areas where they don't know how to find services. It also delays the housing process by making it harder for case managers and outreach workers to find clients who they knew to meet at specific locations. Sometimes this can lead to clients missing out on housing referrals altogether, or causing them to start the process all over again because they have been moved out of the jurisdiction of the outreach team they were previously working with. The money spent on policing to enforce this measure would be much better spent on actually solving homelessness by creating more interim and permanent housing. This motion does not provide any new resources or housing for unhoused individuals - these are the things we all know are needed to solve the homelessness crisis we face. Homelessness in Los Angeles continues to grow, and a wave of evictions is expected soon. Spending time discussing anti-homeless enforcement when we lack adequate shelter and housing is a distraction from the crisis, not a solution. Scarce shelter and housing resources should be allocated based on need and appropriateness. Reallocating shelter beds as a pretext for clearing a specific location means that people who need and want those beds won't be able to get them. We need to make delivery of services more efficient, not bend the system to fit with enforcement priorities. This motion failed the first time because it is unworkable and unrealistic. This will not address homelessness; at best, it reduces the visibility of homelessness. The only way to solve homelessness getting people housing, not moving them out of the way. Each time this motion returns, it's treated with a sense of urgency never applied to housing and shelter programs. Motions to provide street services languish in

committee and pilot programs to house people aren't scaled up. That is where we need urgent action by council. Unhoused Angelenos face disproportionate risks of police violence. Motions like this greatly increase the number of hostile encounters between unhoused people and law enforcement, further increasing that risk. At a time when the public is demanding that we reimagine public safety, further involving police in the provision of homeless services is not the answer.

Communication from Public

Name: Viet Nguyen

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 01:53 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: My Name is Viet Nguyen and I am a concerned resident and homeowner in CD 14. I urge City Council to not vote on item #55 and instead allow it to be heard in the Homelessness and Poverty Committee as previously planned. Unsheltered homelessness is one of the most complex issues facing our city. This legislation would have a large and sweeping impact on the lives of tens of thousands of unhoused Angelenos sleeping on our streets – while doing nothing to increase access to shelter and housing. In addition, Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 have been the subject of various failed attempts at rewriting and litigation for over 15 years. As such, this issue deserves as much intentional discussion and meaningful planning as possible. This is why council sent the item to committee last November. It was being rushed through council then – and it is being rushed through council now. We can create policies and protocols that regulate public space while supporting a trauma-informed, person-centered process for serving and bringing inside our unhoused neighbors. But to do this City Council must be engaged in a robust dialogue centered on uplifting best practices for addressing encampments. Fast-tracking this – perhaps the most important policy matter facing LA – does a disservice to LA and all those attempting to constructively address homelessness. Send this item to Homelessness and Poverty where it can be thoroughly vetted and brought into alignment with other significant work being led by members of that committee. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: William Perry

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 01:54 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I'm pleading with the City Council to PLEASE ban all camping on the sidewalks and public areas to the city. It is not only a blight for city and the taxpayers but a danger for everyone. Your main responsibility is to maintain public safety and ensure safe, clean streets and sidewalks for the residents of Los Angeles! Restore Los Angeles to what it once was. I was born in Altadena in 1947 and have always lived here. I have seen the decay escalate exponentially in the last 10 years to the point that it has become akin to a 3rd world country.

Communication from Public

Name: Judy Branfman
Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 01:55 PM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to urge the City Council NOT to vote on item #55 and instead allow it to be heard in the Homelessness and Poverty Committee as previously planned. Unsheltered homelessness is one of the most complex issues facing our city. This legislation would have a large and sweeping impact on the lives of tens of thousands of unhoused Angelenos sleeping on our streets – while doing nothing to increase access to shelter and housing. In addition, Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 have been the subject of various failed attempts at rewriting and litigation for over 15 years. As such, this issue deserves as much intentional discussion and meaningful planning as possible. This is why council sent the item to committee last November. It was being rushed through council then – and it is being rushed through council now. We can create policies and protocols that regulate public space while supporting a trauma-informed, person-centered process for serving and bringing inside our unhoused neighbors. But to do this City Council must be engaged in a robust dialogue centered on uplifting best practices for addressing encampments. Fast-tracking this – perhaps the most important policy matter facing LA – does a disservice to LA and all those attempting to constructively address homelessness. Send this item to Homelessness and Poverty where it can be thoroughly vetted and brought into alignment with other significant work being led by members of that committee. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 01:56 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident in Hollywood (CD13) and I am fully in support of the motion to amend LAMC 41.18 to specify the particular times at which and the particular locations where it shall be unlawful for a person to sit, lie, or sleep upon public property, and amending LAMC Section 56.11 to align with Section 41.18. Hollywood has been hit extremely hard by the pandemic in numerous ways, and it seems as if Hollywood is being neglected in the pandemic recovery. I live at the corner of De Longpre and El Centro avenues, where there is a sprawling encampment that covers the entire sidewalk and spills out into the street blocking permit parking spaces. People living in this encampment use drugs, fight, scream, set fires, and threaten the housed residents in this neighborhood at all hours of the day and night. A large group of residents in this neighborhood has emailed Councilman O'Farrell to ask for help in dealing with this situation had helping to make our neighborhood safe and those emails have gone unanswered. Residents of this city should not have to put up with trash and human waste in the streets, risk of fires, and threats of personal safety every day stemming from oversized homeless encampments in established residential neighborhoods. Laws should be enforced to require all tents and other shelters to be removed from sidewalks every morning.

Communication from Public

Name: Matt Wait

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 01:58 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please, please, please, don't bring back the barbaric enforcement of these city codes when Los Angeles has made absolutely no progress in getting people on the streets housed. Refusing unsafe shelters with restrictive, carceral rules should not be grounds for criminal punishment. Instead the city needs to be prioritizing securing the permanent housing and services that people living on the street need.

Communication from Public

Name: Jane Demian

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 02:02 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to OPPOSE the City Council agenda item #55 scheduled on June 29, 2021 to vote on CF 20-1376. This Motion is in reference to enforcing LAMC 56.11 and LAMC 41.18 which will criminalize the unhoused for sleeping in tents on the streets and sidewalks when there is an alarming scarcity of both temporary and permanent housing. This Motion needs to be presented at the Homelessness and Poverty Committee to allow full public debate and discussion on the issue in light of the recent Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling on Martin vs Boise and other legal challenges to City ordinances. Homelessness is a nation-wide, state-wide and County-wide emergency that will not be remedied by issuing expensive citations that criminalize unhoused individuals. What is needed is a multi-pronged approach that underscores the complexity of homelessness, streamlines housing individuals through master leasing, project home key and other permanent and temporary housing options, such as Tiny Homes instead of creating more discriminatory bureaucracy and obstacles to housing. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Len Calderone

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 02:10 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am writing in to express my strong support for the enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11, the public camping ban. Every person in this city has been horribly affected by the ever-growing encampments on our sidewalks, doorways, parks, and public spaces. The amount of debris, bulky items, toxic and human waste, have been allowed to create a public health crisis. These items have encouraged rodents, and disease, they have prevented businesses from being able to operate. During the pandemic these areas have worsened and will prevent businesses from recovering as quickly as they should. Most tragically these items have blocked the pathways for people with disabilities for years now. People with disabilities have been denied the right to use the sidewalks or gain entry to businesses because they are unable to navigate around the debris. Time after time we have all watched as small children and our elderly loved ones, are forced to walk in the middle of the street because their sidewalks are impassable. We are all compassionate people, and I am asking every member of this council to please apply the terms equity and inclusion to your compassion. True compassion does not impede on the basic, fundamental rights of our children, the elderly and people with disabilities. Thank you Council members Joe Busciano and John Lee for proposing this motion and for bringing it forth today. I respectfully ask that every member of this council vote in favor of the enforcement of 56.11 Thank you,

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 02:11 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, Please keep the sidewalks clean from tents and other items. Please for the safety of all involved including the homeless enforce the No tents during daytime law again. Please allow the measure to come up for a vote. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: yuval ron

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 02:12 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

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Communication from Public

Name: Natalie Warner

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 02:14 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Natalie Warner, and I live in CD 14. I am a team lead with SELAH Eagle Rock chapter - a nonprofit that does weekly outreach to our unhoused neighbors in Highland Park and Eagle Rock. I am writing to urge LA City Council to not vote on item #55 and instead allow it to be heard in the Homelessness and Poverty Committee as previously planned. Please do not rush this item through the council. Fast-tracking this – perhaps the most important policy matter facing LA – does a disservice to LA and all those attempting to constructively address homelessness. Please send item #55 to the Homelessness and Poverty committee where it can be thoroughly vetted and brought into alignment with other significant work being led by members of that committee. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Rose Leibowitz

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 02:19 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to ask council members not to vote in favor of reinstating the LA municipal code 56:11 at this time. I feel strongly that this Municipal Code would criminalize homelessness and create more problems both for those without houses and for the rest of the city. There is already a rule that 3 feet of sidewalk must be left empty for pedestrians but to clear everything everywhere will cause great hardship. LA family housing has been doing a great job helping people from encampments find shelter and the situation is much better than it has been. I urge the Council to continue in this way so that our public areas can be cleared in a humanitarian fashion. The police do not need to be involved in this unless there are crimes committed.

Communication from Public

Name: Christopher Hansen

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 02:20 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to strongly support Council Member Buscaino's motion for the City Council to consider and enact the legislation contained in CF 20-1376. Due to the presence of homeless encampments, trash and related problems, my neighborhood is in the worst physical shape that I have ever seen. Crime is rampant. I fear for my personal safety. The proposed ordinance strikes the right balance between the rights of the unhoused and the rights of the other residents of the City. It is unconscionable that the City Council has not moved forward on this issue for nine months. Further inaction is unacceptable.

Communication from Public

Name: Tara Harrison

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 02:22 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Since the prohibition against enforcing the “no camping on sidewalks” has been put in place, Hollywood has become a very dangerous place, especially for women. We voted to put tax payer dollars into getting people real help, not allowing them to take over our public sidewalks, parks, and beaches. Women have been increasingly harassed and assaulted with the added solicitation and encampments being allowed in general area. I can no longer walk in my neighborhood, even during the day. I have been followed, grabbed, and sexually harassed by encampment members, and so have other women I speak to in my neighborhood. No one should be allowed to camp in our streets. It’s not safe, healthy, or humane to allow encampments to grow. We need to consider women’s safety, who are most vulnerable in our city. Please see my petition here:
<https://www.change.org/SafeLA4women> And please, for the safety of the women in our city, VOTE TO HAVE THE ORDINANCE REINFORCED TO HAVE NO CAMPING ON SIDEWALKS PUT BACK INTO EFFECT!!

Communication from Public

Name: Paula Mochel

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 02:29 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: To the Council Members, This is to express my strong support for the enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11, regarding the public camping ban. Our city has become one of blight, because of the encampments on our sidewalks and doorways. Parks and public spaces of all kinds have become trash heaps. There is a public health crisis due to the toxic and human waste. These are conditions typical of one hundred years ago. The sidewalks are dangerous and in some cases impassable. The problem is complex, of course, and the code will not solve the whole problem. But it is a necessary component to the solution. Please meet the obligations of your office. There is no excuse to do otherwise. I expect every member of this council to vote in favor of the enforcement of 56.11. Thank you, Paula Mochel

Communication from Public

Name: Steve Love

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 02:44 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

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Communication from Public

Name: Oscar Vazquez
Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 02:45 PM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing as a resident CD14 to let you know I oppose the proposed enforcement of the sit-sleep-lie law that is being pushed by Councilmembers Buscaino and Lee. This motion failed last time because it was bad policy then, and it's bad policy now. Councilmember Buscaino is wasting the council and the public's time on a political stunt by attempting to revive a motion that should be dead and buried. Homelessness in Los Angeles continues to grow, and a wave of evictions is expected soon. Spending time discussing anti-homeless enforcement when we lack adequate shelter and housing is a distraction from the crisis, not a solution. Scarce shelter and housing resources should be allocated based on need and appropriateness. Reallocating shelter beds as a pretext for clearing a specific location means that people who need and want those beds won't be able to get them. We need to make delivery of services more efficient, not bend the system to fit with enforcement priorities. This motion failed the first time because it is unworkable and unrealistic. This will not address homelessness; at best, it reduces the visibility of homelessness. The only way to solve homelessness getting people housing, not moving them out of the way. Each time this motion returns, it's treated with a sense of urgency never applied to housing and shelter programs. Motions to provide street services languish in committee and pilot programs to house people aren't scaled up. That is where we need urgent action by council. Unhoused Angelenos face disproportionate risks of police violence. Motions like this greatly increase the number of hostile encounters between unhoused people and law enforcement, further increasing that risk. At a time when the public is demanding that we reimagine public safety, further involving police in the provision of homeless services is not the answer.

Communication from Public

Name: Peter Clune

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 02:57 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This motion is a cruel abomination. If Council members Buscaino and Lee had a shred of decency or were capable of shame we wouldn't be in this situation but unfortunately for all of us in Los Angeles, City Staffer B and Joey "The Living Shit Bucket" Buscaino have neither. Displacement is not and does not help. Pushing people out of public space is not and does not help. We know what works. Housing. Yet this council keeps putting forward carceral motions that waste resources on cruel and temporary "solutions" which do no serve the needs of our unhoused neighbors, but instead push forward the worst and most inhumane ideas from those who simply want visible poverty to disappear from "their" city. Well this is our city and that includes our unhoused neighbors whose dignity, really ght to public space, and we'll being should be the driving force of any policy. This does not do that and must be smacked down to show the two monsters who out it forward that the rest of this council will not support their hatred of the poor. Fuck Staffer B, fuck Joey Buckets, and fuck this bullshit motion. Vote. It. Down. On a side note it would be great to see these sorts of tactics used for things which would actually benefit the people of Los Angeles. There are a ton of good policies languishing in committee and hopefully you will start to aggressively assert your powers to improve people's lives instead of going along to get along.

Communication from Public

Name: Jack Bentele

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 02:57 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: My Name is Jack Bentele. I urge City Council to not vote on item #55 and instead allow it to be heard in the Homelessness and Poverty Committee as previously planned. Unsheltered homelessness is one of the most complex issues facing our city. This legislation would have a large and sweeping impact on the lives of tens of thousands of unhoused Angelenos sleeping on our streets – while doing nothing to increase access to shelter and housing. In addition, Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 have been the subject of various failed attempts at rewriting and litigation for over 15 years. As such, this issue deserves as much intentional discussion and meaningful planning as possible. This is why council sent the item to committee last November. It was being rushed through council then – and it is being rushed through council now. We can create policies and protocols that regulate public space while supporting a trauma-informed, person-centered process for serving and bringing inside our unhoused neighbors. But to do this City Council must be engaged in a robust dialogue centered on uplifting best practices for addressing encampments. Fast-tracking this – perhaps the most important policy matter facing LA – does a disservice to LA and all those attempting to constructively address homelessness. Send this item to Homelessness and Poverty where it can be thoroughly vetted and brought into alignment with other significant work being led by members of that committee. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: David Pugo

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 03:02 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Criminalizing being houseless is not a real solution. The only thing this would do is displace our houseless neighbors into other neighborhoods or fill our already impacted jails. Enforcement can only be done if there are real solutions in place for sustainable and longterm goals of getting our houseless neighbors into a stable lifestyle to be able to support themselves. Even in the best case scenario, where we can help folks get mentally healthy, sober and into a job, working 40 hours at minimum wage makes it impossible to afford any type of rent in this city due to the cost of living. We need ways to empower our city to help the cost of living go down before we can start to think of enforcing/criminalizing our houseless neighbors!

Communication from Public

Name: Rena Leddy

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 03:03 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Item 55: On behalf of the LA Fashion District BID which is 107 blocks in DTLA and represents 4000 businesses, I support the motion by Council Member Buscaino. I support amending and enforcing 41.18 and 56.11 to ban sleeping, lying and obstructing the right-of-way. It is time for the City to enforce a ban on sitting, lying and living in our public areas, provided that people living on the sidewalks are offered shelter - any shelter. We can no longer wait for permanent supportive housing to appear. We still need that housing but temporary solutions must be found and living in the public realm must end.

Communication from Public

Name: Ann English

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 03:07 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: My Name is Ann English and I have lived and worked in the city of Los Angeles for the majority of my adult life. I urge the council to not vote on item #55 and instead allow it to be heard in the Homelessness and Poverty Committee as previously planned. Unsheltered homelessness is one of the most complex issues facing our city. This legislation would have a large and sweeping impact on the lives of tens of thousands of unhoused Angelenos sleeping on our streets – while doing nothing to increase access to shelter and housing. In addition, Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 have been the subject of various failed attempts at rewriting and litigation for over 15 years. As such, this issue deserves as much intentional discussion and meaningful planning as possible. This is why council sent the item to committee last November. It was being rushed through council then – and it is being rushed through council now. We can create policies and protocols that regulate public space while supporting a trauma-informed, person-centered process for serving and bringing inside our unhoused neighbors. But to do this City Council must be engaged in a robust dialogue centered on uplifting best practices for addressing encampments. Fast-tracking this – perhaps the most important policy matter facing LA – does a disservice to LA and all those attempting to constructively address homelessness. Send this item to Homelessness and Poverty where it can be thoroughly vetted and brought into alignment with other significant work being led by members of that committee. We All Care Deeply about this issue, for so many reasons; Please do not rush to action, without thoughtful deliberation. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Linda Becker

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 03:11 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Council members, It is with great urgency that I request that you vote in favor of taking this matter out of committee immediately and bringing it before the City Council for a vote. We must protect our city's sidewalks so that the entire population can feel safe using the public right-of-way. People who are in wheel chairs cannot access many of our sidewalks due to them being blocked by homeless encampments. This crisis has gone on for too long. It is time our elected officials take the necessary action to make sure our streets are safe and walkable for ALL Angelinos. You cannot be afraid of frivolous lawsuits to dictate your enforcement of the laws. We must be able to stand up for what is right and safe for our city. We are fed up with the lack of leadership in our city and the decisions that have created many of these problems. Please do what is right for our beautiful city. Don't let it continue to deteriorate. Take the examples from other cities who have successfully cleaned up their cities. Thank you.
Linda Becker, Business Owner and Property Owner

Communication from Public

Name: Kris Parks

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 03:13 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am strongly OPPOSED to the ANTI-HOMELESS ordinance amending 41.18 and 56.11. Decades of failed policy have shown the City of LA that CRIMINALIZATION of HOMELESS PEOPLE is inhumane and ineffective. This ordinance is being brought forward with the primary goal of drawing attention to CM Buscaino's mayoral campaign, which bears no small resemblance to the HATEFUL tactics of former President Trump. This ordinance does not create any OVERSIGHT for its enforcement. I am particularly concerned by Subsection (d). It would allow police to enforce "a ban on sitting, lying, or sleeping in any public area - Citywide -- provided that an offer of shelter is provided before enforcement occurs." How will offers of shelter be made? By whom? And how will these offers be documented? (I hope the city is prepared to provide documentation of each offer of shelter made pursuant to this ordinance because I will gladly submit a public records request demanding it.) How long will a homeless person have to consider the "offer of shelter" and prepare to pack their belongings? 24 hours or 15 minutes? The ordinance does not specify. As a resident of CD 2, I have witnessed countless "offers of shelter" being made verbally by LAHSA or LAPD with vague or no details as to WHERE the shelter is, what CONDITIONS and REGULATIONS are in place at the shelter, and the LENGTH OF TIME the shelter will be provided. Without that essential information, it is difficult for a person to feel safe getting into a van to be driven away from their friends and families. I have also seen the City forcibly remove and destroy people's belongings because they did not accept that vague offer of shelter (usually in a congregate setting with carceral conditions) with a narrow window of time--people are usually given 15 - 30 MINUTES to accept an offer of shelter before enforcement actions begin against them and their personal belongings. If this ordinance were truly written with the intent of providing shelter, there would be more DETAILS, FUNDING, and OVERSIGHT of "offers of shelter." Instead, the ordinance is written to EMPOWER POLICE to seize and destroy personal property and detain and incarcerate individuals (and that is exactly what the proponents of this ordinance intend to do). That is not a housing-first approach, nor is it an effective approach to ending homelessness. This ordinance is a WASTE OF CITY RESOURCES. Our police are already

taking on roles that they are not trained for and are ill-suited to. Making "offers of housing" to homeless people is work most appropriately conducted by UNARMED homeless service providers. When police officers interact with homeless persons, the outcome is most likely to be *suprise* CRIMINALIZATION in the form of fines, citations, detention, and incarceration. Why? Because that is what police officers are trained to do. The Council already knows that our communities are demanding ALTERNATIVES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT for situations that do NOT involve public safety concerns. Filling up our jails with poor people is expensive and does nothing to break the cycle of poverty and criminalization. Instead of wasting our city's precious dollars on expensive criminalization, let's prioritize FUNDING PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING for the most vulnerable Angelenos. Finally, this ordinance VIOLATES CIVIL RIGHTS & LIBERTIES PROTECTED BY THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION. This ordinance, if adopted, will be immediately challenged in court. It violates some of our most basic constitutional principles, including a person's right to be "secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures" (4th amendment).

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew Silver

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 03:16 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I urge City Council to not vote on item #55 and instead allow it to be heard in the Homelessness and Poverty Committee as previously planned. Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 have been the subject of various failed attempts at rewriting and litigation for over 15 years. As such, this issue deserves as much intentional discussion and meaningful planning as possible. This is why council previously sent the item to committee. Let's be honest, Councilmember Buscaino has motioned to push forward this motion because he is seeking attention in support of his run for Mayor. The lives of tens of thousands of the most vulnerable Angelinos should not be criminalized for political gain. Homelessness is this city's most pressing and most complex problem. This issue deserves full and detailed consideration and dialog centered on uplifting best practices for addressing encampments. It is not enough to simply enforce 41.18 and 56.11 with out a comprehensive plan to address the underlying issues. Worse, send out LAPD to enforce strict compliance will be a huge waste of tax payer funds. The homeless can't pay citations and arrest and release will cost huge sums with no public benefit gained. I urge the council to be bold and tackle the very difficult underlying issues of homelessness. You have made good progress in supporting interim housing solutions such as Bridge Housing and Tiny homes and moving forward on affordable housing projects. But more needs to be done. Thank you for your consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Lynda Clark

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 03:17 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Ref Motion #55 Dear Council Members, I am (writing / calling) in to express my strong support for the enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11, the public camping ban. Every person in this city has been horribly affected by the ever-growing encampments on our sidewalks, doorways, parks, and public spaces. The amount of debris, bulky items, toxic and human waste, have been allowed to create a public health crisis. These items have encouraged rodents, and disease, they have prevented businesses from being able to operate. During the pandemic these areas have worsened and will prevent businesses from recovering as quickly as they should. Most tragically these items have blocked the pathways for people with disabilities for years now. People with disabilities have been denied the right to use the sidewalks or gain entry to businesses because they are unable to navigate around the debris. Time after time we have all watched as small children and our elderly loved ones, are forced to walk in the middle of the street because their sidewalks are impassable. We are all compassionate people, and I am asking every member of this council to please apply the terms equity and inclusion to your compassion. True compassion does not impede on the basic, fundamental rights of our children, the elderly and people with disabilities. Thank you Council members Joe Busciano and John Lee for proposing this motion and for bringing it forth today. I respectfully ask that every member of this council vote in favor of the enforcement of 56.11 Thank you Lynda Clark

Communication from Public

Name: Becky Dennison
Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 03:18 PM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of Venice Community Housing, I'm writing to strongly oppose any efforts to criminalize homelessness and target people living on our streets and sidewalks when there are nowhere near enough housing, or even shelter or safe sleeping, options. The motion calling to make LAMC 56.11 even more strict, basically disallowing unhoused residents to possess the minimal property required to even just meet basic needs, is not acceptable in a City that hasn't done nearly enough to protect tenants and existing housing and increase production of extremely low-income and supportive housing. LAMC 41.18 and 56.11 are the most blatant tools in the City to criminalize people's mere existence, and have caused endless harm and trauma to unhoused residents. Additionally, for those that would just prefer to not see unhoused people in their neighborhoods, efforts at using law enforcement to achieve this have failed for the last 15-plus years in Los Angeles. The Council agreed last fall, and did not allow this ordinance to move forward. We urge you to oppose this motion and accompanying ordinance altogether, but at a minimum do not allow it to be fast-tracked under rule 54. Regulating and criminalizing unhoused people in public spaces will not end homelessness or make it less visible, only housing can do that, and we need a lot more motions, policies and funding focused on permanent housing solutions.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 03:19 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am contacting you to express my support for the enforcement of the public camping ban - Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11, the public camping ban. Our public spaces (sidewalks, streets, parks, beaches, recreation areas, etc.) are for the use of all residents. They are paid for by taxpayers, who have a right to expect to be able to make use of these spaces. For far too long, many of our public spaces have been unavailable for use by the general public as ever-growing encampments have made the use of sidewalks, public parks, and public spaces impossible. There are large swaths of sidewalk in the city (all over) that are impossible for a person requiring a wheelchair or walker, or a blind person using a cane to navigate because they are completely blocked by encampments. In my area (Bonin's district), encampments have been allowed to block lanes of road traffic for weeks (and sometimes months) at a time, creating very dangerous conditions for motorists and pedestrians alike. One such encampment had several "businesses" openly dealing in stolen property. Encampments have also been allowed to take over in front of commercial buildings, making it highly unsettling for any customer to run the gauntlet of filth and abuse just to enter a building in order to patronize a business. It's a terrible situation for the customer, the business and the commercial property owner. These encampments, with the inevitable accompanying build-up of trash, debris, human waste, combustible materials and drug paraphernalia have created a public health crisis. All residents have the right to use our public spaces. Our children have the right to play in our public parks. All residents and visitors have the right to walk on our sidewalks. Our disabled residents should be able to navigate our sidewalks. I am asking every member of this council to please consider the needs of all Los Angeles residents, taxpayers and voters when determining the use of our public spaces. Our once-beautiful city is degenerating into a swamp of over-priced filth and misery. We can and must do better. It all starts with good decision making by the City Council. Thank you Council members Joe Busciano and John Lee for proposing this motion and for bringing it forth today. I respectfully ask that every member of this council vote in favor of the enforcement of 56.11 Thank you,

Communication from Public

Name: Peter Basinski

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 03:40 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am in writing to show my strong support for the enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11, the public camping ban. The state of our city sidewalks, underpasses, and public right of ways is a national embarrassment.

Communication from Public

Name: Bri

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 03:45 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I'm a Progressive, but enough is ENOUGH. You have no idea what it's like to live next to a homeless encampment until you've lived next to one. It is the view from my apartment. The setting of this saga is depleted community outreach, drugs, violence, daily to nightly crescendoing arias of homophobic and racial slurs, nudity, the ever rampant open defecation and masturbation. My empathy for these fellow human beings at encampments is tested, and my sympathy and compassion as a taxpaying voter is gone. The filth emanating from my neighboring encampment is overwhelming. Rats have recently chewed through my electricity, and I pause to wonder, where did they travel from? "Valued Property" does not translate to stolen children bikes, .99\$ Store shopping carts and broken glass. I've seen weapons of all sorts from large kitchen knives, axes, machetes, broom handles, and once, a Starbuck's apron. These weapons are used to police themselves- gender, race or age are non discriminatory. I've seen women slapped by men, and an elderly man kicked out of his own tents by someone who claims themselves as "The Mayor". If the sound of violence isn't enough to orchestrate the setting, then glass breaking and repeatedly being thrown into the street to stop permit paid cars from parking is another best hit. When someone once dared to park next to a tent, their car windshield was smashed. The guilty encampment woman was arrested and returned days later to terrorize the block once more, and was nearly 5150 as a result. To no one's surprise, she was released yet again, and returned yet again days later. She is there as I type this. If this encampment were an apartment complex or perhaps a bar, she would have been evicted or 86'd, and would not be able to return to the premises. I mention this incident, because I want to know where do the boundaries and the consequences begin for these encampments? The city has demonstrated none. When authorities roll by and a call is finally answered, a shrug is given. This emboldens the encampments. Bureaucratic freedom- its blood. This encampment specifically referred to is located on El Centro & De Longpre Avenue in Hollywood, and it stretches along two sides of the AT&T Building. The third side is a shopping strip, and the fourth side faces Gower Studios. How long does an encampment last on the side facing Gower Studios you ask? Not long. An encampment on that block does not exist. Why? Why

are residents and residents in less affluent neighborhoods made to suffer the encampments? What about our mental health having to deal with a chronic situation the city should conceivably be able to correct? 311 reports go unanswered and are failed to be addressed. COVID cannot be the scapegoat anymore, and at this point, reporting to 311 is merely an outfit for crying out into the abyss. Also, there are laws in place that each construction sight must have a safe and feasible walkway for pedestrians. The construction site up the block has one. Why not the same enacted law for encampments? You may sit there and say there is a requirement for mere inches to be free between a curb and an entrance of a tent to act as a walkway, but there are many tents that do not abide to this rule. The elderly, wheelchair users, children holding the hands of their parents, baby carriages and those walking their pets are subjected to a walk in the street. Plus, as a woman, I cannot walk near an encampment without fear of being hollered at or being followed. Both of which have happened to me at least once week. By allowing this behavior or living to continue, you are only prolonging the suffering of these human beings. Many homeless or unhoused have accepted and utilized the programs the city has to offer, but what about those that do not utilize the opportunities offered to them or to those that cannot pass the drug requirements? A small majority of the encampment people living on El Centro are schizophrenic. What was the plan for their well being? By doing nothing or waiting for a solution whilst pointing fingers, these encampments are living free, but is this freedom of segregating themselves in a spot on public property that is filthy and free from authority really living? Is this freedom? Is this really living? I, for one, am tired of living in a real life episode of “Westworld” or another reboot of “Mad Max”, minus the cowboys and fast cars. It is like “The Walking Dead” out there. I ask of you to consider the mental health of the people who have to bare witness to the encampments everyday. We may have the privilege of a home, but we don’t have the privilege of being Gower Studios. Stop gaslighting us, and give us our sidewalks and goodwill back.

Communication from Public

Name: Paddy cullen
Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 03:48 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: Please make tents on sidewalks and streets illegal. We can't even walk our own streets anymore.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Hellen

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 03:50 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident and owner of residential and commercial real estate located in Los Angeles County and Downtown Los Angeles, I write to provide my support for the anti-camping legislation, City Council File # 20-1376. Our local government, including the Los Angeles City council, is responsible for the public safety of its citizens. At this juncture, by allowing unmitigated encampments to continue on our city streets, the City Council is failing to protect both the housed and the unhoused. The homelessness crisis is also keeping tourists from visiting Los Angeles County, hurting an industry that contributes approximately \$18 billion dollars to the City's local economy. Despite the City spending in excess of \$6.5 billion over the last ten years to address the homelessness crisis in Los Angeles, the crisis has not improved. Instead, homelessness has only grown by approximately 20% each year. According to LAHSA, 66,000 people were living on the street in Los Angeles County in 2020. Estimates for 2021 put the number of unhoused individuals living on the streets in Los Angeles at 80,000, double from 10 years ago. For a large number of the unhoused population, the encampments have become preferable to other available options to leave the streets which in turn has placed a heavy burden on residents and business owners while preventing police from protecting them. Encampments in the Historic Core have not only led to an increase in crime of all types such as break-ins and vandalism, but have further caused defecation and urination on my private properties. An alcove on one of my properties was used as an apartment by a homeless man, and neither LAHSA or the police were able to remove him. Over the last year and a half, I witnessed the homelessness situation hurt my local restaurant tenants, and cause my residential tenants to leave Downtown Los Angeles in droves because they no longer feel safe leaving their home[1]. The sidewalks around my residential buildings, are constantly blocked by the campers' accumulation of stuff. Residents and business owners should not be subjected to walking around piles of trash and human feces in their neighborhood, as well as should be able to walk outside to a restaurant or their car without being accosted or feeling unsafe. In addition, despite ADA regulations there is no passage for the disabled residents. The disabled or those pushing strollers have to walk the length of the block in the street exposed

traffic to get from one end of the street to the other. My commercial tenants in the shopping centers, located in Los Angeles County but outside Downtown Los Angeles, located close to the encampments have also suffered due to their presence and we have had to increase security in those areas. We all want and deserve a safe City, restoring the proposed camping ban is instrumental in achieving this goal. If, the ban is not lifted DT Los Angeles stands to see more business closures and residential exodus resulting in further economic hardship for its residents.

Communication from Public

Name: Jeanie Love

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 03:51 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am (writing / calling) in to express my strong support for the enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11, the public camping ban. Every person in this city has been horribly affected by the ever-growing encampments on our sidewalks, doorways, parks, and public spaces. The amount of debris, bulky items, toxic and human waste, have been allowed to create a public health crisis. These items have encouraged rodents, and disease, they have prevented businesses from being able to operate. During the pandemic these areas have worsened and will prevent businesses from recovering as quickly as they should. Most tragically these items have blocked the pathways for people with disabilities for years now. People with disabilities have been denied the right to use the sidewalks or gain entry to businesses because they are unable to navigate around the debris. Time after time we have all watched as small children and our elderly loved ones, are forced to walk in the middle of the street because their sidewalks are impassable. We are all compassionate people, and I am asking every member of this council to please apply the terms equity and inclusion to your compassion. True compassion does not impede on the basic, fundamental rights of our children, the elderly and people with disabilities. Thank you Council members Joe Busciano and John Lee for proposing this motion and for bringing it forth today. I respectfully ask that every member of this council vote in favor of the enforcement of 56.11 Thank you,
Jeanie Love

Communication from Public

Name: Va Lecia Adams Kellum

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 03:54 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am Dr. Va Lecia Adams Kellum, the President & CEO of St. Joseph Center. I write today to urge City Council to not vote on item #55. Instead of voting today, please allow it to be heard in the Homelessness and Poverty Committee as previously planned. Unsheltered homelessness is one of the most complex issues facing our city. This legislation would have a large and sweeping impact on the lives of tens of thousands of unhoused Angelenos sleeping on our streets, while doing nothing to increase access to shelter and housing. In addition, Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 have been the subject of various failed attempts at rewriting and litigation for over 15 years. As such, this issue deserves as much intentional discussion and meaningful planning as possible. This is why council sent the item to committee last November. It was being rushed through council then – and it is being rushed through council now. We can create policies and protocols that regulate public space while supporting a trauma-informed, person-centered process for serving and bringing inside our unhoused neighbors. But to do this City Council must be engaged in a robust dialogue centered on uplifting best practices for addressing encampments. Fast-tracking this – perhaps the most important policy matter facing LA – does a disservice to LA and all those attempting to constructively address homelessness. Send this item to Homelessness and Poverty where it can be thoroughly vetted and brought into alignment with other significant work being led by members of that committee.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 03:56 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please make our sidewalks passable for everyone. I have not been able to use the sidewalk around the 500-600 Block of North Venice Blvd for over a year. The last time I tried, I had to run in the middle of incoming traffic as a dog started chasing me as there was no room on the sidewalk to walk onto safely. Now tents are starting to come to the South Venice Blvd... Where am I supposed to go? Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Lori Caden

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 03:57 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

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Communication from Public

Name: Ross and Lannette Schwartz

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 04:03 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: We are owners of a loft located at 1645 Vine Street, also known as The Broadway Building, in Hollywood. Dealing with the issues raised in this ordinance is crucial to a decent life experience for citizens of the city. Since the problems have gotten completely out of hand, we have avoided using our loft and have spent out time elsewhere. We are not the only ones who avoid Hollywood. Aside from the impact property values, etc., it is grossly unfair that the life of the vast majority of the residents is so negatively impacted.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 04:21 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The tent cities are dangerous for our communities. Please help we don't need another murder.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 04:22 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Council, Please accept this comment as part of the public record. DO NOT RECESS before you reinstate the no-camping ordinance from 9PM - 6AM. Your efforts to provide shelter for the homeless will be SUBSTANTIALLY DIMINISHED if you do not reinstate this law. You will find that the parks and other public spaces cleared of the homeless, will soon become filled again by new unhoused individuals. Venice Beach WILL NEVER return back to a place that families can enjoy unless you reinstate this ordinance. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Adrian Anderson

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 04:23 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The motion to remove tents from & make camping on our public sidewalks is necessary to improve the quality of life for all residents of the City of Los Angeles. If homeless people have no reason to move their transient encampments they will be indefinitely fixed living on the street. Incentive to move into shelters and assisted housing programs is lost if transients are allowed to establish permanent residency in public space meant to be used by all citizens. Pedestrians are forced to walk into traffic on roadways without the availability of sidewalks. Unsanitary public defecation and urinating with accumulation of trash is a constant health hazard. Tents and debris block ingress and egress to businesses and facilities while restricting access to infrastructure. The shanty towns on the streets of LA are dangerous magnets for conflagration, illegal drug use and increased crime. The safety for the City and it's population is at risk due to allowing these hazardous conditions to persist. Not allowing camping on and removing tents from streets and sidewalks will help improve the City of Los Angeles for all its residents and visitors.

Communication from Public

Name: JKF

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 04:25 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

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Communication from Public

Name: Christine Zardeneta

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 04:31 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: It is absolutely wrong to criminalize tents, sitting, or sleeping on public sidewalks when there is no place for the unhoused to go. The programs that provide shelter are too limited to be effective for the numbers of people who are living without housing. It would be a better use of time and money to provide more drug counselors and social workers, and trash removal services and sanitary stations rather than criminalize their situations. To cite the unhoused guarantees a continuation of their downward spiral. To criminalize their actions shows how lacking in compassion our city is. It is wrong.

Communication from Public

Name: Tashi Stricker

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 04:34 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

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and I am asking every member of this council to please apply the terms equity and inclusion to your compassion. True compassion does not impede on the basic, fundamental rights of our children, the elderly and people with disabilities. Thank you Council members Joe Busciano and John Lee for proposing this motion and for bringing it forth today. I respectfully ask that every member of this council vote in favor of the enforcement of 56.11
Thank you, Tashi Stricker

Communication from Public

Name: Zach Schlagel

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 04:39 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon. On behalf of PATH (People Assisting The Homeless), I am writing to urge the City Council to not vote on item #55 and instead allow it to be heard in the Homelessness and Poverty Committee, as previously planned. Unsheltered homelessness is one of the most complex issues facing our city. This legislation would have a large and sweeping impact on the lives of tens of thousands of unhoused Angelenos sleeping on our streets – while doing nothing to increase access to shelter and housing. In addition, Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 have been the subject of various failed attempts at rewriting and litigation for over 15 years. As such, this issue deserves as much intentional discussion and meaningful planning as possible. This is why Council sent the item to committee last November. It was being rushed through Council then – and it is being rushed through Council now. We can create policies and protocols that regulate public space while supporting a trauma-informed, person-centered process for serving and bringing inside our unhoused neighbors. But to do this, the City Council must be engaged in a robust dialogue centered on uplifting best practices for addressing encampments. Fast-tracking this – perhaps the most important policy matter facing LA – does a disservice to LA and all those attempting to constructively address homelessness. We ask that you send this item to the Homelessness and Poverty Committee, where it can be thoroughly vetted and brought into alignment with other significant work being led by members of that committee and the community at-large. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Yolanda Petroski

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 04:43 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the Council to let this come to a vote. This take-over of our sidewalks must stop! Not only is this a major health hazard, but retail businesses are impacted when the public is unwilling to enter areas bordered by encampments. We want our communities cleared of this blight. There are many resources for the homeless other than our sidewalks.

Communication from Public

Name: RYAN Richards
Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 04:44 PM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The homeless encampments on the streets are horrible, not only for the potential danger but it turns away any tourists that come here. The encampments in San Pedro need to go and stay gone, I am tired of seeing the homeless using the sidewalk to shoot up drugs in front of traffic or use the sidewalk as a bathroom in front of our children. What is happening to this town is criminal and will run any investors thinking of starting a buisness or buying property away. The residents can't even go outside at night without being in a high level of danger from vagrants with mental illness. How many stabbings or shootings do we need to have a night in order to rid ourselves of these people that do not want help.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 04:47 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Regarding Agenda 55 - I am a 22 year resident of Venice that has young children. The Homeless situation in Venice has gotten completely out of control and extremely dangerous due to the lack of enforcement of laws, lack of common decency, lack of care for the safety of the residents/homeowners and most of all, lack of basic common sense. The environmental impact of allowing a massive homeless encampment on our beach and adjacent to our ocean is untenable. I have watched buildings burn, I have watched people getting beaten and bleeding, I have watched people defecating in the street, I have had my own car and property vandalized, I hear people screaming in the night. I 100 percent SUPPORT THE MOTION TO REMOVE TENTS AND MAKE CAMPING ILLEGAL. What has been allowed to take place in Venice can not be allow to continue. Our elected officials have abandoned and failed us. Don't fail us on this too. BAN TENTS AND CAMPING. Restore Law and Order in Venice.

Communication from Public

Name: Jason Lee
Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 04:51 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: For the safety of ALL involved, including the homeless, we must have the No Tents In Daytime Law enforced once again!

Communication from Public

Name: Tess Taylor

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 04:53 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: For the safety of ALL involved, including the homeless, we must have the No Tents In Daytime Law enforced once again. Please call this motion to a vote without delay. Thank you! Tess Taylor, President, West Toluca Lake Residents Association (WTLRA) Editor & Publisher, WTLRA Community News Member, UnitedNeighbors.net

Communication from Public

Name: Patricia R Crook

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 04:54 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please reclaim all city sidewalks, easements, driveways, bus stops, parks, playgrounds, etc. from the dangerous homeless people running amok in San Pedro. Our property taxes are supposed to ensure ALL people have access to these resources but we really don't. So many of these individuals display such violent, unpredictable, and erratic behaviors that it's hard to feel safe while being out in the community. Allowing vagrants to set up shop wherever they please it is not only a public safety hazard, violent danger, and health threat, it also violates federal laws including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If the mayor, county supervisors, and city Council are unable to come to a consensus to fix this soon, I would request that Sheriff Villanueva step in. Time to clean this up once and for all; enough is enough already.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 04:56 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: For the safety of ALL involved, including the homeless, we must have the No Tents In Daytime Law enforced once again

Communication from Public

Name: Brandon Patterson

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 04:56 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Brandon Patterson, I am the General Manager of the Eastern Columbia building in downtown and also a resident of Los Angeles. Sidewalk camps must end period. Individuals should be encouraged to take alternatives offered to them and make the streets safe again. This is a pivotal and monumental moment. Please do the right thing.

Communication from Public

Name: M Bernard

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 04:58 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: For the safety of ALL involved, including the homeless, we must have the No Tents In Daytime Law enforced once again. West Toluca Lake area 91602 Thank you-

Communication from Public

Name: Matthew Won

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 05:02 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: As a CD2 constituent and a homeowner, I am writing to OPPOSE the amendments to 41.18 in Council File 20-1376. These amendments would drastically escalate the criminalization of unhoused people in Los Angeles, and enforcement of these amendments would only come at a massive fiscal and social cost. Police harassment and displacement of unhoused people disconnects them with service providers, damages their trust of the government, and derails them from a path off the streets. I am very troubled by the proposed subsection (d), which would ban unhoused residents from public areas if they've ever been offered housing. All parties agree that there is not adequate housing available for those on the streets, particularly permanent non-shelter options. Unhoused people must not be punished for not accepting offers that don't have a realistic pathway to permanent housing. Study after study has shown that the current congregate shelter options are costly and are not, in fact, ultimately a bridge to housing. I have seen firsthand how vague offers of housing from LAHSA and others can be, leaving unhoused people confused and then separated from valuable belongings. We need to focus on better and more concrete offers of housing instead of weaponizing the weak ones the City & County currently have. Subsection (d) is a massive overreach of government power, which will immediately be challenged and likely overturned after very expensive litigation because it infringes on civil and constitutional rights. This amounts to a budgetary fiasco and an embarrassing sideshow with a real opportunity cost by taking funds and focus away from real solutions to homelessness, which is obtaining and connecting people with actual homes. These amendments further skew the focus towards enforcement and incarceration and away from building public trust among both housed and unhoused people that the city is earning the public trust in working towards permanent housing solutions addressing the current crisis.

Communication from Public

Name: Krista Ghaman

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 05:03 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

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Krista Ghaman

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 05:04 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: For the safety of ALL involved, including the homeless, we must have the No Tents In Daytime Law enforced once again.

Communication from Public

Name: Steve clare

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 05:04 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: My Name is Steve Clare. I am a 50 year resident of Venice. Zi sm for solutions, not punishment, of our unhoused community members. I urge City Council to not vote on item #55 and instead allow it to be heard in the Homelessness and Poverty Committee as previously planned. Unsheltered homelessness is one of the most complex issues facing our city. This legislation would have a large and sweeping impact on the lives of tens of thousands of unhoused Angelenos sleeping on our streets – while doing nothing to increase access to shelter and housing. In addition, Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 have been the subject of various failed attempts at rewriting and litigation for over 15 years. As such, this issue deserves as much intentional discussion and meaningful planning as possible. This is why council sent the item to committee last November. It was being rushed through council then – and it is being rushed through council now. We can create policies and protocols that regulate public space while supporting a trauma-informed, person-centered process for serving and bringing inside our unhoused neighbors. But to do this City Council must be engaged in a robust dialogue centered on uplifting best practices for addressing encampments. Fast-tracking this – perhaps the most important policy matter facing LA – does a disservice to LA and all those attempting to constructively address homelessness. Send this item to Homelessness and Poverty where it can be thoroughly vetted and brought into alignment with other significant work being led by members of that committee. Thank you. Steve Clare

Communication from Public

Name: Edward G Baney

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 05:09 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I work at 615 S. Broadway and live at 4th and Main. It's currently impossible on the west side of Main Street between 5th and 6th Street. Sidewalk encampments need to end. Its a public health, civic and moral issue that has gotten out of hand. These unhoused people need assistance from the Red Cross and CDC. Most of the homeless sleeping on the sidewalks are being charged rent from gang members and prayed upon for drugs and sex. How many more people need to die this week living on the streets of Los Angeles. I said Los Angeles, not Bangladesh. Homelessness isn't a crime; what is criminal is how ineffective some elected officials are.

Communication from Public

Name: Lindsay Kerns

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 05:17 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose Buscaino & Lee's renewed effort to criminalize homelessness. This was terrible policy last October, and it is terrible policy now. This motion would kickstart the mass displacement of tens of thousands of people - with NO PLAN to house them and provide adequate services! Where are these people supposed to go? Addressing our homelessness crisis is complicated and nuanced, and criminalizing it will not actually HELP anyone. Homelessness in LA continues to grow, and no doubt we'll soon see a wave of evictions. Wasting your time discussing anti-homeless enforcement when we lack adequate shelter and housing in our city is a distraction from the crisis, not a solution. Please, get to work on some creative and empathetic solutions that address the source of homelessness, and stop trying to criminalize poverty.

Communication from Public

Name: Kathryn Kind

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 05:18 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: It is far past time to make the sidewalks usable for everyone rather than continue to allow the homeless to live and obstruct and litter and threaten us. I cannot walk to get food any more. I am disabled and the dangerous and filthy homeless around Staples make the walk around them too far for me. Our own sidewalks on the walk streets need repair. We realize that all you care about are the homeless and that you do not care to follow the law but this has gone far past acceptable. The Bonin plan to destroy Venice is in full swing and it has made life miserable. Clean the sidewalks of these out of state loiters. Not one of them are from here--they have come at Bonin's invitation to camp all over our city and wreck out beaches. Like we all said would happen when Bonin started his crusade to wreck our town. Give us back our sidewalks. Give us back our city. Send them home to the rest of the country where they have come from. Stop feeding and housing and allowing these criminals to steal from the rest of us. The city council has failed us completely and Garcetti clearly does not care in the least. So--pass ordinance CF-20-1376 and make sidewalks safe and usable. Enforce the actual law.

Communication from Public

Name: Deborah Yazmajian
Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 05:33 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: For the safety of ALL involved, including the homeless, we must have the No Tents In Daytime Law enforced once again.

Communication from Public

Name: Salsabil E.

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 05:39 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: 1. This motion failed last time because it was bad policy then, and it's bad policy now. Councilmember Buscaino is wasting the council and the public's time on a political stunt by attempting to revive a motion that should be dead and buried. 2. Bringing this motion just to force council's hand is nothing more than a campaign stunt. We can't afford to sacrifice real solutions for political games. This motion does not provide any new resources or housing for unhoused individuals - these are the things we all know are needed to solve the homelessness crisis we face. 3. Homelessness in Los Angeles continues to grow, and a wave of evictions is expected soon. Spending time discussing anti-homeless enforcement when we lack adequate shelter and housing is a distraction from the crisis, not a solution. 4. Scarce shelter and housing resources should be allocated based on need and appropriateness. Reallocating shelter beds as a pretext for clearing a specific location means that people who need and want those beds won't be able to get them. We need to make delivery of services more efficient, not bend the system to fit with enforcement priorities. 5. This motion failed the first time because it is unworkable and unrealistic. This will not address homelessness; at best, it reduces the visibility of homelessness. The only way to solve homelessness getting people housing, not moving them out of the way. 6. Each time this motion returns, it's treated with a sense of urgency never applied to housing and shelter programs. Motions to provide street services languish in committee and pilot programs to house people aren't scaled up. That is where we need urgent action by council. 7. Unhoused Angelenos face disproportionate risks of police violence. Motions like this greatly increase the number of hostile encounters between unhoused people and law enforcement, further increasing that risk. At a time when the public is demanding that we reimagine public safety, further involving police in the provision of homeless services is not the answer.

Communication from Public

Name: Tina Bousquet

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 05:41 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I have lived in Venice for over 50 years. I am very much in favor of finding the unhoused some kind of housing and then strongly support a ban on camping at the beach. As I understand it there is a law in place that is not being enforced. Please enforce this ban so visitors, merchants and residents can once again enjoy the beach and boardwalk without fear and concern for their safety. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Maxx Walske

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 05:43 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am in STRONG SUPPORT fo the enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal code 56.11, the public camping ban. Our streets are a disgrace!!! Although I feel for the people who have created encampments on our sidewalks, they should not be allowed to set up camp anywhere they see fit. The amount of garbage, toxic and human waste and bulky items blocking the sidewalks is a public hazard. You can't even walk under some of the freeway underpasses without walking in the middle of the street along with the traffic. There has to be a better solution. With utmost compassion, I ask that every member of the council vote in favor of enforcement 56.11. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Anna LaSpisa

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 05:50 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to express support for making camping outside of legal campgrounds illegal. My neighborhood has turned into a shanty town and our neighborhood parks have also turned for the worse. The sidewalk is no longer accessible to pedestrians on Federal and Wilshire near San Vicente. Yesterday, I drove by Westwood Park on Veteran and Sepulveda only to find that it also has become a shanty town for homeless. Slowly but surely from Venice to Brentwood and Westwood the homeless camping has taken a toll on residents. We have given up our rights to walk on these sidewalks undisturbed. We have had our cars and homes broken into. We have been assaulted and now we can no longer allow our children or ourselves to enjoy our parks and beaches. Something needs to change. I say start with making camping out in city parks and sidewalks illegal. This is only one step in a long process of creating long-term sustainable help and housing for the homeless. Take advantage of inland and industrial areas for adequate housing or encampment areas that come with mandatory recovery, mental health support and job training.

Communication from Public

Name: Paul Brent

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 05:50 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: For the safety of ALL involved, including the homeless, we must have the No Tents In Daytime Law enforced once again

Communication from Public

Name: Chris

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 06:09 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Enough is enough with tents everywhere. It's not safe to walk at night in my neighborhood anymore. There's constant shootings, stabbings, robberies. Streets have an much junk on them that you can't even walk on the sidewalk. I can't even imagine how people on wheelchairs get by on these streets. My wife started carrying a taser just to feel safe when she walks our dogs when I'm at work. Fix this issue. House these people.

Communication from Public

Name: RL

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 06:28 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the motion by CM Buscaino. An avg of 5 people die EVERY DAY on the streets of LA. That is not normal. That is not showing compassion. The City Council (and others in the City++) have failed not only those struggling with mental health issues, addicts, and homeless people, but also the law-abiding, tax paying residents of LA. We are fed up. We have spent our money, and more of our money, doing the same thing over and over again (your plans, ahem, i.e. Bonin), with NOTHING to show, except an increase in those living on the streets. We've encouraged and allowed people from other states to move here, during a pandemic no less, they simply show up, pitch a tent, and claim they live here now & have rights, while contributing nothing to the greater good of the community. We are surrounded by people high/drunk, naked, defecating in plain sight, fighting, having mental breakdowns, nodding off, with open skin wounds literally rotting away - all while we are forced to watch, and there is nothing we can do. They are a danger not only to themselves, but to all of us. What happens when they stumble into oncoming traffic and get hit? What happens when they play on the median/overpass and fall off? What happens when the machete they swing accidentally hits an unsuspecting passerby? We've seen multiple attacks and murders in Venice, the most recent last Friday. WHY IS ANY OF THIS ACCEPTABLE TO ANY OF YOU? You should be ashamed at what this city has become, under YOUR WATCH. TIME IS UP. Something MUST be done. The idea that we need to provide private housing for everyone living on the streets is futile. Many of them prefer that lifestyle! And they have no reason to want to change or move - because you've made it too easy not to. Their "right" to live wherever and however they want, should not supersede our right to a safe & clean community, especially when we pay the bills. It is going to take some hard decisions, and a lot of guts to fight for what's right. I am glad to see that at least one CM (ahem, Buscaino, thank you sir) is willing to roll up his sleeves and do it, I hope you all find the strength to support this as well. It won't go unnoticed if you don't.

Communication from Public

Name: Marie

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 06:31 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote in favor of enforcement of 56.11 brought forth by 2 brave council members Joe Buscaino and John Lee. The sidewalks of our city are filthy, unsafe and impassable for many people. It is especially difficult if not impossible for handicapped individuals to use them. Enough is enough for the families, businesses and those who want a safe and sane life in Los Angeles. Many hard working people have left this city due to the disregard of our city officials for our quality of life. Let's stop the bleed! Please put some common sense solutions into play or relinquish your positions so that others may take a stand to fix this mess. Make a start on this by voting to enforce 56.11! Thank you

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 06:31 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please reinstate the no tents during the daylight mandate as it was before with law officers able to enforce it

Communication from Public

Name: Larry C.

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 06:37 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: As a life long Angeleno my family implores you to please enforce 56.11 so we can regain control of our public spaces for everyone to use. It's simply not fair that people can block public right of way at will with no repercussions. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Eric Ares

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 06:41 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to urge City Council to not vote on this item on Tuesday, June 29 - and to instead allow it to be heard in the Homelessness and Poverty Committee as previously planned. Unsheltered homelessness is one of the most complex issues facing our city. This legislation would have a large and sweeping impact on the lives of tens of thousands of unhoused Angelenos sleeping on our streets – while doing nothing to increase access to shelter and housing. In addition, Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 have been the subject of various failed attempts at rewriting and litigation for over 15 years. As such, this issue deserves as much intentional discussion and meaningful planning as possible. This is why council sent the item to committee last November. It was being rushed through council then – and it is being rushed through council now. We can create policies and protocols that regulate public space while supporting a trauma-informed, person-centered process for serving and bringing inside our unhoused neighbors. But to do this City Council must be engaged in a robust dialogue centered on uplifting best practices for addressing encampments. Fast-tracking this – perhaps the most important policy matter facing LA – does a disservice to LA and all those attempting to constructively address homelessness. Send this item to Homelessness and Poverty where it can be thoroughly vetted and brought into alignment with other significant work being led by members of that committee. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Hannah Bowman

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 06:44 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I'm a homeowner and mother in West Hills, and part of the West Valley People's Alliance, organizing for justice for our unhoused neighbors. This proposal was cruel and unnecessary when it was proposed in October and drew so much public pressure it was sent back to committee. It is cruel and unnecessary now. Criminalizing homelessness is a pointless act that won't change the reality that tens of thousands of our neighbors are homeless because there isn't enough affordable housing. The "buffer zones" and enforcement proposed in this motion are just excuses for police to harass and criminalize and arrest folks who are just trying to survive. Unhoused people have human dignity, and we should respect them and the spaces where they live. Building relationships of trust with unhoused folks and providing sufficient dignified, private shelter and housing without burdensome or carceral restrictions are the only way to solve our homelessness crisis. Turning to enforcement is simply an attempt to make the problem invisible — to make our unhoused neighbors invisible. Proposals that increase sweeps and cruel measures like "tents down" in the heat will lead to deaths. This motion is an affront against human dignity. Los Angeles is for everyone who lives here, housed or unhoused. Those with homes must not get a greater say in our government, just because they don't want to face the reality of the crisis that our failed homelessness and housing policies caused. Every single human being deserves to be treated with respect. People experiencing homelessness are our neighbors and part of our community. Our efforts to address the homelessness crisis must work with them, not against them, in order to meet their needs. Sweeps are needless trauma and criminalization only compounds the cycle of instability and poverty. Thank you. Hannah Bowman

Communication from Public

Name: Frank

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 06:47 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote in favor of Enforcement of 56.11 brought forth by 2 brave council members Buscaino and Lee. The sidewalks of our city are filthy, hazardous and unsafe for passage. They are especially difficult, if not impossible, for the handicapped to use. Why do we have to plead over and over to be listened to by our city officials. Enough already!! We are asking for a safe and sane place to live. Many longtime residents have already left Los Angeles because of the disintegrating quality of life here. They felt disrespected and disregarded by our city officials. Please put forth immediate common sense solutions to fix our neighborhoods and sidewalks! This mess has gone on far too long now. Make a commitment to start fixing Los Angeles and begin by voting to Enforce 56.11! Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Teresa Eilers

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 06:47 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: My Name is Teresa Eilers and I am writing on behalf of Union Station Homeless Services. We urge City Council to not vote on item #55 and instead allow it to be heard in the Homelessness and Poverty Committee as previously planned. Unsheltered homelessness is one of the most complex issues facing our city. This legislation would have a large and sweeping impact on the lives of tens of thousands of unhoused Angelenos sleeping on our streets – while doing nothing to increase access to shelter and housing. In addition, Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 have been the subject of various failed attempts at rewriting and litigation for over 15 years. As such, this issue deserves as much intentional discussion and meaningful planning as possible. This is why council sent the item to committee last November. It was being rushed through council then – and it is being rushed through council now. We can create policies and protocols that regulate public space while supporting a trauma-informed, person-centered process for serving and bringing inside our unhoused neighbors. But to do this City Council must be engaged in a robust dialogue centered on uplifting best practices for addressing encampments. Fast-tracking this – perhaps the most important policy matter facing LA – does a disservice to LA and all those attempting to constructively address homelessness. Send this item to Homelessness and Poverty where it can be thoroughly vetted and brought into alignment with other significant work being led by members of that committee. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Ashley Brim

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 06:52 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This motion does not provide any new resources or housing for unhoused individuals - these are the things we all know are needed to solve the homelessness crisis we face. Homelessness in Los Angeles continues to grow, and a wave of evictions is expected soon. Spending time discussing anti-homeless enforcement when we lack adequate shelter and housing is a distraction from the crisis, not a solution. Each time this motion returns, it's treated with a sense of urgency never applied to housing and shelter programs. Motions to provide street services languish in committee and pilot programs to house people aren't scaled up. That is where we need urgent action by council.

Communication from Public

Name: Chad Monk

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 06:53 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: My Name is Chad and I am writing on behalf of National Health Foundation. We urge City Council to not vote on item #55 and instead allow it to be heard in the Homelessness and Poverty Committee as previously planned. Unsheltered homelessness is one of the most complex issues facing our city. This legislation would have a large and sweeping impact on the lives of tens of thousands of unhoused Angelenos sleeping on our streets – while doing nothing to increase access to shelter and housing. In addition, Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 have been the subject of various failed attempts at rewriting and litigation for over 15 years. As such, this issue deserves as much intentional discussion and meaningful planning as possible. This is why council sent the item to committee last November. It was being rushed through council then – and it is being rushed through council now. We can create policies and protocols that regulate public space while supporting a trauma-informed, person-centered process for serving and bringing inside our unhoused neighbors. But to do this City Council must be engaged in a robust dialogue centered on uplifting best practices for addressing encampments. Fast-tracking this – perhaps the most important policy matter facing LA – does a disservice to LA and all those attempting to constructively address homelessness. Send this item to Homelessness and Poverty where it can be thoroughly vetted and brought into alignment with other significant work being led by members of that committee. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Jenny Pithie

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 06:55 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: In support of removal of all tents from the streets. Support of no camping/tents ordinance.

Communication from Public

Name: Allyson Taylor

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 06:57 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The continuation of allowing homeless to live on our city streets is abhorrent. It is not only cruel to those suffering with drugs, alcohol and mental illness it is cruel for taxpayers to have filth , garbage and vermin on our streets. LA is looking like a 3rd world country and it must be addressed now! It is a human and health problem.

Communication from Public

Name: Services Notsweeps

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 06:57 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Agenda Item 55 should not be passed. With the lack of permanent housing that is free from policing and curfews and few mental health services, people need access to safe spaces. Homelessness in Los Angeles continues to grow, and a wave of evictions is expected soon. Spending time discussing anti-homeless enforcement when we lack adequate shelter and housing is a distraction from the crisis, not a solution. Scarce shelter and housing resources should be allocated based on need and appropriateness. Reallocating shelter beds as a pretext for clearing a specific location means that people who need and want those beds won't be able to get them. We need to make delivery of services more efficient, not bend the system to fit with enforcement priorities. Unhoused Angelenos face disproportionate risks of police violence. Motions like this greatly increase the number of hostile encounters between unhoused people and law enforcement, further increasing that risk. At a time when the public is demanding that we reimagine public safety, further involving police in the provision of homeless services is not the answer

Communication from Public

Name: Susan Collins

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 07:06 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I would like to express my strong support for the enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11, the public camping ban. Every person in this city has been horribly affected by the ever-growing encampments on our sidewalks, doorways, parks, and public spaces. The amount of debris, bulky items, toxic and human waste, have been allowed to create a public health crisis. These items have encouraged rodents, and disease, they have prevented businesses from being able to operate. During the pandemic these areas have worsened and will prevent businesses from recovering as quickly as they should. Most tragically these items have blocked the pathways for people with disabilities for years now. People with disabilities have been denied the right to use the sidewalks or gain entry to businesses because they are unable to navigate around the debris. Time after time we have all watched as small children and our elderly loved ones are forced to walk in the middle of the street because the sidewalks are impassable. We're all compassionate people, so I am asking every member of this council to please apply the terms equity and inclusion to your compassion. True compassion does not impede on the basic, fundamental rights of our children, the elderly, and people with disabilities. Thank you to Council members Joe Buscaino and John Lee for proposing this motion and bringing it forth today. I respectfully ask that every member of this council to please vote in favor of the enforcement of 56.11
Thank you, Susan Collins

Communication from Public

Name: Valerie A

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 07:14 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I urge city council to oppose the motion to to enforce the sit-sleep-lie law. Best said by Board of Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, "Homelessness cannot be solved by pushing people from one community, not can we arrest our way out of homelessness." Enforcing such an extreme removal of unhoused people does not address the problem.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 07:19 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am writing in to express my support for the enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11, the public camping ban. Continued support for the current situation is inhumane at best, if not barbaric. Our cities/state has enormous resources available and yet over the last few years under the current approach, homelessness has skyrocketed. Enabling this crisis, which our current approach does, is not compassionate it is malevolent. There must be another way. Chris Teso in an editorial for Medium offers the following with regards to Portland, relevant to our cities as well. Although I am not in full agreement with his approach, it is more thoughtful than what we have been hearing coming from our current officials and the billions of dollars at their disposal. Mr. Teso writes, "...This topic is fraught with emotional arguments from both sides, even with each agreeing on the goal — to provide all people a safe place to sleep along with mental and addiction services, while keeping our city safe and clean. As usual the disagreement lies in the strategy to get there....While affordable housing is important in aiding people on the brink of homelessness stay housed, it does nothing to house the homeless who are unable to afford “affordable” housing, are addicted to substances that prohibit them from staying housed, suffer from mental illnesses that handicap their ability to care for themselves much less a home, or those who actually prefer the ease and accessibility to substances and relative lawlessness living on city streets provides. These vulnerable people need housing, but they need it to be free, and they need it simultaneous with mental and addiction services." (and/or job training and direction) "So, why don't we provide that? First and foremost, we should collect ongoing comprehensive data on who is homeless and why. The “why” in the data is not to be understated. Without comprehensive data that outlines in aggregate, as well as per person, the reason they're homeless it's too easy for us to make up our own story about the causes of the epidemic. Second, we should consolidate services under a single agency for accountability, efficiency, and effectiveness. Third, we should build or buy a housing facility outside the city large enough to house all homeless based on the data collected. I say outside the city because It's important to relocate people away from the opportunities, temptation and ease city streets afford." (for those

that this pertains to) "This facility would provide housing and food, along with mental and addiction services for free. These services should be intensive, mandatory, and available at the same location where people are housed. I would not make sobriety mandatory, as this is one of the main reasons homeless people avoid shelters and services that require it. Finally, we should make it impossible to sleep on the streets of Portland. Those who return to do so will be transported back to free housing and services. Admittedly, I have no idea how much this proposal would cost to implement, but that's the point. Put forth a plan before proposing arbitrary budgets that take more of our citizen's hard earned income. Land and facilities outside the city are far less expensive, we can reallocate funds from camp cleanups to relocation transport, and the consolidation of services will reduce waste. More salient, I can't imagine the cost could outweigh the economic impact homelessness has on tourism, retail, hospitality, healthcare, transit, and other ancillary metropolitan systems, so there should be private and public revenue streams from which to draw. Homeless advocates will say the houseless will be uprooted, discriminated against, or traumatized by this proposal. Some will claim it's their right to sleep on the street. But it's not compassionate to advocate for people to sleep on the street, and it is inhumane to enable homelessness." We respectfully ask that every member of this council vote in favor of the enforcement of 56.11 Thank you, Deborah Campbell & Paul Dempsey Studio City, CA

Communication from Public

Name: Julie Farr

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 07:27 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, We are in total support for the enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11, the public camping ban. Every person in this city has been horribly affected by the ever-growing encampments on our sidewalks, doorways, parks, and public spaces. The associated debris, bulky items, toxic and human waste, have created a public health crisis. These items have encouraged rodents and disease and have prevented businesses from being able to operate. In addition, these encampments have created an unsafe environment in our neighborhoods. Los Feliz supported the opening of A Bridge Home and was promised that the surrounding area would be kept clean, encampment free, and safe. These promises have not been kept. There are continual encampments around the bridge home and in the neighboring park area. As one of the owners of the apartment complex near the shelter, our tenants have been subjected to begging, ranting and screaming, litter, trash, being chased, finding drug paraphernalia, and theft. Tenants do not feel safe and are leaving the complex because of the situation. In addition, the screens on the buildings crawl spaces have been torn off and the buildings trash (primarily recycle container) is frequently ransacked requiring significant cleanup from our maintenance crew. No one, homeless or housed, has the right to create this kind of havoc. In addition, these encampments are deterrents for those homeless in the shelters who are trying to get off the street. We are all compassionate people, and I am asking every member of this council to please apply the terms equity and inclusion to your compassion. True compassion does not impede on the basic, fundamental rights of our children, the elderly, people with disabilities, and for all people to feel safe in their neighborhood and use the parks and public places without fear. Thank you Council members Joe Busciano and John Lee for proposing this motion and for bringing it forth today. I respectfully ask that every member of this council vote in favor of the enforcement of 56.11 Thank you, Julie Farr Fountain View Apartments 3640 - 3730 Los Feliz Blvd

Communication from Public

Name: Martin Crux
Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 07:28 PM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am writing to express my strong support for the enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11, the public camping ban. Every person in this city has been horribly affected by the ever-growing encampments on our sidewalks, doorways, parks, and public spaces. The amount of debris, bulky items, toxic and human waste, have been allowed to create a public health crisis. These items have encouraged rodents, and disease, they have prevented businesses from being able to operate. During the pandemic these areas have worsened and will prevent businesses from recovering as quickly as they should. Most tragically these items have blocked the pathways for people with disabilities for years now. Time after time we have all watched as small children and our elderly loved ones, are forced to walk in the middle of the street because their sidewalks are impassable. I respectfully ask that every member of this council vote in favor of the enforcement of 56.11. Thank you in advance.
Sincerely, Martin L Cruz

Communication from Public

Name: Scott Marsden

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 07:37 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: It beggars belief that the city council is has to be "forced" to even vote on this matter. Thank you councilmembers Joe Buscaino and John Lee for bringing this motion. It is time to make a stand, be honest with the public. Are you the architects of failure, or are you going to move decisively and take the first steps in solving this crisis. The activists say this criminalizes poverty, criminalizes being homeless - nonsense. This is the first step in regulating public space, which does not allow for someone, anyone, to make a claim to that space. There are enough conditions precedent that prove the activists are wrong with their claims of mass arrest and incarceration. But the most obvious is that after billions and billions, years and years, things are only worse. Now take all that money, and go build the most basic of shelters, dormitories, safe parking safe camping... move the unhoused to where the services are, to where they can be safe, to where they can get the help they need, so residents and businesses can be safe. The unhoused are not our neighbors, they are people who for various reasons can not care properly for themselves, and they do need help. But they don't need enablers that only prolong their needless existence in suffering, filth, addiction, mental illness...conditions so harsh, they are dying at a rapid rate. The humane remedy is to remove the public space camping option, create basic shelters, triage centers, and administer the help. Basic humanity such as food, toilets, showers, social workers, security... must be provided. Then, there is no excuse for people to live if you can call that living, in public spaces at their detriment, and the detriment of society. The experts were wrong, the alphabet agencies have failed. You have failed. Time to change course.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 07:39 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: All parking rules must be enforced. City and mayor are encouraging homeless and RV parking to go on indefinitely. Destroying neighborhood and the city. LA is laughing stock of the country. ENFORCE THE LAWS AS TO ALL PEOPLE. City counsel and the worst LA mayor ever have ruined this city. ENFORCE ALL PARKING LAWS. NO MORE RV PARKING AND THEIR FILTH

Communication from Public

Name: Michele

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 07:44 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Reinstate Municipal Code 56.11 and allow enforcement of anti-camping so OUR sidewalks are clear for all people to access safely and cleanly. Our streets in a civilized society are atrocious, embarrassing, unsafe, riddled with feces/syringes and all kinds of trash. Welcome to LA do not stop or walk the streets leave! The City of LA has endangered and destroyed our city by your lack of enforcement of laws pandering to "cancel culture" "victimization" and by the councils actions encouraging the destruction of our city streets/sidewalks/alleys/parking lots by "accepting" the trashing of LA. Shameful and you wonder why recalls are going on for your total lack of concern and maintenance of OUR streets and ability to maintain safe (free from crime/drug addicts/health hazards) streets. Our kids cannot ride bikes or walk to school whenever LAUSD gets back to work like the rest of us. Tents block the streets with unsavory/drug addicts shooting up attacking residents committing crime. But apparently this is accepted and okay with the socialist marxists "democrats" in a free for all no rules.. Only law abiding tax payers are targeted and homeless drug addicts/murderers /rapists /criminals are off limits. You think the public isn't angry and has had enough wasting our tax payer dollars funding programs that don't work. Treat the problem directly so the behavior changes. Millions wasted on clean up only to be filthy a few days later. Citizens have no rights and ability to roam their community un attacked, cannot walk on laurel canyon or coldwater canyon or van nuys blvd. Thanks Nythia for doing a lousy job. You bring the crime, filth, disease, drug addicts to live on the streets I see beds/tents/furniture/trash/bikes stolen littering our community and freeways. LA is a trash pit unsafe undesirable. Wake up city council people are fed up.

Communication from Public

Name: Kendall P Mayhew

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 07:48 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This motion failed last time because it was bad policy then, and it's bad policy now. Councilmember Buscaino is wasting the council and the public's time on a political stunt by attempting to revive a motion that should be dead and buried. Bringing this motion just to force council's hand is nothing more than a campaign stunt. We can't afford to sacrifice real solutions for political games. This motion does not provide any new resources or housing for unhoused individuals - these are the things we all know are needed to solve the homelessness crisis we face. Homelessness in Los Angeles continues to grow, and a wave of evictions is expected soon. Spending time discussing anti-homeless enforcement when we lack adequate shelter and housing is a distraction from the crisis, not a solution. Scarce shelter and housing resources should be allocated based on need and appropriateness. Reallocating shelter beds as a pretext for clearing a specific location means that people who need and want those beds won't be able to get them. We need to make delivery of services more efficient, not bend the system to fit with enforcement priorities. This motion failed the first time because it is unworkable and unrealistic. This will not address homelessness; at best, it reduces the visibility of homelessness. The only way to solve homelessness getting people housing, not moving them out of the way. Each time this motion returns, it's treated with a sense of urgency never applied to housing and shelter programs. Motions to provide street services languish in committee and pilot programs to house people aren't scaled up. That is where we need urgent action by council. Unhoused Angelenos face disproportionate risks of police violence. Motions like this greatly increase the number of hostile encounters between unhoused people and law enforcement, further increasing that risk. At a time when the public is demanding that we reimagine public safety, further involving police in the provision of homeless services is not the answer.

Communication from Public

Name: Terri Lotts
Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 07:50 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the enforcement of municipal code 56.11. Please bring back our sidewalks and streets for the public. This is unsafe and unsanitary.

Communication from Public

Name: Susan Mendez

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 07:53 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: As an Angelino, my family and I are saddened to see how bad/ugly/dirty our city streets have turned as a direct cause of the homeless epidemic. THIS is an epidemic. Its time to address it as an epidemic by enforcing adherence to no camping on streets for the sake of the safety for the majority of the Los Angeles residents. The homeless should be treated with respect and given options to relocate but they should no longer be allowed to destroy the city for the rest of us. As it is, there is little to no incentive to deter the growing homeless population/epidemic. The homeless have more than they need to remain on the streets in an often self destructive lifestyle and meanwhile the rest of us have to pay taxes and live in filth. It is unsafe to walk down the street for fear of being attacked by mentally disturbed or drug addicted homeless. We need action now. Please approve this matter and lets roll up our sleeves and get to work. Lets stop kicking the can down the toad. Now is the time to do something drastic and start addressing this epidemic.

Communication from Public

Name: Dina day
Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 07:55 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: We do not want tents on city sidewalks

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew Lotts

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 07:59 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the enforcement of municipal code 56.11.
Please give us back the streets that we deserve.

Communication from Public

Name: Judith Pinchuk

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 08:00 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please support councilmen Buscaino and Lee and vote to enforce the ban on public camping- 56.11. It is vital to stop the growing encampments with their piles of garbage and trash. They are a health hazard. Thank you for doing all you can to stop the growing misery of the homeless and the law abiding citizens of Los Angeles. Do it now before it is too late to get it under control. Your constituents are counting on you to clean up our streets.

Communication from Public

Name: MH

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 08:03 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Make LA accessible for families and children again. It is bad enough we cannot walk our neighborhoods and have to scramble for the closest parking to each business to avoid walking through encampments, but even pulling up beside the tents and trash constantly at traffic lights is shameful as our children observe hours worth of this activity and trash. We should be accountable to answer their question which is WHY? Not just why has it happened but why is it allowed to continue. Ban tents on sidewalks and let's clean up this city.

Communication from Public

Name: Gary Shaw

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 08:06 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: For the safety of ALL involved, including the homeless, we must have the No Tents In Daytime Law enforced once again. Personally NIGHTS too. That's even more spookier. Sidewalks are designed for walking NOT CAMPING.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 08:14 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: What is happening with the encampments in Venice is a humanitarian crisis and not safe for anyone homeless or not. Going into summer peak season, Super Bowl, World Cup, and olympics this has now become a National crisis and requires a Herculean effort that requires bi partisan immediate action.

Communication from Public

Name: Darianna Cardilli
Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 08:18 PM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am writing to express my strong support for the enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11, the public camping ban. LA residents have been affected by the ever-growing encampments on our sidewalks, doorways, parks, and public spaces. The ever growing number of tents has also brought bulky items, trash, feces and toxic waste on our streets resulting in a public health emergency. For a city that plans to host the Olympics in a mere 7 years this is an utter disgrace. These items have encouraged infestation of rodents, breeding ground for disease, and they have prevented businesses from being able to operate. More importantly the items owned/left by the homeless have blocked the pathways for people with disabilities for years now. This is defies ADA regulations. People with disabilities have been denied the right to use the sidewalks or gain entry to businesses because they are unable to navigate around the debris. Small children and elderly citizens, are forced to walk in the middle of the street because the sidewalks have become impassable. We talk of compassion for the homeless, yet Council members need to show that same compassion to disabled people and pedestrians, whose rights have been ignored. I am grateful to Council members Joe Buscaino and John Lee for proposing this motion and for bringing it forth today. I respectfully ask that every member of this Council vote in favor of the enforcement of 56.11

Communication from Public

Name: Robert Diaz
Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 08:26 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in opposition of arresting or citing our unhoused citizens. It is unfair and inhuman. Thank you Robert Diaz

Communication from Public

Name: Meleane Gardner

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 08:29 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I request that the LA City Council vote to hear and pass ordinance (CF 20-1376) and make our sidewalks passable for everyone. Additionally, I request Council President Nury Martinez hold a hearing on Motion CF 20-0147 to return to "tents down" 6 AM to 9 PM. Thank you. Meleane Gardner

Communication from Public

Name: Ross Overstreet
Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 08:43 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: I support that ban on tents and camping on public sidewalks. We must clean up the walkways as a matter or public safety.

Communication from Public

Name: Patricia L Faucher

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 08:47 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the city council to vote to NOT allow people to have tents on public sidewalks and to NOT allow people to block public access on sidewalks. Our community has been deluged with the unhoused who prefer living in our sidewalks. Many have repeatedly refused housing due to their preference to not have to abide by any rules or regulations

Communication from Public

Name: NANCY SOGOIAN
Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 08:48 PM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: As a voter, homeowner and tax payer, I strongly urge the Council to support the enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11, the public camping ban. Not only does sidewalk "camping" breed rats and create unhealthy public spaces, it's blocked access for people with disabilities, who have been denied the right to use the sidewalks or gain entry to businesses because they are unable to navigate around the debris. Countless times, we have all watched as small children and our elderly, many frail, are forced to walk in the middle of the street because our sidewalks are impassable. This is dangerous, and unconscionable, and cannot be allowed to continue! It is the DUTY and RESPONSIBILITY of every member of this council vote in favor of the enforcement of 56.11 - LIVE UP TO YOUR OATH OF OFFICE AND VOTE TO ENFORCE 56.11. Thank you, Nancy Sogioian

Communication from Public

Name: Carmen Carmen
Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 09:04 PM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I VOTE and I am a 33-YEAR RESIDENT of Los Feliz/Los Angeles. As a constituent and stakeholder, I want you to promptly REINSTATE Municipal Code 54.11, and enforce its anti- street camping laws which are on the books for good reason. The return to enforcement would equate a return to decency. It is LA's OFFICIALS who are accountable for permitting this terrible problem to occur in the first place, not to mention letting it fester. You can easily see what the result has been. And don't blame Covid; LA's exacerbation in homelessness began several years before that. ENOUGH ALREADY! Stop holding your decent, hard-working, tax-paying constituents hostage to the lifestyle of vagrants. They need help, but that's another conversation. Engaging them with "tough love" instead of spinelessly tippy-toeing on eggshells around them, will result in a healthier and more positive outcome for all of us. And you are responsible to ALL of us. As LA's officials are accountable for the permitting of and proliferation of street camping, you are accountable for its elimination.

Communication from Public

Name: Cynthia Rojas

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 09:09 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I support the tent ban on sidewalk for Los Angeles. It is no longer safe to walk the streets of Los Angeles with my children. My children are scared. We have naked people, drug users, and criminals controlling our streets even during the daytime. LA is not helping these people by making it easy to be homeless.

Communication from Public

Name: Eric Bescher

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 09:13 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am the President of the Homeowners Association of the Broadway Hollywood building, located on the corner of Hollywood and Vine. This motion is a reasonable step in bringing safety and sanitation to our streets. The unchecked growth of encampments is a safety concern for our residents, who feel that their voice is not heard. This motion is a good middle ground between protecting the rights of people experiencing homelessness and the rights of residents who have invested in the community and pay taxes. We support this motion.

Communication from Public

Name: Sophia Guel-Valenzuela

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 09:19 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: My Name is Sophia Guel-Valenzuela and I am writing on behalf of myself and my family. I urge City Council to not vote on item #55 and instead allow it to be heard in the Homelessness and Poverty Committee as previously planned. Unsheltered homelessness is one of the most complex issues facing our city. This legislation would have a large and sweeping impact on the lives of tens of thousands of unhoused Angelenos sleeping on our streets – while doing nothing to increase access to shelter and housing. In addition, Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 have been the subject of various failed attempts at rewriting and litigation for over 15 years. As such, this issue deserves as much intentional discussion and meaningful planning as possible. This is why council sent the item to committee last November. It was being rushed through council then – and it is being rushed through council now. We can create policies and protocols that regulate public space while supporting a trauma-informed, person-centered process for serving and bringing inside our unhoused neighbors. But to do this City Council must be engaged in a robust dialogue centered on uplifting best practices for addressing encampments. Fast-tracking this – perhaps the most important policy matter facing LA – does a disservice to LA and all those attempting to constructively address homelessness. Send this item to Homelessness and Poverty where it can be thoroughly vetted and brought into alignment with other significant work being led by members of that committee. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: David Fleming

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 09:26 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: It is time to take our public spaces back. It's time to give people a choice. Receive shelter, housing, or get off the sidewalks, parks, and roads. Continuing to perpetuate the unsustainable situation is not fair to taxpayers or the down and out. Fix it now before our city is completely destroyed by the current inaction.

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa Franks

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 09:29 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am writing in to express my very strong support for the enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11, the public camping ban. Our streets are full of trash and feces and it is not safe for our families or the handicapped, and these homeless encampments have created a public health hazard. Every person in this city has been horribly affected by the ever-growing encampments on our sidewalks, doorways, parks, and public spaces. These items have encouraged rodents, and disease, they have prevented businesses from being able to operate. During the pandemic these areas have worsened and will prevent businesses from recovering as quickly as they should. Most tragically these items have blocked the pathways for people with disabilities for years now. People with disabilities have been denied the right to use the sidewalks or gain entry to businesses because they are unable to navigate around the debris. Time after time we have all watched as small children and our elderly loved ones, are forced to walk in the middle of the street because their sidewalks are impassable. We are all compassionate people, and I am asking every member of this council to please apply the terms equity and inclusion to your compassion. True compassion does not impede on the basic, fundamental rights of our children, the elderly and people with disabilities. Thank you Council members Joe Busciano and John Lee for proposing this motion and for bringing it forth today. I respectfully ask that every member of this council vote in favor of the enforcement of 56.11 Thank you,

Communication from Public

Name: Peter Brunner
Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 09:36 PM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am writing in to express my strong support for the enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11, the public camping ban. Every person in this city has been horribly affected by the ever-growing encampments on our sidewalks, doorways, parks, and public spaces. The amount of debris, bulky items, toxic and human waste, have been allowed to create a public health crisis. These items have encouraged rodents, and disease, they have prevented businesses from being able to operate. During the pandemic these areas have worsened and will prevent businesses from recovering as quickly as they should. Most tragically these items have blocked the pathways for people with disabilities for years now. People with disabilities have been denied the right to use the sidewalks or gain entry to businesses because they are unable to navigate around the debris. Time after time we have all watched as small children and our elderly loved ones, are forced to walk in the middle of the street because their sidewalks are impassable. We are all compassionate people, and I am asking every member of this council to please apply the terms equity and inclusion to your compassion. True compassion does not impede on the basic, fundamental rights of our children, the elderly and people with disabilities. The solution to this homeless problem is a difficult and complex one but steps must be taken to help those in need. The first need they have is the need to take responsibility for their actions and accept the help available to them to reclaim their lives as part of our society. Many of them have fallen into bad habits which have to be replaced with positive ones. Enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11, is a step in helping our community members who have fallen on hard times find their way back into society. Thank you Council members Joe Busciano and John Lee for proposing this motion and for bringing it forth today. I respectfully ask that every member of this council vote in favor of the enforcement of 56.11
Thank you, Peter Brunner

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 09:38 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Pls Vote To Re-Instate the NO CAMPING Law to Clean Up LA in Order to Preserve Health, Environment, Businesses & Tourism post COVID ***Pls Outlaw Camping on Public Streets, Beaches, Parks as ?it has been for the last 50 years I-we have lived in Los Angeles!! ?The COVID Health emergency is over and now it's time to Vote To ReInstate the No Camping Law to Clean Up LA in Order to Preserve Health, Safety, the Environment, the Ocean, Businesses and Tourism post COVID !!! ? *****Please Stop homeless encampments at our Beautiful Beaches & Parks and Streets Thank you for all you have been doing for Covid and our Beautiful City of the Angels! Let's preserve our environment, protect our Kids and Keep our City Beautiful, Clean and Optimal for our Children, Residents, Businesses and Tourists!! Provide homeless the proper services they need at proper facilities... Our Beaches and Parks are Everyone's sanctuary and We need to Protect and Preserve them especially for Everyone's Safety, the Environment and our LA Economy... *Venice's failed example is showing the world how truly destructive Mike Bonin's approach is and how is approach is making Venice more Unsafe, Unsanitary and a higher risk environment, endangering residents (housed and unhoused), children and businesses with more crime, more fires, feces, needles and trash on the beach, in front of residences, schools and on all sidewalks and alleys!!! What has happened in Venice itself is now a health, safety and financial emergency for everyone, for struggling families, struggling businesses and our Tourism Industry.. The Covid emergency is now at an end so now other long term measures for homeless can be addressed and presented that ***Don't allow Bonin to replicate the disastrous Venice approach that will cause irreparable damage to LA's greatest assets: Beaches and Parks: Will Rogers, Marina Del Rey, Dockweiler, Ballona Wetlands, Mar Vista Park, Westchester Park or any LA beach or park or Sidewalk... Please... preserve our Environment and Oceans we worked so hard to clean up over the last decades.. Pls No more 'CAMPING' and lets get back to our pre Covid law and order in Los angeles and beautiful beaches and parks... and also provide the right facilities for the homeless. Thank You

Communication from Public

Name: Mari
Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 09:39 PM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am writing in to express my strong support for the enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11, the public camping ban. Every person in this city has been horribly affected by the ever-growing encampments on our sidewalks, doorways, parks, and public spaces. The amount of debris, bulky items, toxic and human waste, have been allowed to create a public health crisis. These items have encouraged rodents, and disease, they have prevented businesses from being able to operate. During the pandemic these areas have worsened and will prevent businesses from recovering as quickly as they should. Most tragically these items have blocked the pathways for people with disabilities for years now. People with disabilities have been denied the right to use the sidewalks or gain entry to businesses because they are unable to navigate around the debris. Time after time we have all watched as small children and our elderly loved ones, are forced to walk in the middle of the street because their sidewalks are impassable. We are all compassionate people, and I am asking every member of this council to please apply the terms equity and inclusion to your compassion. True compassion does not impede on the basic, fundamental rights of our children, the elderly and people with disabilities. Thank you Council members Joe Buscaino and John Lee for proposing this motion and for bringing it forth today. I respectfully ask that every member of this council vote in favor of the enforcement of 56.11 Thank you,
Mari Matekel

Communication from Public

Name: Nancy Gomez
Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 09:40 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: For the safety of ALL involved, including the homeless, we must have the No Tents In Daytime Law enforced once again.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 09:41 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN; PLEASE, I IMPLORE YOU, AS A NATIVE ANGELINA TO PLEASE, REINSTATE LOITERING, IE LIVING ON PUBLIC STREETS, DEFECATING AND URINATING ON PUBLIC STREETS ILLEGAL!! IT IS UNHEALTHY, DEMEANING A PUBLIC SAFETY MENACE!! OUR STREETS SHOULD NOT BE IN THIS CONDITION WITH EITHER MENTALLY AND OR PHYSICALLY SICK PEOPLE...PLEASE GIVE US AND THEM THE QUALITY OF LIFE WE ALL DESERVE AND PAY DEARLY THROUGH THE MOST EXTREME TAXES!!

Communication from Public

Name: Dave

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 09:43 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

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Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 09:44 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Victor Adjemian

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 09:44 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear council people, public camping is unacceptable. In our current situation, public camping is uncontrolled, and environmentally intolerable. The pandemic may have been cause to relax social standards, but the result have proven to be totally chaotic. 56.11 should be reimplemented, and enforced.

Communication from Public

Name: Karen Proctor

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 09:48 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am strongly in favor of and supporting NO camping/tent ordinance of CF 20-1376. I am a resident of the Hollywood area and have resided at the same address on N Formosa Ave for over 15 years. I have never seen this area and surrounding areas look like a 3rd world country until this past year. The disgusting tents, filth and crime that has increased 10000% in this area over the last year is unacceptable, unsafe and unhealthy for ALL the residents who actually pay to live here. We have had so many things stolen from our area and some of it found discarded around the corner by the tent encampments that have been allowed to sit in front of the Durant library for several months(311 contacted since Jan no progress). We have trespassers and criminals on our property and around this area constantly (N Formosa Ave street with Michael's Village on the corner). I wholeheartedly, 100% support the NO TENTS, NO CAMPING, NO SITTING, NO JUNK from transients and tents !!!!! We need to get this back in place so the tax paying residents can get their communities back and away from the filth and crime that has been allowed for way too long by many of the politicians that are currently in play.

Communication from Public

Name: David P

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 10:00 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Absolutely ridiculous that these vagrant camps are allowed to stand. How much open drug use, urination, defecation, exposed genitals am i supposed to subject myself to? How many encampment fires? Stolen bicycles? These people need tough love, not a free ride to do whatever.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 10:02 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Reference: 56.11 Council Members, I am a life long Venice resident. I am writing you to ask you to enforce the Anti-Camping and No Dumping Laws. We have violent vagrants parking on our streets in front of our homes, many are on drugs day and night. These vagrants are jumping our fences at night and stealing our mail in the day. I have pride for my neighborhood and I personally clean up garbage off the streets everyday. I have been here my entire life and I can not believe that our community has been reduced to nothing more than a toilet and trash piles, with vagrants just dedicating in the streets. I have personally caught the huge-campers dumping their raw sewage tanks right into the municipal sewer system, and right into our mother ocean. This happens every day on our streets. This is what is happening at the Ballona wetlands on Jefferson. These campers are dumping their raw sewage right into the Bird Habitat sanctuary, and nobody is doing anything about it. It is a disgrace and must be stopped. I urge you to please enforce the No-Camping and No Dumping laws. REF: 56.11. Our community has been turned into a garbage pit. You are suppose to be protecting our communities. Where are the rights of the taxpayers? Why is the burden being brought here and dumped in our community? These people are NOT FROM HERE AND SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO TRASH OUR COMUNITY!COMMUNITY

Communication from Public

Name: Kuniko Vroman
Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 10:03 PM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: My Name is Kuniko Vroman and I am writing to urge City Council to not vote on item #55 and instead allow it to be heard in the Homelessness and Poverty Committee as previously planned. Unsheltered homelessness is one of the most complex issues facing our city. This legislation would have a large and sweeping impact on the lives of tens of thousands of unhoused Angelenos sleeping on our streets – while doing nothing to increase access to shelter and housing. In addition, Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 have been the subject of various failed attempts at rewriting and litigation for over 15 years. As such, this issue deserves as much intentional discussion and meaningful planning as possible. This is why council sent the item to committee last November. It was being rushed through council then – and it is being rushed through council now. Ticketing and fining folks for being unhoused makes no sense and does real harm. Fines go unpaid and then warrants are issued which can make it near impossible to get work or connect with services. Criminalizing poverty is shameful, cruel and helps no one. This code is enforced unfairly. Recently in Venice, housed folks erected beach shelters and went unmolested, while unhoused folks were prosecuted for trying to rest, something that all humans need and have a right to do. We can create policies and protocols that use a trauma-informed, person-centered process for serving and bringing inside our unhoused neighbors. Fast-tracking this – perhaps the most important policy matter facing LA – does a disservice to LA and all those attempting to constructively address homelessness. Send this item to Homelessness and Poverty where it can be thoroughly vetted and brought into alignment with other significant work being led by members of that committee. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Christopher Zonnas

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 10:10 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: It is self-evident to all that the current 'street camping' situation is untenable. Passive enablement, combined with non-enforcement of standing laws has created dangerous situations all over our city - for both the housed and unhoused alike. City leadership's refusal to address the root cause of 'homelessness'; drug addiction and mental illness, and pretend it's a housing issue, has gone from ignorant to irresponsible. A new strategy is needed immediately. How many deaths will it take to admit you're wrong?

Communication from Public

Name: Kevin Wheeler

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 10:10 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to say that I 100% support council member Buschaino's Anti Camping Law. I am a normal everyday Angeleno with a 2 year old and a 4 year old. Everyday I walk out my home I fear there's going to be a tent outside or an RV parked on my street. It is clear that the people on our streets need help but it should not be at the cost of our neighborhoods and hard working communities. It is evident that several of these individuals are dangerous and have severe mental illness/drug addiction. Just a couple miles from my home in Venice Beach a man was found beaten to death in his tent. Only a few weeks ago a beloved security guard at a local surf shop was stabbed repeatedly in the head with a broken bottle by a homeless man. There have been multiple murders, stabbings and shootings right in the neighborhood where my children play. Families are the backbone of our communities and children are the future of Los Angeles. It's been multiple years and billions of dollars trying the same old policies. They're not working. Anti camping laws have actually proven to push people out of homelessness and the beneficial statistics support such a plan. Please support this Anti-camping law and bring our beautiful city back to the glory it once was.

Communication from Public

Name: Joe Rehfeld

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 10:11 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Good morning, members of the City Council. My name is Joe Rehfeld and I am a property owner, business owner and resident in Hollywood. I am writing in support of reinstating municipal codes 41.18 and 56.11. Sidewalks and public spaces provide a critical role in connecting our city and its neighborhoods. It is time for the city to resume its role in protecting the accessibility of public spaces and ensuring our sidewalks are places for all Angelenos to move comfortably. This can be accomplished while humanely providing access to services and shelter to help our unhoused neighbors. Sanitation conditions continue to reach new lows. Excessive trash, human waste, encampment fires, drug paraphernalia and disease are, sadly, regular fixtures of the public realm in today's LA. It is time to clean up our sidewalks so that all Angelenos can use them. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 10:19 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This motion does not provide any new resources or housing for unhoused individuals - these are the things we all know are needed to solve the homelessness crisis we face. Homelessness in Los Angeles continues to grow, and a wave of evictions is expected soon. Spending time discussing anti-homeless enforcement when we lack adequate shelter and housing is a distraction from the crisis, not a solution. Scarce shelter and housing resources should be allocated based on need and appropriateness. Reallocating shelter beds as a pretext for clearing a specific location means that people who need and want those beds won't be able to get them. We need to make delivery of services more efficient, not bend the system to fit with enforcement priorities.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 10:22 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of the Historic Core of Downtown Los Angeles, and I strongly recommend that the Council vote in favor of enforcing laws to prohibit camping on sidewalks. The current situation is unconscionable for all residents of Los Angeles, those living on the streets or otherwise. Providing shelter - along with providing incentive to accept shelter - for the individuals on the sidewalks is just one necessary initial step to addressing this wrong.

Communication from Public

Name: Justin G

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 10:29 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: If we don't have our public sidewalks, we don't have a civilization. We can't walk our dog down the street anymore. These folks are taking up space in the middle of the street as well. It's totally unsanitary and unfair to the entire community. If we don't get these people the help they need, we will vote the entire council out!

Communication from Public

Name: Judy Rehfeld

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 10:29 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Good morning, members of the City Council. My name is Judy Rehfeld and I am a property owner and resident in Hollywood. I am writing in support of reinstating municipal codes 41.18 and 56.11. Sidewalks and public spaces provide a critical role in connecting our city and its neighborhoods. It is time for the city to resume its role in protecting the accessibility of public spaces and ensuring our sidewalks are places for all Angelenos to move comfortably. This can be accomplished while humanely providing access to services and shelter to help our unhoused neighbors. The impact of sprawling encampments in the public realm influences how both residents and visitors feel about our community. There are some places where it appears that things are so out of control that the City has just given up and relinquished the public realm. I urge you to support these important ordinances. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Arasto Ahdoot

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 10:38 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I support sheriff Villanueva for taking a stand against making Venice a hub of homeless people. Venice already has more homeless shelters than any other jurisdictions in district 11. Sir thank you for standing against corruption and unfair practices in Venice. Our streets are filthy and unsafe. The price of houses in Venice has plummeted; what about us the residents of Venice? Do we have any rights? Why there are two homeless shelters within two blocks of my house? Does Mr Bonin would allow that in Mar Vista? Thank again Sir for taking a stand for what is right.

Communication from Public

Name: Historic Core Resident in Downtown Los Angeles
Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 10:40 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to vote YES on Item #55 - CouncilMember Buscaino's motion to PROHIBIT SIDEWALK CAMPING. Enough is enough. 1000+ people have died on the streets in the last year. You MUST end this crisis. Camping on public property is not the solution, people need to be put in shelters. We can't afford to wait for the "perfect solution" of permanent housing or NOTHING will ever be done. We're watching you. Your vote on this will be remembered.

Communication from Public

Name: Isela
Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 10:44 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: I fully support the motion to prohibit public encampments on our city streets and sidewalks. These encampments grow and cause a major hazard to the general public safety.

Communication from Public

Name: A Tax Paying Resident

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 10:47 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: A Boise compliant policy is MONTHS over due. Regulating our streets, sidewalks and neighborhoods is a NECESSITY for all, including for those in need of shelter and housing. Children, elderly and other walkers should not be walking in the streets. Sanitation should not be ignoring piles of trash at direction of our Council members regardless of where it comes from. Even though Council members Mike Bonin and Nithya Raman don't want to acknowledge this fact, the Boise decision ALLOWS enforcement of laws at all times and at all locations if a person has been offered shelter. Enforce our laws and compel folks in need to take shelter as offered. Anarchy is not ok. Pass this motion immediately.

Communication from Public

Name: Rick Garvey

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 10:49 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the proposed amendments to 41.18 As a public health researcher who has worked directly with unhoused populations in Los Angeles for over 20 years; I understand that it is a complex problem in our City and that it has been decades in the making. I am concerned that the proposed amendment will only make the situation worse. By placing categorical restrictions on where people can sit, sleep, and lie in public from 500 foot buffer zones around schools, parks, and daycares, to 10 foot restrictions around all driveways and doorways the City will only make it more likely that unhoused people will be harassed, cited, and even arrested for the crime of having nowhere else to go. The City cannot arrest their way out of a housing crisis they created. I am also a 25 year resident and homeowner in Venice, an area that is currently right in the center of the debate. I watched with disgust as the LAPD conducted their sweep of the unhoused community in Echo Park and I applaud Councilman Bonin for refusing to allow that to happen in Venice. I have seen the impact that his model of outreach with services, where UNARMED outreach teams who know the details of the array of available services get to know what people's needs are and can better direct them to services that will be a good fit. Housing people over the course of weeks, while building trust among the people on the street as they see others accept housing and services works. By even the most conservative estimates, there are more than 36,000 people who are homeless in Los Angeles, and more than 75% of them are unsheltered. Many unsheltered residents have no other option but to sleep on sidewalks and in public spaces throughout the city. If this proposal is approved and enforced there would be nowhere for them to go in my neighborhood or in many other neighborhoods. It is unworkable and likely would result in selective enforcement and then be contested in court. Instead of writing more restrictive laws, the City should focus on actual housing programs. Rick Garvey 234 Horizon #5, Venice, CA 90291

Communication from Public

Name: Audrey Mandelbaum

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 11:35 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Eagle Rock and volunteer member of SELAH and the ERNC Housing and Homelessness Committee. I urge you to oppose any legislation that criminalizes sitting, sleeping, and lying or storage of property for homeless Angelenos. Until we find better solutions to the complex issues surrounding homelessness, this type of action is inhumane and unrepresentative of the views of our city's residents, who voted to fund real solutions. I urge you to send this issue through the Homelessness and Poverty committee and to find compassionate, comprehensive, and long term alternatives that address the urgent need for trauma-informed support services and affordable housing. We can do better. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 11:39 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Sidewalks need to be cleared for everyone to use , handicap, mothers with strollers, kids walking home from and to school or other places. NO one should have to walk in the street and risk being hit by a car beacuse homeless are blocking the way , or be scared to walk by homeless that attack people . We need to be able to walk in our neighborhoods with out the smell of drugs, trash , and tents. It is not always safe to walk by those that live in the tents. On Ventura by De soto a very strong smell of drugs always is coming from that area. Trash is all over the place there as well as tents. No one wants to walk passed there or have to walk in the street to avoid that area. something needs to be done ASAP. Ask yourself if this was in front of your house what would YOU do?

Communication from Public

Name: Jason Fineis

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 11:42 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: As a pedestrian, I urge you to vote to hear and pass this ordinance to make our sidewalks safe for everyone but especially for our residents with disabilities and children. There are so many places where I'm forced to walk in the street because the sidewalks are completely blocked. This is a dangerous situation for everyone, even more so for disabled people and children who aren't as careful/observant. Please, make our city accessible for everyone!

Communication from Public

Name: Lionel Mares

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 11:44 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council-members: I am writing to demand that both the city and the county of Los Angeles act quickly to cut ‘red tape’, to provide services and transitional housing that will lead to long-term, supportive housing for the homeless individuals who lost their home due to economic reasons such as unemployment and cost of housing. Especially those with severe psychiatric medical conditions and to provide alcohol and drug rehabilitation for those suffering from addiction. The LA Alliance v City and County of Los Angeles issue arose because the city and county of Los Angeles were SLOW to act. The judge David O. Carter ruled that the city and county of Los Angeles violated human rights’ by not providing services and housing for the homeless and mentally ill folk. The time to act swiftly is now! No more arguments. References: via Los Angeles Times (APRIL 26, 2021): “Judge David O. Carter, in a preliminary injunction last week, ordered the city to put \$1 billion in an escrow account , with the money to be used for homelessness. The ruling came the same day that Mayor Eric Garcetti unveiled a city budget proposal to spend nearly \$1 billion on homelessness.” “LA Alliance for Human Rights v. City of Los Angeles (U.S. District Court – Central District of California): On March 19, 2020, a district court held an emergency hearing regarding L.A.’s efforts to address homeless concerns related to COVID-19. The hearing was part of a lawsuit filed earlier in March by LA Alliance for Human Rights, a broad coalition of stakeholders, against L.A. and county officials alleging violations of state and federal law arising from the city’s homeless conditions.”

Communication from Public

Name: Stefanie Cho

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 11:45 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am writing in to express my strong support for the enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11, the public camping ban. Every person in this city has been horribly affected by the ever-growing encampments on our sidewalks, doorways, parks, and public spaces. The amount of debris, bulky items, toxic and human waste, have been allowed to create a public health crisis. These items have encouraged rodents, and disease, they have prevented businesses from being able to operate. During the pandemic these areas have worsened and will prevent businesses from recovering as quickly as they should. Most tragically these items have blocked the pathways for people with disabilities for years now. People with disabilities have been denied the right to use the sidewalks or gain entry to businesses because they are unable to navigate around the debris. Time after time we have all watched as small children and our elderly loved ones, are forced to walk in the middle of the street because their sidewalks are impassable. We are all compassionate people, and I am asking every member of this council to please apply the terms equity and inclusion to your compassion. True compassion does not impede on the basic, fundamental rights of our children, the elderly and people with disabilities. Thank you Council members Joe Busciano and John Lee for proposing this motion and for bringing it forth today. I respectfully ask that every member of this council vote in favor of the enforcement of 56.11 Thank you,
Stefanie Cho

Communication from Public

Name: Nicholas P Previsich

Date Submitted: 06/28/2021 11:55 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: My wife and I STRONGLY support the motion by CMs Buscaino and Lee to resume enforcement of LAMC 56.11 and all other relevant ordinances. As long-time residents of DTLA we have seen a significant downturn in public safety and sanitation conditions for the past few years, but with complete suspension of enforcement this has accelerated dramatically. In fact, we experienced a violent home invasion and subsequent stand-off in the middle of the night two months ago from an unhoused, intoxicated and quite likely mentally ill individual resulting in not only thousands of dollars in property damage but also a very real risk to our own lives. Civilization requires rules to function...we call them laws. It is nonsensical and patently self-destructive to suspend the most basic laws needed to maintain public safety and health. Doing so abrogates the social contract and it is a disgraceful dereliction of the core responsibilities of our elected officials. Furthermore, the ridiculously hamstrung situation the City has ALLOWED itself to be placed in at the behest of self-styled advocates and their lawyers does the most harm to those that those on all sides claim to wish to protect: the severely mentally ill and/or addicted persons who are preyed upon by criminals and suffer and die in our streets each and every day. Failure to acknowledge and decisively ADDRESS these obvious facts in all respects is not only a failure of governance; it is a failure of civilization. It is a failure of humanity. We are grateful to CMs Buscaino and Lee for understanding and fully accepting THEIR responsibilities. We call on the rest of the Council to do the same. This ongoing disaster MUST end; let your actions today mark the beginning of that.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 12:08 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to urge you to oppose enforcement of LA's sit-sleep-lie law. It will not address homelessness; at best, it reduces the visibility of homelessness. The only way to solve homelessness is by getting people housing, not moving them out of the way. Currently, half of LA is some form of unpermitted zone with regards to homelessness, not considering that not all of LA is inhabitable for the unhoused. Criminalizing homelessness and making unhoused people's mere existence/presence illegal in LA will not solve the problem; it will only exacerbate it by making it even harder for our unhoused neighbors to get back on their feet and into housing.

Communication from Public

Name: Wendy Stern

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 12:10 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The sidewalks and public parks are there for all of the residents to use and enjoy. The encampments along the sidewalks prevent the residents of the city from accessing businesses or even walking in their own neighborhoods. Personally, I feel like I can no longer safely go to the San Pedro Post Office. In order to conduct any business requiring the post office, I have to drive to another part of the city that does not allow the encampments. When I go for a walk in my own neighborhood, I carry pepper spray in case one of the "unhoused" occupants of the park chooses to be aggressive.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 12:14 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Tents of any kind and camping on public property in Los Angeles should be banned and made illegal. This is a growing issue that the city is not doing anything results-driven about which; in turn is increasing in crime, violence, waste, homelessness growth; and safety & community concerns.

Communication from Public

Name: Bianca Cockrell
Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 12:31 AM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to strongly urge you to oppose CF 20-1376: criminalizing poverty and homelessness neither stops nor solves those problems. There is no shortage of arguments against this motion, from the fact that there is not an adequate supply of resources and housing for this kind of punishment to make any sense -- where exactly are these people supposed to go? -- to the fact the precedent in *Martin v. Boise* renders this unconstitutional, and so on. But I want to tell you about my friend Danny Hudson who currently lives on the Bronson overpass. He's an older man and has borne a lifetime of abuse; he's hyper and sometimes manic, so he doesn't do well in groups; and has had terrible experiences in shelters. He has an extensive tent and tarp set up, which he keeps meticulously clean. He's smart and informed, and knows this motion is being heard today. He's already expressed to me: if this passes, he has literally nowhere he can go. He's very scared. Are you going to put him in a jail cell instead? I'm hoping to help him call in during public comment, but if the logistics prove too difficult, I wanted his story shared in some capacity. That would be a better use of the council's time: soliciting more input from those who their policies would affect, rather than trying to send them to jail. Thank you. I am a member of the Hollywood United Neighborhood Council (who also sent in a CIS to oppose this) but am writing in as a private citizen. Bianca Cockrell

Communication from Public

Name: Steven Chun

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 01:11 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Steven Chun, and I am a resident of CD5. I am disgusted and angry that City Council continues to entertain false solutions to homelessness like this ordinance 41.18 submitted by CM Buscaino which only serve to criminalize and thus exacerbate homelessness in Los Angeles. It is not only a waste of time and energy, but it is also a dangerous stunt that distracts and detracts from the much-needed resources and services that homeless Angelenos need throughout the city. As someone who regularly provides water, food, and aid to their own unhoused neighbors, I have seen firsthand how sweeps and criminalization only make it more difficult for unhoused Angelenos to access the services and resources they need to get back on their feet and out of homelessness. I have seen firsthand how difficult it is to find housing and services once you have lost ID cards, birth certificates, phones, and more as a result of needlessly cruel sweeps. Buscaino and Lee's brazen attempts at reviving this farce of an ordinance should be universally condemned by the City Council for its cruelty and lack of effectiveness, and I fully expect my CM, Paul Koretz, and the rest of Council to swiftly shoot it back down. 41.18 belongs in the trash, and any CM who approves of it, officially or not, should be run out of town for choosing to criminalize their own constituents instead of providing them the aid they need. STOP ENTERTAINING THESE FARCICAL ORDINANCES AND START WORKING ON REAL PERMANENT HOUSING SOLUTIONS. STOP WASTING MY TAXPAYER DOLLARS ON CRIMINALIZATION AND HALF-BAKED, IGNORANT "SOLUTION" TO HOMELESSNESS.

Communication from Public

Name: Bill Pope

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 01:47 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Summary of Changes to LAMC Section 41.18 include:
"Subsection (d) would allow the City to enforce a ban on sitting, lying, or sleeping in any public area - Citywide -- provided that an offer of shelter is provided before enforcement occurs." Summary of Changes to LAMC Section 56.11 does not appear to address: "a Citywide ban on sitting, lying, or sleeping in any public area – Citywide." Please add this ban to Section 56.11. Thank you, Bill Pope

Communication from Public

Name: STEVE MCCROSKEY

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 05:23 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am (writing / calling) in to express my strong support for the enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11, the public camping ban. Every person in this city has been horribly affected by the ever-growing encampments on our sidewalks, doorways, parks, and public spaces. The amount of debris, bulky items, toxic and human waste, have been allowed to create a public health crisis. These items have encouraged rodents, and disease, they have prevented businesses from being able to operate. During the pandemic these areas have worsened and will prevent businesses from recovering as quickly as they should. Most tragically these items have blocked the pathways for people with disabilities for years now. People with disabilities have been denied the right to use the sidewalks or gain entry to businesses because they are unable to navigate around the debris. Time after time we have all watched as small children and our elderly loved ones, are forced to walk in the middle of the street because their sidewalks are impassable. We are all compassionate people, and I am asking every member of this council to please apply the terms equity and inclusion to your compassion. True compassion does not impede on the basic, fundamental rights of our children, the elderly and people with disabilities. Thank you Council members Joe Busciano and John Lee for proposing this motion and for bringing it forth today. I respectfully ask that every member of this council vote in favor of the enforcement of 56.11 Thank you,

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle Rojas-Soto

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 05:54 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I live in Eagle Rock. I vehemently oppose citing my neighbors who live in tents or makeshift shelters. I will not support any elected officials who raise revenue for the city from our most marginalized communities. Those of us who have more in life owe a good deal to luck and to systemic advantages based on race and gender, not just hard work. Let us focus on systemic solutions to homelessness, not on criminalizing individuals who our current system was designed to marginalize in the first place. Let us focus on housing affordability, employment, health, education, transportation and civic engagement.

Communication from Public

Name: Blumes Tracy

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 05:55 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to strongly support Council Member Buscaino's motion for the City Council to consider and enact the legislation contained in CF 20-1376. Due to the presence of homeless encampments, trash, and related problems, my neighborhood is in the worst physical shape that I have ever seen. Crime is rampant and I fear for my personal safety. The proposed ordinance strikes the right balance between the rights of the unhoused and the rights of the other residents of the City. It is unconscionable that the City Council has not moved forward on this issue for nine months and further inaction is unacceptable.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 06:26 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please dont criminalized our unhoused neighbors this is cruel and lacks to offer any ACTUAL SOLUTIONS. Joe B doesnt have the best intentions and he should resign same as o Farrell. We need permanent housing the problem is not our unhoused neighbors the problem is this council investing in cops and not housing. Each time this motion returns, it's treated with a sense of urgency never applied to housing and shelter programs.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Lueras
Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 07:02 AM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: please vote against and otherwise oppose the ordinance 41.18d that criminalizes the homeless

Communication from Public

Name: Francesca Paige
Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 07:11 AM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to strongly support Council Member Buscaino's motion for the City Council to consider and enact the legislation contained in CF 20-1376. Due to the presence of homeless encampments, trash, and related problems, my neighborhood is in the worst physical shape that I have ever seen. Crime is rampant and I fear for my personal safety. The proposed ordinance strikes the right balance between the rights of the unhoused and the rights of the other residents of the City. It is unconscionable that the City Council has not moved forward on this issue for nine months and further inaction is unacceptable.

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 07:27 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please state that for the safety of ALL involved, including the homeless, that we need to have the no tents in daytime law enforced once again Also the trash is unacceptable- why is it that taxpayers are held At a higher standard than people Living on the street We will Vote you out if nothing is done

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 07:27 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

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Communication from Public

Name: Erika Bosley

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 07:47 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Corbin underpass at Ventura & 101 Frwy is unsafe, hazardous and against the law. Pedestrians are unable to use sidewalks due to transient and homeless encampments block 100% of sidewalk on both sides. Pedestrians get verbal and physical abused when trying to walk by on the street. Pedestrians have to walk on Corbin Avenue a endanger their lives by passing cars. Trash and human waste from the encampment is all around and makes it a toxic and hazardous environment plus it's spreading to environment and business all around the immediate area. Area is dangerous to drive in due to people in encampment crosses the street from one side to the other without warning. Fights between encampment residents are frequent making it even dangerous to drive or walk in the street. Barbecues and uncontrolled warming fires have caused large fires to break out under the underpass. Our streets and sidewalks need to be safe and clean.

Communication from Public

Name: Farrah Yashar

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 08:11 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello Los Angeles City Council Members, I am writing to you to ask that you support council members Buscaino and Lee's efforts to pass a stricter anti-camping ordinance at the upcoming City Council Meeting on Tuesday, June 29th. I currently live near a growing encampment, which because of the relaxation of ordinances during covid, has encouraged our unhoused neighbors to refuse city services, particularly repeated offers of housing. Instead, the streets are not passable because of littering of belongings, trash and feces is piled everywhere which the Bureau of Sanitation is not able to keep up with removing regularly, and petty theft, noise, and a variety of criminal activities now take place on the street outside my home making the only green space in the area unusable for my children. The ordinance would restrict people from lying, sleeping, sitting, or placing tents and personal property on streets and sidewalks: -where it reduces the path of travel required by the American with Disabilities Act; -within 10 feet of an operational or utilizable entrance, exit, driveway or loading dock; -within 500 feet of a facility that provides housing, shelter, supportive services, safe parking or storage to unhoused people; -within 500 feet of a designated freeway overpass, underpass, ramp, tunnel or pedestrian subway; and -at all times and all locations if a person has been offered shelter. Please vote in support of the ordinance. Thank you for your time, Farrah Yashar

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 08:12 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Councilmembers, I am writing to voice my support for the ordinance being put forth by Councilmembers Buscaiano and Lee. The current city sanctioned chaos & filth is not tenable, compassionate, nor helpful for the unhoused or housed in this city. Allowing unfettered encampments is obviously deteriorating our communities, but what might be less obvious, is the cruelty & inhumanity it forces upon the most vulnerable. Without any regulations or boundaries, encampments have become a hotbed of sexual assault for unhoused women, murder, hiding places for criminality and gang extortion of the unhoused, and a bottomless pit where we allow the mentally ill and severely addicted to rot. When services, shelter, and housing are seen as restrictive compared to the free for all of the streets, people refuse housing. With this nuanced motion we can restore order and health to our communities, and give the housing resistant individuals the boundaries that just might end up saving their lives. We cannot continue to create ordinances around reality as we wish it to be, or that fit the sound bites that will make us look good. I urge the council to look at the reality we are facing, to be brave, and support this ordinance. Thank you, Sara Kay

Communication from Public

Name: Karen Herrera

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 08:16 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: My Name is Karen Herrera and I am writing on behalf of The Center in Hollywood. We serve the unhoused neighbors of our community and are a non-profit that aims to end isolation and homelessness. We urge City Council to not vote on item #55 and instead allow it to be heard in the Homelessness and Poverty Committee as previously planned. Unsheltered homelessness is one of the most complex issues facing our city. This legislation would have a large and sweeping impact on the lives of tens of thousands of unhoused Angelenos sleeping on our streets – while doing nothing to increase access to shelter and housing. In addition, Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 have been the subject of various failed attempts at rewriting and litigation for over 15 years. As such, this issue deserves as much intentional discussion and meaningful planning as possible. This is why council sent the item to committee last November. It was being rushed through council then – and it is being rushed through council now. We can create policies and protocols that regulate public space while supporting a trauma-informed, person-centered process for serving and bringing inside our unhoused neighbors. But to do this City Council must be engaged in a robust dialogue centered on uplifting best practices for addressing encampments. Fast-tracking this – perhaps the most important policy matter facing LA – does a disservice to LA and all those attempting to constructively address homelessness. Send this item to Homelessness and Poverty where it can be thoroughly vetted and brought into alignment with other significant work being led by members of that committee. Thank you. -Karen Herrera

Communication from Public

Name: Judith Penchansky

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 08:18 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote to ban camping and tents on Venice Beach. My family and I have lived in the area since 1969 and we have seen many changes during these years, however the current situation of people living in filth/out in the open, has become unbearable for them and for the other residents. The policy allowing tents and camping is cruel and dangerous. Due to the nightmare this policy has created, my children, grandchildren and other relatives no longer feel safe enough to visit me and my husband. We feel sad, isolated and disappointed in our City government for their lack of empathy, courage and political will to do the right thing for all Venice beach residents and enforce the no camping policy on Venice Beach.

Communication from Public

Name: Adrienne

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 08:20 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This motion failed the first time because it was bad policy and it remains bad policy. It provides no resources or housing for unhoused individuals. It reduces the visibility of homelessness rather than helping anyone. The only way to solve homelessness is by providing people with homes...not moving them out of the way. Council member Buscaino is wasting the public's time and money on a publicity stunt because he didn't get what he wanted the first time. That's not how democracy is supposed to work.

Communication from Public

Name: Mark Fishlowitz

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 08:23 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: We need an affirmative vote on item #55. The council needs to reinstate 41.18 & 56.11 in a future meeting. Preserving ADA accessibility on sidewalks and limiting the storage of private property in public spaces is a matter of public safety.

Communication from Public

Name: Debby Zhou

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 08:23 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Good Morning, my name is Debby Zhou and I'm a resident and homeowner in Downtown LA. I urge the council to vote yes on item 55. I wholeheartedly support CM Buscaino and Lee's motion, and I thank them for standing up for reason and sanity. Encampments have exploded to the severe detriment of public health and safety. Wet garbage, human waste, and needles are widespread all over the streets of Downtown now. I'm sure this is also the case in so many other parts of LA. With all of the loss that the Downtown community has endured over the past year and a half, we are finally open and welcoming back residents, workers, and tourists yet we're doing nothing to keep it safe for them to use our sidewalks and parks, WHICH THEY ARE ENTITLED TO AS PUBLIC SPACES. There's been a hostile individual set up in front of the 711 on 7th/Olive. He's refused services and forfeited housing offered to stay on the street. His belongings are spread about on the corner of a busy intersection. And just three days ago, I was walking to dinner and witnessed a naked man lying on the ground masturbating in front of the Habit Burger, right as a family with young children walked by to head to the basketball game. How is this at all acceptable? The council needs to vote yes on amending LAMC 41.18 and 56.11, and most importantly we need to enforce these laws again. We are the second largest city in the richest country in the world, pay sky high taxes and property values, but what do we have to show for it? We are the largest open air asylum in the developed world. The situation on our sidewalks has just become untenable. I believe that residents, visitors, workers, women like myself, families all deserve to feel safe when walking and using our public sidewalks and parks. We desperately need some matter of enforcement to stop encampments from taking over the little public space that we have left.

Communication from Public

Name: Ava Azizi

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 08:24 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello Los Angeles City Council Members I am writing to you this evening asking you to support council members Buscaino and Lee's efforts to pass a stricter anti-camping ordinance at the upcoming City Council Meeting on Tuesday, June 29th. I have been living with a homeless encampment either across the street or a mere one block away for over 2 years now-- in that time, I have seen a sharp uptick in crime (my car has been broken into and most of my neighbors have experienced the same), I have witnessed drug deals, prostitution, men and women defecating on the street, multiple fires set by the encampment... the list goes on. What is most concerning is I have young children and it is no longer safe for them. My daughters have found a glass pipe in our front yard and have witnessed multiple instances of screaming, which have contributed to nightmares and sleepless nights (lucky me). I truly believe that we need to pass stricter anti-camping laws so that the tax paying citizens can feel safe again. The ordinance would restrict people from lying, sleeping, sitting, or placing tents and personal property on streets and sidewalks: -- where it reduces the path of travel required by the American with Disabilities Act; -- within 10 feet of an operational or utilizable entrance, exit, driveway or loading dock; -- within 500 feet of a facility that provides housing, shelter, supportive services, safe parking or storage to unhoused people; -- within 500 feet of a designated freeway overpass, underpass, ramp, tunnel or pedestrian subway; and -- at all times and all locations if a person has been offered shelter. Please vote in support of the ordinance. Thank you for your time, Ava Azizi

Communication from Public

Name: David Benning
Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 08:26 AM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, Please act to fully support for the enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11, the public camping ban. Our city looks sick. Yes, it is so sad that even a single person would be so ill and destitute, or otherwise unable to get into safe housing. However, it is at least equally sad, and morally unacceptable that even a single innocent person be harmed or infected by people living in the city in an unsafe and unsanitary way. For a few centuries humans have known that when people live together in a city that certain health and safety rules must be followed to ensure the safety of the community. Municipal Code 56.11 was designed to specifically do this -- to make it possible for a community of people to live together safely. It does not go far enough. But it should be a minimum standard. And it should not be continuously softened and should enforced.

Communication from Public

Name: Kali Williams

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 08:32 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose any ordinance that would further criminalize homelessness. This motion failed last November because it was bad policy then, and it's bad policy now. Councilmember Buscaino is wasting the council and the public's time on a political stunt by attempting to revive a motion that should be dead and buried. This motion does not provide any new resources or housing for unhoused individuals. These are the things we all know are needed to solve the homelessness crisis we face. This will not address homelessness; at best, it reduces the visibility of homelessness. The only way to solve this crisis is by getting people housing, not moving them out of the way. Motions to provide street services languish in committee, and pilot programs to house people aren't scaled up. This is where we need urgent action by council. Bringing this motion just to force council's hand is nothing more than a campaign stunt

Communication from Public

Name: Aaron Stein-Chester

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 08:34 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 failed the first time because it is unworkable, unrealistic, and will not address homelessness. Its intention is solely to the *visibility* of homelessness. I'd love to see the Councilmembers that introduced this again devote as much time and urgency to building housing and providing services in their districts—real solutions to homelessness—as they have to pushing efforts to criminalize homelessness. Motions to provide street services languish in committee and pilot programs to house people aren't scaled up. That is where we need urgent action by council. At a time when the public is demanding that we reimagine public safety, further involving police in the provision of homeless services is not the answer and is so clearly not what, by and large, the public is asking for from Council.

Communication from Public

Name: Studio City Resident

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 08:35 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Council Member Krekorian, Council Members and Mayor Garcetti, CF 20-1376 Please vote YES. Please restore 56.11 and 41.18 and then ENFORCE it. Please restore the public right of way. This is not a barrier to providing other resources. Without restrictions covering personal property in the public right of way, there is simply NO incentive to moving into housing even when provided. Please do not recess without decision and do not delay further.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 08:51 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: HELP US GET OUR SIDEWALKS BACK - NO MORE ENCAMPMENTS! The motion to restore our sidewalks to the community and prohibit encampments will be heard

Communication from Public

Name: Dominique Ong
Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 08:56 AM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose enforcement of LA's sit-sleep-lie law. This motion will not address homelessness; at best, it reduces the visibility of homelessness. The only way to solve homelessness getting people housing, not moving them out of the way. This motion does not provide any new resources or housing for unhoused individuals - these are the things we all know are needed to solve the homelessness crisis we face. Scarce shelter and housing resources should be allocated based on need and appropriateness. Reallocating shelter beds as a pretext for clearing a specific location means that people who need and want those beds won't be able to get them. We need to make delivery of services more efficient, not bend the system to fit with enforcement priorities.

Communication from Public

Name: Nicholas Gerber

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 08:56 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Shame on Joe Buscaino and anyone who supports or enables him in trying to revive 41.18(d). It is illegal and immoral and demonstrates only how unfit for office he and his followers are. We need to HOUSE the houseless, not throw them into jail. All of you know this is not a solution to the crisis. Stop groveling at the feet of the rich gentrifiers and do whatever you can to BUILD MORE HOUSING.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrea Damian
Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 08:58 AM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: I urge KDL to vote yes on item 55 on the council meeting agenda. We need to amend and enforce LAMC 14.18 and 56.11 again. Business are back open, people are out and about and we need safe conditions and access to our public sidewalks and parks again

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 09:05 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I support CM Buscaino's and Lee's motion addressing the homeless situation in Los Angeles. This is just common sense.

Communication from Public

Name: Rachelle Kim

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 09:17 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This is regarding Agenda Item 55. Currently, half of Los Angeles is some kind of unpermitted zone with regards to homelessness, and that is not considering that not all of Los Angeles is inhabitable for the unhoused. This Motion would start the mass displacement of tens of thousands of people who already have trouble accessing services. Instead of trying to pass motions that are not at all helpful, maybe work towards solutions that can get people off the streets instead of criminalizing them when they are down. This motion failed last time because it was bad policy then, and it's bad policy now. Councilmember Buscaino is wasting the council and the public's time on a political stunt by attempting to revive a motion that should be dead and buried. Bringing this motion just to force council's hand is nothing more than a campaign stunt. We can't afford to sacrifice real solutions for political games. This motion does not provide any new resources or housing for unhoused individuals - these are the things we all know are needed to solve the homelessness crisis we face. Homelessness in Los Angeles continues to grow, and a wave of evictions is expected soon. Spending time discussing anti-homeless enforcement when we lack adequate shelter and housing is a distraction from the crisis, not a solution. Scarce shelter and housing resources should be allocated based on need and appropriateness. Reallocating shelter beds as a pretext for clearing a specific location means that people who need and want those beds won't be able to get them. We need to make delivery of services more efficient, not bend the system to fit with enforcement priorities. This motion failed the first time because it is unworkable and unrealistic. This will not address homelessness; at best, it reduces the visibility of homelessness. The only way to solve homelessness getting people housing, not moving them out of the way. Each time this motion returns, it's treated with a sense of urgency never applied to housing and shelter programs. Motions to provide street services languish in committee and pilot programs to house people aren't scaled up. That is where we need urgent action by the council. Unhoused Angelenos face disproportionate risks of police violence. Motions like this greatly increase the number of hostile encounters between unhoused people and law enforcement, further increasing that risk. At a time when the public is demanding that we reimagine public safety,

further involving police in the provision of homeless services is not the answer. I live right by the 110 N freeway entrance and as much as I don't like seeing tents lining up under the underpass, it is the only form of shelter the most marginalized have. We need solutions, not criminalization. Jails are not garbage bins for human beings. There is a better use of time and resources than sending police to remove people that already have so little. Please actually provide services and solutions that are more humane and upright. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Silas Orteza

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 09:25 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please support the anti-camping ordinance to keep our sidewalks clean and passable for the millions of Angelenos who work incredibly hard daily, with long hours, low pay and costly rents, just to avoid becoming homeless themselves. I completely understand that the plight of people who have no choice but to live on the sidewalk is tragic, stressful, and degrading in its own right; that being said, many of those who live there have, in fact, been offered housing in the past, and refuse it. This issue must be addressed with compassionate but firm and decisive enforcement, as it is unfair to the hardworking taxpayers of Los Angeles to accommodate people who refuse to take even the first step to improving their predicament. In addition, the city of Los Angeles has a moral and legal duty to provide housing for everyone living on the sidewalks, yet for years, has hardly lifted a finger to do so, in spite of a virtually endless flow of money from government funds, nonprofits, and other sources to help the unhoused to get off the street. The city has also effectively ignored repeated court orders to provide housing. Yet in North Hollywood, for example, a private charity, Hope of the Valley, has constructed dozens of "tiny home" housing units in less time than the city constructed any particular piece of affordable housing. How is this possible? How is it possible that charitable individuals housed more people in less time than the city government, who was first and foremost tasked with this responsibility? Why can't we build these villages throughout the city? It's better than tents, and gives far more dignity, cleanliness, and support to the residents. Use a quick and easy approach like this for housing, and enforce drug and camping laws for those who refuse to enter housing. Simple, humane, fair to all involved, and not very expensive. Let's stop messing around with incredibly expensive "affordable housing" buildings when pallet/tiny home housing can be deployed much faster and at a larger scale. And then work on long-term solutions once people are out of tents and at least inside four walls. As someone who has been physically attacked by unhoused people, and faced threats of break-ins, hard drug use, and package thefts on my property (which I work very hard to be able to afford), I implore you to support the anti-camping ordinance and end this plague of neglect and destitution for both the unhoused and the housed, who suffer the secondary effects. I've been appalled to see the recent

increase in encampment fires around Los Angeles, as well. Brush fires have been started by homeless people a block away from my son's daycare, and in the park where he ought to be able to play, but it's occupied by people who have no legal right to live there. The situation is getting out of control and the recent surge in crimes and fires committed by unhoused people is one of my primary motivations for moving my family either out of Los Angeles County (at which point we will no longer fund the city's failed efforts) or out of state. It's that bad, and it's even worse for the people forced to live on the street because the city won't work to solve the problems. Please support this ordinance as a first step, if nothing else.

Communication from Public

Name: Kelvin Martinez
Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 09:25 AM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I have worked with the unhoused community since 2015. I'm a trauma-informed mental health professional with a Master's in Clinical Psychology who has worked on the frontlines of this humanitarian crisis. I can say without a doubt that 41.18 would be disastrous policy for the mental health and wellbeing of people living unsheltered in LA. The unhoused population includes some of the most vulnerable people in the entire city, many are dealing with physical disability, mental health struggles, substance use disorders, or some combination of the three. Most people living unhoused in LA are dealing with significant underlying trauma, which compounds with every additional adverse experience. This ordinance will subject these vulnerable populations to increased criminalization and displacement, antagonizing people's trauma, significantly decreasing their quality of life and their capacity to navigate the tedious hurdles of our homeless service system. 41.18 is not a solution for any of LA's problems. It will ensure that more serious mental illness will proliferate our streets, that case work with affected individuals will be more difficult, and that individuals experiencing houselessness have even more reason to distrust city and its efforts. As an urgent matter of public health, do not pass 41.18.

Communication from Public

Name: Kelsey Leland

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 09:30 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The cost of housing in Los Angeles is sky high, but when you have to walk through tent city to get to your home....it's not hard to see why people are leaving. I bought a condo on Spring street in 2016, but left after a couple years of witnessing homeless doing intravenous drugs, chasing me down the street, assaulting residents at random, defecating on sidewalks, masturbating in broad daylight, terrorizing dogs, just making downtown a miserable place to live. People don't behave this way because it's in their nature. They act like this because this is what they are reduced to when they're living on the streets. It's unsafe and inhumane. Time and time again, LA residents vote YES on dedicating resources to the homeless emergency, yet we make no progress. Not sure what kind of bureaucratic forces are at cause there... Please vote YES on the anti-camping ordinance. We need to do better by this population by enforcing a higher standard of living.

Communication from Public

Name: Janis Robertson
Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 09:33 AM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express NO on to 41.18. This will only exacerbate the problem. We must provide comprehensive services, not criminalization.

Communication from Public

Name: Yasmine Pomeroy

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 09:37 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council, I'm writing with strong opposition to Council file: 20-1376. This motion failed months ago because of how poorly written the policy was, and would only continue to criminalize poverty, and waste our tax dollars. Rather than continue to waste our tax dollars, criminalize poverty, and displace unhoused people, our city could, instead, be proactive in preventing homelessness. There is an unprecedented wave of evictions looming - will you continue wasting our tax dollars by arresting those who have recently fallen into homelessness rather than spend our tax dollars on prevention? Resources? Services? This will not end or solve homelessness, but rather, make homelessness even more invisible than it already is. The only way to truly solve homelessness is by providing those without homes an actual home. Our city touts progressiveness by stating we believe Black lives matter, we believe in LGBTQIA+ rights, we believe in immigration, however, the city's actions do not represent the community's values. Where Black, LGBTQIA+ and immigrants are overrepresented in homelessness, our city cannot say it truly cares about minorities and upholds these values until our actions prove so. Additionally, providing homeless people with housing: reduces crime, increases employment, improves health, and does not increase reliance on social benefits. 80% of costs are offset by the benefits in the first 18 months. It is time to be proactive, not reactive.

Communication from Public

Name: Chloe King

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 09:40 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am (writing / calling) in to express my strong support for the enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11, the public camping ban. Every person in this city has been horribly affected by the ever-growing encampments on our sidewalks, doorways, parks, and public spaces. The amount of debris, bulky items, toxic and human waste, have been allowed to create a public health crisis. These items have encouraged rodents, and disease, they have prevented businesses from being able to operate. During the pandemic these areas have worsened and will prevent businesses from recovering as quickly as they should. Most tragically these items have blocked the pathways for people with disabilities for years now. People with disabilities have been denied the right to use the sidewalks or gain entry to businesses because they are unable to navigate around the debris. Time after time we have all watched as small children and our elderly loved ones, are forced to walk in the middle of the street because their sidewalks are impassable. We are all compassionate people, and I am asking every member of this council to please apply the terms equity and inclusion to your compassion. True compassion does not impede on the basic, fundamental rights of our children, the elderly and people with disabilities. Thank you Council members Joe Busciano and John Lee for proposing this motion and for bringing it forth today. I respectfully ask that every member of this council vote in favor of the enforcement of 56.11 Thank you, Chloe King (sherman oaks)

Communication from Public

Name: Miki Jackson

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 09:46 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: AHF/HHR STRONGLY opposes CF-20-1376 which would effectively criminalize homelessness. This effectively expands the purview of LAMC Ordinance 41.18, the “sit-sleep-lie” ban. This unfairly targets unhoused people under the guise of cooperating with the city settlement with Judge Carter. This goes far beyond the Judge’s order to deal with people sleeping near freeways. It extends an onerous ban throughout the city and enables an endless extension of “sit-sleep-lie” bans through our city. It is already appalling that government policies and neglect have created a huge tragedy of people being unhoused on our streets, but to literally make it a crime for people be on those streets is beyond all bounds. An especially cruel twist is including criminalizing anyone who is unhoused who has been offered shelter in the past. LAMC 41.18 is unconstitutional due to the *Boise v. Martin* decision. Expanding the purview of this form of criminalization is sure to draw more legal challenges. This motion, if passed, threatens to put the city on the road to once again being in danger of violating the US Constitution. Council must not pass this dangerous and divisive measure. It further splits the community and makes the most vulnerable population, the unhoused, a political football for cynical political purposes. Because the unhoused are composed of a disproportionately high number of people of color, especially African Americans, this has an unequal impact that is de facto racial in nature. At a time when racial tensions are so high, this is a dangerous course to subject everyone in our city to. There are better ways to comply with the Judge’ order. Do not pass this motion or formulate anything in the future that will criminalize homelessness.

Communication from Public

Name: Daniel Reif

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 09:47 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: We do not solve homelessness by criminalizing it. There is no historical basis for it. This motion is violent and does not solve L.A.'s expansive crisis. Communities need social services, not sleeping bans. Signed from a resident of Central Hollywood.

Communication from Public

Name: Dasha Waller

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 09:48 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am writing in to express my strong support for the enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11, the public camping ban. Every person in this city has been horribly affected by the ever-growing encampments on our sidewalks, doorways, parks, and public spaces. The amount of debris, bulky items, toxic and human waste, have been allowed to create a public health crisis. These items have encouraged rodents, and disease, they have prevented businesses from being able to operate. During the pandemic these areas have worsened and will prevent businesses from recovering as quickly as they should. Most tragically these items have blocked the pathways for people with disabilities for years now. People with disabilities have been denied the right to use the sidewalks or gain entry to businesses because they are unable to navigate around the debris. Time after time we have all watched as small children and our elderly loved ones, are forced to walk in the middle of the street because their sidewalks are impassable. We are all compassionate people, and I am asking every member of this council to please apply the terms equity and inclusion to your compassion. True compassion does not impede on the basic, fundamental rights of our children, the elderly and people with disabilities. Thank you Council members Joe Busciano and John Lee for proposing this motion and for bringing it forth today. I respectfully ask that every member of this council vote in favor of the enforcement of 56.11 Thank you,

Communication from Public

Name: Nicole Sara Sivens

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 09:52 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This should not pass for several reasons: it didn't work last time, it's a temporary "solution" to an ongoing issue, and it is inhumane. Criminalizing homelessness is NOT the answer. Your constituency overwhelmingly does not approve. You are the voice of the people of LA—even the poor ones.

Communication from Public

Name: Donnan Coutolenc

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 09:54 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my strong support for the enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11, the public camping ban. True compassion does not impede on the basic, fundamental rights of our children, the elderly and people with disabilities. Thank you Council members Joe Buscaino and John Lee for proposing this motion and for bringing it forth today. I respectfully ask that every member of this council vote in favor of the enforcement of 56.11 Thank you, Donnan Coutolenc

Communication from Public

Name: Stacy

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 09:54 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Where to begin. One image that sticks with me is that of a naked woman wrapped in a dirty blanket and surrounded by trash, spending days convulsing and drinking on the sidewalk around the corner from my house. People made calls, of course, but nothing seemed to happen. Several days later she was gone and they were power washing the sidewalk. Did she die there? One story that sticks with me is when one of my neighbors went to the hellhole that is the Hollywood Bowl Park and Ride ILt to bring the residents water on a hot day but instead he was solicited to buy drugs. My kids grew up going to Woodbridge Park. Now older, they used to ride their bikes down Moorpark to the park and to visit friends whose house borders the park. Now the sidewalks along the Moorpark underpass near the park, Oakwood School and the Greek Orthodox Church have been taken over by homeless individuals who use and sell drugs in plain sight of neighbors and kids. Cars pull up and stop to buy drugs. Trash is piled high. Crack is smoked openly. Why is this allowed to continue? My kids aren't allowed to ride their bikes or walk in Studio City anymore. And you know what? It sucks. The friends who live by the park don't let their kids go there alone anymore since their 15 year old daughter was chased and threatened by a resident of the encampment while walking the family dog. When you get off the 101 Freeway at Lankershim near North Hollywood Toyota, it's the third world. People sitting in piles of trash, makeshift rooms trash spilling out into the street. Can't we do better for the people who are living this way? This is what visitors see on their way to Universal Studios and other local businesses. And it's the same to varying degrees under every underpass. Blocked sidewalks, tax paying, voting citizens who have been forced to change the way they live their lives to accommodate health hazard eyesores. Come on people, clean up the city, help the people that need help and hold the ones who are on the streets to sell drugs and commit crimes accountable for their actions. No More Sidewalk Camping PLEASE. Thank you for reading.

Communication from Public

Name: Scott Glenn

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 09:54 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my support for councilmen Buscaino and Lee's anti-camping ordinance. Enough is enough, already. I am a lifetime Democrat and aside from a relatively small, yet vocal, minority on the far progressive left, everyone wants change, regardless of partisanship.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 09:57 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: For the safety of ALL involved, including the homeless, we must have the No Tents In Daytime Law enforced once again.

Communication from Public

Name: Charlie

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 09:58 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am extremely disappointed that this hateful ordinance has once again been brought up, but I am unsurprised to see schoolyard bully Joey Buscaino at the helm. It is extremely transparent that he is doing this in order to draw more attention to his campaign and to appease the NIMBY types, and I would encourage the councilmembers to ignore this attention-seeking measure on his part and vote against 41.18. This ordinance is a punitive act against some of the most vulnerable people in our city and does nothing to end homelessness--it just creates more displacement. Y'all are aware that we are in the midst of a housing crisis (66k+ people without homes last time I checked) and y'all are not doing the necessary work to ensure everyone has safe, stable housing, so it would be a compounding cruelty to perpetuate more displacements this way. If this ordinance passes, where are people supposed to go? The city won't provide housing for every person who needs it, so where are people supposed to exist? There is only so much outdoor space in Los Angeles, so this ordinance will bring more hardship to people who are facing homelessness. This ordinance just seems like a way for the city to kick people while they're already down, which is quite a position for city council to take, especially considering how fraught the homelessness crisis is as we turn to face oncoming summer heat. I can tell you, as someone who lives in CD1 where we have many encampments of all kinds, I much prefer people sleeping, standing, or sitting where it's well-lit, where there is more foot traffic/cars driving by, and where they can ask for help if they're having an emergency. I do not feel unsafe or threatened when I see people living outside in the spaces this ordinance covers; instead, I feel immense anger at the city of Los Angeles for leaving my neighbors to fend for themselves like this. My neighbors are my neighbors, and I know I'm not the only person in Los Angeles who doesn't want their neighbors violently displaced or criminalized just because some NIMBYs don't want to be reminded that homelessness is real and that it is a crisis in LA. Perpetuating constant displacements of people who have lost their homes is a brutality I doubt any of you want your names attached to, so please vote against 41.18.

Communication from Public

Name: MR

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 09:59 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Enforce the NO CAMPING laws. As hardworking, tax paying citizens, we need our streets, public parking lots and overpasses returned to the citizens. Homeless encamps of these areas is unacceptable and our patience has ended. We need you to do the right thing and enforce the NO CAMPING laws.

Communication from Public

Name: I am a Resident in Candy Cane Lanes Woodland Hills

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 09:59 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am very upset about the homeless encampment persisting at the Corbin Avenue 101 Freeway Underpass. The sidewalks are entirely blocked and unusable. The street is filthy with trash and human waste. It is an unsafe health hazard at the underpass encampment and the surrounding areas the homeless access and egress daily. The businesses are suffering losing customer that go elsewhere to shop and dine. We do not allow our son to walk to Ventura Blvd anymore. It is not safe driving by either. The homeless cross the street irradically and linger in the street. Sometime when one is acting out they will throw debris and trash at cars. One homeless with his shopping car will attack cars randomly. Additionally there are drug deals happening daily in plain sight. There have been fires. Cal Trans cannot secure the areas on each side of the 101 Freeway. They have built structures to live in. If the situation is not resolved when our son graduates from LAUSD we will sell my business and our residence and move out of Southern California. Please do not continue to let Los Angeles and it's taxpaying residents suffer a lesser quality of life because of the homeless situation. Please do something about it now.

Communication from Public

Name: Dan Braum
Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 10:06 AM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: Please start enforcing the law, we need our sidewalks to be passable

Communication from Public

Name: Denayja Reese

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 10:07 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello and good morning. What LA & the beautiful people who live here need is support. Not endless attacks on them from the very lawmakers they have hired to serve them. Furthermore, the inclusion of the note about structures built after 2018 is a real problem. LA's elected officials should be more concerned with protecting the people who are already here instead of prioritizing overpriced housing and businesses that arrived 3 years ago.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 10:08 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This motion has failed multiple times because it is bad policy and would only continue the cycle of criminalizing poverty without providing solutions for those suffering from homelessness. Joe Buscaino is wasting the council and public's time on a political stunt, to garner press for his mayoral campaign, by attempting to revive a motion that is not wanted or helpful. The motion does not provide any new resources or housing for unhoused individuals - these are the things we all know are needed to solve the homelessness crisis we face. As more and more constituents in Los Angeles are dealing with more dire situations it's imperative that city council listen to the constituents who are working towards solutions. Instead of the ramblings of a councilmember who missed a meeting for a press event for his mayoral campaign. If city council is serious about finding solutions we need to make the delivery of SERVICES more efficient, not bend the system to fit with enforcement priorities. We can start by investigating why the hand washing stations were neglected last year despite the million dollar contracts those companies received. We are working with a "justice budget" after all. We need are city council to show far more care for the constituents that survived the pandemic and continue to fund the city.

Communication from Public

Name: Emerald Germaine Snow, MSPH, MA

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 10:08 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council Members, As a public health professional, and engaged community member, I strongly oppose this inhumane and counterproductive attempt to completely displace and criminalize our unhoused neighbors. City Council should be putting forward real solutions. Instead, this motion will only worsen the situation, simply causing more unhoused people to re-locate to other parts of the city, end up in jail, and potentially even die. The ordinance proposed by this motion would make basic activities of unhoused people's daily lives illegal, despite the fact that there are vacant units, offices, and homes all over this city. Los Angeles can have more permanent supportive affordable housing. The fact that we don't is due to your choices. However, this can change. This ordinance is completely inhumane, and it would also make the City more vulnerable to future litigation, which our taxpayer funds will be spent defending. Displacing unhoused people disrupted their relationships with outreach workers and results in the loss of valued property and documents like IDs, social security cards, and medical paperwork. Citations, arrests, and fees that would result from the proposed ordinance would create additional barriers for unhoused people seeking employment, housing, and other resources. As someone who works in public health, I absolutely understand the need for clean streets and unobstructed sidewalks. But we need to get there by putting forth solutions that actually work. Solutions that take care of our city and its people. Solutions that provide education, empowerment, health, healing, and HOUSING for all people. Thank you for your time and please vote NO on this motion.

Communication from Public

Name: Aaron Hayden

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 10:08 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The Homeless encampment on Ventura Blvd. between Woodland and Royer. What started in November of 2020 of only a couple campers is now out of control. They keep growing and annexing more parking every week. Now they're trying to take over the METERED parking! Are they going to keep going until they've taken over from Woodlake to Fallbrook? Is the city's plan to allow RVs and garbage on the sidewalk on all of Ventura blvd? What's the plan from our elected officials? Is there a line in the sand where we say no more? When will parking enforcement begin again? Now that the economy is fully reopened, there simply isn't enough parking to accommodate the encampment and local businesses. Parking in the Topanga Pizza parking lot is a nightmare. Customers of local businesses need access to the street parking occupied by the encampment. If businesses can't conduct business, why have a business nearby the encampment? By all means, if the city's plan is to turn the west end of Ventura Blvd into a permanent homeless encampment just make it official and tell this community that's the plan. Then businesses can make plans to not renew their leases and move to a city where they can feely conduct their business.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 10:11 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Council File: 20-1376 is being reintroduced by Council members Joe Buscaino and John Lee. This is part of ongoing efforts to address the homelessness crisis by criminalizing the lives of the homeless. It is a travesty that we are still going through this song and dance, where pampered, rich, well connected, politicians think they can magically address the problem by pushing the homeless further and further away until they are out of sight and out of mind. Instead of investing in community services and stable housing, we are instead being asked to consider abject cruelty as the only response. This item failed initially because it is a waste of time, money, energy, and resources. Joe Buscaino is wasting our money by using precious City Council time on a campaign stunt. Take this energy and put it to good use. Invest in strong community resources. Divest from Buscaino and Lee's showboating.

Communication from Public

Name: Cindy

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 10:12 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose agenda item 55 and ask the council, and specifically my city representative, Councilmember Deleon to continue to reject this motion as it has in the past. It further criminalize homelessness, making it more difficult for those that this motion would affect to find stability and trust services offered to them in the future. The motion would increase police power and we should be working to decrease it. Each time this motion returns, it's treated with a sense of urgency never applied to housing and shelter programs. Motions to provide street services languish in committee and pilot programs to house people aren't scaled up. That is where we need urgent action by council.

Communication from Public

Name: Phillip Kim

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 10:13 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Criminalization of poverty cements harm for generations. It makes it near impossible and compounds social ills making it nearly impossible for people to get their footing back. Bad policies like the proposed 41.18 have led to the exponential growth of homelessness. Please abandon carceral methods of invisibilizing poverty for the false comfort of NIMBYs and take actions that not only are proven to solve for homelessness, like providing social housing as proven in many other countries and states, but will help heal our city for the future.

Communication from Public

Name: Jacqueline

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 10:13 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I was born and raised in LA and I'm deeply disappointed in the way homelessness has been criminalized and the continued political push to criminalize homelessness further. It's immoral and malicious. If morality isn't enough to convince you to oppose this motion then I'll also point out it's financially illogical and shortsighted. Provide housing instead of wasting time with this nonsense.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 10:13 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please reinstate and adopt draft ordinances LAMC 56.11 and 41.18. These ordinances are necessary to keep our sidewalks safe and clean. Currently, our sidewalks and streets are unsafe near homeless encampments. Too many obstructions litter our public sidewalks, such as sofas, dressers, mattresses, bike carcasses, refuse, and tents. Residents are unable to safely walk down these sidewalks and have to enter the streets and gutters to avoid the dangerous obstructions; this constitutes a safety hazard. Further, our disabled citizens cannot get through these obstructions with their wheelchairs, which violates the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This is wrong. No one has the constitutional right to obstruct public walkways and pitch a tent wherever they want to, to the detriment of all of us. Enough is enough. We have to enforce our laws and make our streets and sidewalks safe again. The new revisions to these ordinances will enable the LAPD to do their job properly and enforce the law. It would also prevent ADA lawsuits which have a financial impact on the city.

Communication from Public

Name: Alex (Venice Beach resident)

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 10:15 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The beaches and boardwalk are a public amenity to all Angelenos and all the many people who travel to this great city. Unfortunately, the tents and camping on the beach and along the boardwalk - particularly in Venice - has made this beautiful amenity has become (1) unsanitary and much dirtier (trash, debris, human feces, and animal feces), (2) unsafe and intimidating from the erratic, unhealthy, aggressive and, at times, violent behavior directed at pedestrians and visitors, and (3) inhuman by the general disregard that Council leadership has shown toward the harsh conditions and abuses that the people living along the boardwalk and beach has voluntarily and involuntarily been subjected to camping along the Boardwalk and Beach. The lack to leadership, creativity and initiative (until very recently) is a disgrace to those leaders who are meant to represent to interests of Angelenos. As a result of neglect from Council leadership, Venice Beach has been left to shoulder and shelter far more of these issues (described above) than its neighbors to the north and south. "Pushing" these challenges out of your line of sight and the sight line of your larger donors does not solve this problem. Instead, it is reminiscent of disgraceful "dumping" that was common in Skid Row many years ago. It was unconscionable then and it is again now.

Communication from Public

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Communication from Public

Name: Jose
Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 10:24 AM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am writing in to express my strong support for the enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11, the public camping ban. Every person in this city has been horribly affected by the ever-growing encampments on our sidewalks, doorways, parks, and public spaces. The amount of debris, bulky items, toxic and human waste, have been allowed to create a public health crisis. These items have encouraged rodents, and disease, they have prevented businesses from being able to operate. During the pandemic these areas have worsened and will prevent businesses from recovering as quickly as they should. Most tragically these items have blocked the pathways for people with disabilities for years now. People with disabilities have been denied the right to use the sidewalks or gain entry to businesses because they are unable to navigate around the debris. Time after time we have all watched as small children and our elderly loved ones, are forced to walk in the middle of the street because their sidewalks are impassable. We are all compassionate people, and I am asking every member of this council to please apply the terms equity and inclusion to your compassion. True compassion does not impede on the basic, fundamental rights of our children, the elderly and people with disabilities. Thank you Council members Joe Busciano and John Lee for proposing this motion and for bringing it forth today. I respectfully ask that every member of this council vote in favor of the enforcement of 56.11 Thank you,

Communication from Public

Name: Renay Grace Rodriguez, Esq.

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 10:24 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers. As an Officer of the Court, I am here to make sure there is public comment exposing you on the proformative political stunt you are trying to pull here today in your attempt to enforce (d) of Sec. 41.18. I don't need to address your failures to humanity in the midst of this National Emergency taking place in our streets right now as I am more than sure you will get plenty of public comments address your inhumanity. But the reality is more people are dying in the streets of los angeles today than are dying in Palestine or Israel. The statistics of your failures to address this NATIONAL CRISIS are alarming. But back to my point as an officer of the Court. . . . So let's be clear. The City Council MAY NOT simply vote to overrule the the 9th Circuits Injunction is very very clear. I don't understand the audacity of attempting to vote to enforce sub-section (d) when you have not met the requirements of the 9th Circuit. YOU DO NOT HAVE THE BEDS!!! How do I know that, because the West Valley Homes YES! non-profit which I am serving along side who interact with the people who are living in our streets have not been offered bed and beds remain unavailable for those experiencing mental health crises, people with support animals, people who are couples, people who are experiencing drug addiction. Not to mention an absolute lack of ACCESSIBLE Beds for people who are not ambulatory. So please explain to everyone How do you think your vote will overrule a Court Order. That is the biggest waste of time and a slap in the face of this Court order. Instead of delivering Ice Water this morning, I'm having to sit here on the phone being dropped off the line repeatedly and more people are gonna die today because of this heat and YOUR FAILURE to provide for even the most basic human needs. THE ANSWER IS NO on 41.18

Communication from Public

Name: Thomas Booth

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 10:24 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please stop criminalizing poverty. The minute someone loses their housing they become stigmatized, shunned then vilified. Please show some leadership and educate the electorate about the real forces behind homelessness ie historically high housing prices and low wages. Resist the temptation to pander for votes with “plans for increased safety” and “taking our streets back”, etc. and other unhelpful law and order “dog whistles” remarks. Accessible affordable housing, good jobs, easy access to mental health and substance use treatment are obvious solutions. If you had adequate housing, most people will take it immediately. Let’s try that first.

Communication from Public

Name: Katy Fishell

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 10:26 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Katy and I live in district 10— there is a large encampment next to where i live— it is filled with good people, deeply kind people they are not dangerous, they are not frightening— they need help. If this measure 41.18 passes it will show that you would rather watch them suffer than offer them support. mental illness is not a choice, addiction is not a choice, poverty is not a choice what if this was your child? how is it possible that us regular citizens are doing your job better than you? there are groups all around LA, made up of total strangers that are deeply disturbed by the homelessness crisis and care about the lives of the people out on the street. they work tirelessly to feed and bath care for these people. because they are people. they are just like you. but if you pass this measure then that says that you don't believe that they are. that you believe they are subhuman. it is not a crime to be poor. do your job and help these people.

Communication from Public

Name: Robert Wilt

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 10:29 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my opinion that the city should not allow camping on the streets sidewalks and beaches. There are large encampments in my neighborhood of Playa Del Rey that have been there for months and the people living there are a nuisance. They dig up the dunes go to the bathroom on the streets and sidewalks and make noise and abuse drugs and alcohol at all hours of the night. They threaten people that come near them and they are negatively impacting the quality of life for all residents and visitors. I see organizations like the neighborhood grassroots that provide the encampments with food water and other provisions, but it seems that this just makes the people in the encampments more content to just continue doing what they're doing instead of working to improve their situation.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 10:29 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please pass this as it is hazardous not only to the community but also to the persons camping. Air quality, sanitation concerns, vulnerability to violence and theft. These people need to be given housing off the streets.

Communication from Public

Name: Monika Kerby

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 10:36 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to urge the city council members to deny the passing of the city ordinance brought by Joe Buscaino and John Lee to criminalize our unhoused neighbors in our city. This motion does not provide any new resources or housing for unhoused individuals - these are the things we all know are needed to solve the homelessness crisis we face. Spending time discussing anti-homeless enforcement when we lack adequate shelter and housing is a distraction from the crisis, not a solution. Homelessness in Los Angeles continues to grow, and a wave of evictions is expected soon in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. We need urgent action from the committee to come up with solutions for how we can HELP our unhoused neighbors from the bottom up, instead of moving these individuals from one spot to the next. We are never going to solve this problem by moving it around the city. Please do not pass this motion. Thank you, Monika Kerby 90034

Communication from Public

Name: Ryan Egan

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 10:38 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, Do not pass 41.18 - this motion failed last time because it was cruel and unworkable. Reallocating shelter beds for areas that are targeted for clearing seems like a great way to ensure people looking for that resource are denied it while setting up a valuable and scarce resource as a pretext for criminalization. This will just make it harder for people to trust outreach and further cause harm. Why the urgency for this motion and not for housing? Why not urgency for the demands being made to improve project roomkey? This seems like a dangerous way to ensure homeless people in LA are faced with even more police violence.

Communication from Public

Name: Ron Bassilian

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 10:40 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I fully support the camping ban on city sidewalks. Those who oppose this are a tiny minority of astroturf activists. Meanwhile, hardworking residents are under siege by these tent villages. They block pedestrian access, making this city unwalkable, and breed crime and disease. We must reclaim our public spaces or we are no longer a city.

Communication from Public

Name: Catherine t

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 10:42 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I do not support Council members Buscaino and Lee's repeated attempt to criminalize poverty and homelessness by enacting ordinance 41.18. This is a shameful act, targeting the some most vulnerable of their constituents, instead of working on improving services and support for those in need.

Communication from Public

Name: Bret

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 10:55 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Councilman Busciano's proposal to criminalize the most vulnerable members of our city is barbaric and inhumane. There are too many police harassing my unhoused neighbors already. This motion does nothing to provide aid to their situation, it only furthers their despair and their precarity.

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle Alger-Mintie

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 10:56 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This motion failed last time because it was bad policy then, and it's bad policy now. Councilmember Buscaino is wasting the council and the public's time on a political stunt by attempting to revive a motion that should be dead and buried. Bringing this motion just to force council's hand is nothing more than a campaign stunt. We can't afford to sacrifice real solutions for political games. This motion does not provide any new resources or housing for unhoused individuals - these are the things we all know are needed to solve the homelessness crisis we face. Homelessness in Los Angeles continues to grow, and a wave of evictions is expected soon. Spending time discussing anti-homeless enforcement when we lack adequate shelter and housing is a distraction from the crisis, not a solution. Scarce shelter and housing resources should be allocated based on need and appropriateness. Reallocating shelter beds as a pretext for clearing a specific location means that people who need and want those beds won't be able to get them. We need to make delivery of services more efficient, not bend the system to fit with enforcement priorities. This motion failed the first time because it is unworkable and unrealistic. This will not address homelessness; at best, it reduces the visibility of homelessness. The only way to solve homelessness getting people housing, not moving them out of the way. Each time this motion returns, it's treated with a sense of urgency never applied to housing and shelter programs. Motions to provide street services languish in committee and pilot programs to house people aren't scaled up. That is where we need urgent action by council. Unhoused Angelenos face disproportionate risks of police violence. Motions like this greatly increase the number of hostile encounters between unhoused people and law enforcement, further increasing that risk. At a time when the public is demanding that we reimagine public safety, further involving police in the provision of homeless services is not the answer.

Communication from Public

Name: Eric MacIver

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 10:56 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Good morning, members of the City Council. My name is Eric MacIver, and I am a long time homeowner and business owner in Hollywood. I am writing in support of reinstating municipal codes 41.18 and 56.11, as well as ABH CARE+ Enhanced Services and Comprehensive Cleaning. Sidewalks and public spaces provide a critical role in connecting our city and its neighborhoods, and allowing us to conduct business and our lives in a peaceful, safe manner. It is time for the city to resume its role in protecting the accessibility of public spaces and ensuring our sidewalks are places for all Angelenos to move comfortably. This can be accomplished while humanely providing access to services and shelter to help our unhoused neighbors. The current situation is untenable. Personal safety is at an all time low. My wife is understandably afraid to walk our dogs alone on our streets. My brother, who also lives in Hollywood is afraid to park his car on our streets and constantly has to negotiate with encampment inhabitants to ensure his personal safety to and from his vehicle. The seeming disregard for public safety, health and cleanliness is forcing my family and my brother to consider moving out of the area - one which we love deeply - to find a better neighborhood. I urge our elected leaders to utilize the tools and resources approved by our taxpayers to create positive change in our city, and to do so while providing the necessary help - both physical and mental - to those in need along the way. Please keep our loyal residents proud and able to continue living on our neighborhood. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 10:57 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am voicing my OPPOSITION to the motion to amend Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 41.18 to specify the particular times at which and the particular locations where it shall be unlawful for a person to sit, lie, or sleep upon public property, and amending LAMC Section 56.11 to align with Section 41.18. I would like to remind the city council that this motion failed the first time and attempting to reinstate it is wasting the council and the public's time on a political stunt by attempting to revive a motion that should be dead and buried. We need real solutions to house people, not political moves and posturing to align with the mentality that we must "squash" homelessness. The motion provides no additional resources or housing for unhoused people, which are crucial to solving the homelessness crisis we currently face. Members of our city are facing a huge wave of evictions, and continue to be let down by public officials who prefer to throw people in jail rather than provide them with resources. Throwing unhoused people in jail does not address homelessness--it simply makes the unhoused disappear, trapping them in an ever more complex and punitive system that claims to have their best interests at heart. Each time this motion returns, it's treated with a sense of urgency never applied to housing and shelter programs. Motions to provide street services languish in committee and pilot programs to house people aren't scaled up. The council needs to urgently provide additional support, financial and otherwise, to these community-based and informed resources that can directly impact and improve the lives of those who need them. Finally, unhoused Angelenos face disproportionate risks of police violence. We do not need more police to keep us safe from people sleeping on the sidewalk. There are high rates of COVID infection among police officers, low vaccination rates, and notably low mask compliance. This poses a public health danger to our unhoused community members being forced to have unnecessary interactions with police. Further, more than 80% of LAPD officers live outside of Los Angeles, posing further risk to our community and their own by transmitting disease across city lines. At a time when the public is demanding that we reimagine public safety, further involving police in the provision of homeless services is not the answer.

Communication from Public

Name: Kristina Meshelski
Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 11:01 AM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to vote no on Buscaino and Lee's plan to enforce the LAMC 41.18 Please focus on actual solutions. Housing cures homelessness. Making it a crime to exist in public space is the wrong way to address homelessness. Bringing up this motion at all is a stunt by Buscaino so he can boost his "law & order" bona fides for his Trump like mayoral campaign. The council shouldn't indulge this, Buscaino needs to be stripped of his committee assignments for this kind of shenanigans which waste the city's time. People want jobs, and homes, not jail cells. The people of Los Angeles know that jail and prison are not the answer, so it would be nice if city council could move on to the actual solutions that citizens want and stop letting Buscaino distract us.

Communication from Public

Name: Pilar Schiavo

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 11:04 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose this item. It's time that our leaders stop with bandaid solutions and political stunts and work on the solutions to homelessness we know actually work. Criminalization and enforcement only set people back who are trying to escape homelessness. I have worked with hundreds of people experiencing homelessness in the last year, and people desperately want off the street but there simply are no homes for them to go to. We need to focus on housing first, which is proven to end homelessness, and stop another attempt to criminalize - which is guaranteed to fail.

Communication from Public

Name: Camille

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 11:05 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly urge you vote no on council file 20-1376. Spending time discussing anti-homeless enforcement when we lack adequate shelter and housing is a distraction from the crisis, not a solution - the only way to solve homelessness getting people housing, not moving them out of the way. You aren't doing anything helpful by voting yes on this decision and you will be hurting people when all they need is support.

Communication from Public

Name: Downtown Women's Center

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 11:12 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: According to the 2020 Homeless Count, 70% of our unhoused neighbors residing here in the city are unsheltered. Any policy that seeks to affect the lives of these nearly 29-thousand Angelenos should be initiated and deliberated upon through the normal committee process, and in a way that centers equity, harm reduction, and trauma-informed practices. Both in policy and process, the motion to re-implement LAMC 56.11 and 41.18, is the wrong solution to balancing the needs of residents, both housed and unhoused, businesses, and maintaining public space. This motion does nothing to actually solve houselessness in Los Angeles – which only comes through permanent housing and services tailored to a person’s unique needs – but rather perpetuates the cycle of retraumatization and criminalization that puts housing farther out of reach. It is our fervent hope that this item will be brought to Homelessness and Poverty Committee, so that this body can design thoughtful policies that thoughtfully address the scope of this crisis. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Carter Moon

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 11:15 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose 41.18. We cannot criminalize poverty and expect it to just vanish. The social investments which need to be made in our most vulnerable populations far outweigh the momentary sense of relief comfortable people receive from banishing poverty out of sight. I refuse to allow our unhoused residents to continue to bare the brunt of the brutality of police violence, I want everything in our power to be done to prevent interactions between the unhoused and law enforcement, they only bring death and misery wherever they go. It's disgusting we're even considering this again.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 11:15 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: My husband and I grew up in Los Angeles County, both children of immigrant parents. We both went to K-12 in Los Angeles County, graduated from CSUN with our master's degrees, and have worked in LA County and built our lives here. We moved to College Acres in Woodland Hills a little over two years ago. It had been both of our childhood dreams after years of driving through during Christmas and marveling at the lights and decorations of Candy Cane Lane and we thought how great it would be to raise our children here. Our first year was wonderful. It was everything we had hoped for and everything we had worked for. This last year and a half, our neighborhood has been inundated with tents and homeless encampments. We have no access to our local restaurants from Corbin avenue as we would have to walk on the street where cars are driving. Even if the tents were scooted back then we risk exposing our young children to sometimes unclothed people, drug usage, drug dealers, vulgar language, and fights that seem to break out more frequently (just to name a few). I can't imagine having been walking by when the explosion/fire erupted under the freeway a few months ago because one of the people living in the tent decided he wanted to see what would happen if he threw his "homemade device" up into the air. I shudder in fear at the thought of that fire and if it had spread into our street as embers easily travel. Almost daily, our neighborhood experiences mail being stolen, cars being broken into and items taken out of their property. One neighbor even came home to a homeless man swimming in her pool. I frankly no longer feel safe walking in my own multi-million dollar neighborhood by myself let alone having my kids ride their bikes. Our citizen app's most recent notification was a fight breaking out involving a weapon under the Corbin Ave/101 underpass. My point in saying all this is that it is not a matter of just tents. The actions of the people that choose to live there (because they have been offered help multiple times and refuse it) are negatively affecting and impacting the lives of law-abiding, tax-paying citizens. These people need to get off the streets of neighborhoods and they need help. If they are refusing the help then they can't be allowed to stay. They are damaging the very neighborhoods and communities and the lives and livelihood of those that live in them. Our families followed the rules, made sacrifices, worked

hard and we continue to do so. PLEASE bring back our neighborhoods and communities by banning tents on sidewalks, offering help to the individuals that need them and not making it allowable to have a lifestyle on the street in our neighborhood if they refuse to take help.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 11:16 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Commenting in favor of #55. No one deserves to live in fear and in a neighborhood where they feel they are in danger. As a homeowner, and especially as a female living downtown, I am constantly terrified as I walk around my own neighborhood. I have been approached, harassed, and even chased by mentally ill members of the homeless population. While they also deserve a safe space to live, so do civil tax payers. The sidewalks were not built for tents, and if this terrible trend continues, our beautiful city will deteriorate and spiral into something even worse.

Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie Shaw

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 11:17 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: RE item 55, since in a city of 10M, we limit public comment to 30 min. i strongly OPPOSE this motion, which does not provide any new resources or housing for unhoused individuals - these are the things we all know are needed to solve the homelessness crisis we face. We offer only temporary, carceral shelter to people who are unhoused, and criminalize their existence, even as all around the city apartment units sit vacant. This motion failed the first time because it is unworkable and unrealistic. This will not address homelessness; at best, it reduces the visibility of homelessness. The only way to solve homelessness getting people housing, not moving them out of the way so rich folks and NIMBYs won't be inconvenienced by the realities of this city's catastrophic failures to protect our most vulnerable. Each time this motion returns, it's treated with a sense of urgency never applied to housing and shelter programs. Motions to provide street services languish in committee and pilot programs to house people aren't scaled up. That is where we need urgent action by council. NO ON 55. SERVICES NOT SWEEPS. HOMES NOT ZONES. HOUSEKEYS NOT HANDCUFFS. WE ARE STILL IN A PANDEMIC.

Communication from Public

Name: Stephen Knutson

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 11:21 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Agenda item #55. The city needs to regulate public space by forcing homeless tent encampments off the streets. The downtown streets of LA are disgusting, unsafe, inaccessible in many areas. There are needles and feces and trash that all continue to pile up in many areas. Since living in DTLA in Sept of 09, the streets are getting worse. You need to enforce removal of the tents. My neighborhood is NOT clean and NOT livable. Do something immediately.

Communication from Public

Name: Kim Olsen

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 11:21 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly urge you to vote no on this motion. This motion failed before because it is bad policy - and that hasn't changed. So what has changed? Let's look at the council members who are pushing this now. John Lee's recent work with regard to the homelessness crisis involve banning RVs throughout his district, attempting to recall HHH funding for a Permanent Supportive Housing project ready to begin construction (in a district with ZERO PSH units) and now, John Lee has decided to second this political stunt by Joe Busciano. Either John Lee has a complete lack of understanding of the issues that cause and increase homelessness in our City or he has decided to invest any authority he may have in anti-homeless measures. Wasting our time and money and working against evidence based solutions in favor of traumatizing and criminalizing people. What can I say about Joe Busciano's recent antics. Either you stand with Busciano and Villanueva's authoritarian style rallies and slogans - or you stand with the people of this City. I encourage the council to shut down Joe Busciano's political stunts, the latest of which is forcing this motion before the Council. Please let Joe Busciano know that this City will not allow him to trample over and villify Unhoused Angelenos to achieve his political ends. Now let's go over some of the reasons this is bad policy. This motion does not provide any new resources or housing for unhoused individuals. As homelessness in Los Angeles continues to grow, a wave of evictions due to Covid 19 is expected soon. Bringing 41.18 back to Council is a distraction during a serious crisis. It is not a solution. We need to allocate housing based on need and appropriateness. Reallocating housing as a pretext for clearing a specific location means that the most vulnerable and those who want that housing will not have access to it. We need to make delivery of services more efficient and work with service providers to prioritize placement. Law enforcement and criminalization have no place in a long term and responsible solution. This will not address homelessness; at best, it temporarily reduces the visibility of homelessness in one specific location at a time - with the high cost of traumatizing people who already have a reason to distrust the systems that The only way to solve homelessness getting people housing. Unhoused Angelenos who face disproportionate risks of police violence. Motions like

this greatly increase the number of hostile encounters between unhoused people and law enforcement, further increasing that risk. At a time when the public is demanding that we reimagine public safety, further involving police in the provision of homeless services is not the answer. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Thelma Mericle
Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 11:24 AM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: I strongly encourage the City Council members to vote in favor of LAMC 56.11 This is of paramount importance to the constituents of the City of L.A. Thank you John Lee and Mr. Buscaino for presenting this. YES fo LAMC 56.11!!

Communication from Public

Name: Susan Collins

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 11:28 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Thank you Council Members for considering this crucial motion. I am calling in to express my strong support for the enforcement of Municipal Code 56.11 (Amended to 41.18) Enforcement of 56.11 means that our sidewalks will FINALLY be clear for people with disabilities, children and our elderly loved ones to use again. Encampments have redefined life in Los Angeles for all of us, but for people with disabilities, they have been devastating. We are compassionate people, - which is why I am asking every member of this council to begin to apply the terms equity and inclusion to your compassion. Because, TRUE compassion does not impede on the basic, fundamental rights of our children, the elderly, and people with disabilities. To Ms. Raman, I ask that you specifically vote in favor of this motion. Your field deputies relocated homeless encampments into an area designated as an extreme fire hazard zone and became hostile and combative with park rangers when they were told it was unsafe and could not be permitted to stay. You had no problem voting against the will your constituents when you voted to rezone and dramatically increase building heights and reduce parking in their neighborhoods – which is part of the reason there is now a RECALL RAMAN. ORG website. We ask that in light of the fact that your staff has a proven track record of placing the residents of CD4 in danger by placing encampments in high risk areas. You now OWE it to the residents you swore to serve - to stand with them and with Council members Lee and Council member (and Future Mayor) - Joe Buscaino and vote in favor of this motion. I respectfully ask that EVERY member of this council, compassionately vote in favor of enforcing 56.11 - Amended to 41.18 Thank you, Susan Collins

Communication from Public

Name: Laura Adery

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 11:30 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am against this motion. Unhoused Angelenos face disproportionate risks of police violence. Motions like this greatly increase the number of hostile encounters between unhoused people and law enforcement, further increasing that risk. At a time when the public is demanding that we reimagine public safety, further involving police in the provision of homeless services is not the answer. This will not address homelessness; at best, it reduces the visibility of homelessness. This motion does not provide any new resources or housing for unhoused individuals - these are the things we all know are needed to solve the homelessness crisis we face. The only way to solve homelessness getting people housing, not moving them out of the way. We need to make delivery of services more efficient, not bend the system to fit with enforcement priorities.

Communication from Public

Name: Alexandra Leh

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 11:36 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I didn't make the 30-minute public speaking cut (even though I called in **very** early). Here is what I would have said, and do say: I'm speaking on Item 55 and general public comment I have been a resident of Downtown Los Angeles for 16 years. I moved to 6th and Main in 2005...and I can tell you that I felt safer in my neighborhood when my street was still the main drug corridor for Skid Row than I do, now. But with the passing of Props 47 and 57 and AB 109, and Jones v the City of LA, and most recently Mitchell v the City of LA, we have seen a rapid and dangerous decline. It worsened in 2019 when, after my Historic Core neighbors and I appeared in the City Council chambers to plead our case against Mitchell, and to demand that it go to trial instead of being settled, tent encampments began to sprout on Main between 6th and 7th...and the encampments blew up (some, quite literally, because of incendiary drug use) from 7th to 3rd during the pandemic. We who live on the edge of Skid Row know that these tents are not only temporary housing for those who've lost their jobs. Tents have long been notorious covers for drug use, drug sales, and prostitution, profiting the gangs that run this area, and we know how profoundly unsafe it is for the folks who live on the street, just as it is for us. I am one of four residents in my 314-unit building who moved here in 2005 and hasn't left. Too many good people who were passionate about living in downtown Los Angeles have left the neighborhood, or the city, or the state. I still want to live downtown. But I know I am at serious risk every time I walk outside; since 2014, I have been assaulted three times and threatened three times...so I carry a vial of pepper spray whenever I leave my building. This is no way for ANY Los Angeles resident to live, whether they are housed or unhoused. I realize this is a complex issue. We don't just need affordable housing. We need mental healthcare facilities, drug rehab programs, and work training programs...and a system that enforces the use of those facilities. We who have lived here for a very long time keep showing up to demand this; it's up to you, the representatives we elected, to show up for all of us, housed and unhoused...or the downtown you promote and we all envision will be nothing more than a very expensive dream.

Communication from Public

Name: V. Vogel

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 11:49 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please enforce the prohibition of sidewalk camping in downtown LA; as a long-time resident in the neighborhood the uptick in camps on the streets is incredible jarring to see. The local businesses are at the whim of people in front of their doors, and these sites have blocked entry to boutiques as well as metro bike stations, while also limiting foot traffic in the area. There has to be a better system to support the homeless in place.

Communication from Public

Name: Lionel Mares

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 11:51 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council-members: I am writing in response to the proposed motion (Agenda item #55, Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 41.18) by council members Joe Buscanino and John S. Lee. This is a very sensitive issue regarding the state of Homelessness in our city. I understand that many residents of the city of Los Angeles want to live in a clean environment. I understand and want that also. But if the homeless population has nowhere to go, then how can the city 'clean up' homeless encampments and displace the homeless individuals who have no place to go? This will only cause the homeless people to move to another location. This is the problem that I am seeing on an almost daily basis. The main focus on 'cleaning up' homeless encampments is the removal of trash and pollution, which I understand. Which is the main driver for businesses and homeowners pushing for 'Sweeps'. My suggestion is to 'Spot-clean' these homeless encampments without having to remove and/or displace the homeless population. If the city of Los Angeles, Department of Sanitation were to provide Recycling bins and Trash bins to the homeless encampments, the city could see a decrease in trash/pollution, if and when the city provides basic services to the homeless folk. That is my advice to you... it is to provide basic services and to not forcefully remove homeless folk occupying a specific area. There are many homeless people with medical and mental challenges and difficulties. The city should focus on reaching out and offering to house to the most competent homeless people while treating and caring for the medically ill and mentally ill population. Let us work together to solve this humanitarian crisis. -- thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Mischa DiBattiste

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 12:38 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I work with youth experiencing homelessness in LA, and have for the past 6 years. We know that criminalization is NOT going to end the homelessness crisis. We need housing. We need services. We need care. Unhoused Angelenos face disproportionate risks of police violence. Motions like this greatly increase the number of hostile encounters between unhoused people and law enforcement, further increasing that risk. At a time when the public is demanding that we reimagine public safety, further involving police in the provision of homeless services is not the answer. This motion failed last time because it was bad policy then, and it's bad policy now. Councilmember Buscaino is wasting the council and the public's time on a political stunt by attempting to revive a motion that should be dead and buried. I strongly urge the Council to vote against the ordinance and to continue investing in services.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 01:24 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: It is way past time to consider the effects of uncontrolled vagrancy, tent-cities, open drug use, vandalism, mounds of transient garbage, open sexual acts, and nakedness are having on the tax-paying, law-abiding citizens of this state and specifically this city and county. When did the rights of a few drug addicts and criminals outpace the rights of the rest of our community? When did it become OK to allow the mentally ill and drug-users to wander the streets bringing chaos and discomfort to others and offering them no enforced help? When did the city cave to the misguided efforts of the ACLU and disregard the majority of the voting public? Why do you constantly harp on the issue of housing when you know full well that the issue is mental illness and drug use? It is time to take a stand and do what is right and stop building \$500,000 apartments for people who don't want them and will only abuse them. Stop trying to force well-established and expensive areas to accept mentally ill neighbors! Stop lining your pockets with our tax dollars while you pretend to care about the "homeless". I feel like the tide may be turning with some of our politicians starting to act to correct this state's failures. Believe me, we know who you are and we will support you and dump the ones that stand in the way of returning California to the Golden State once more.

Communication from Public

Name: Yessie P

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 01:32 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: 56.11 is needed in LA. I can't tell you how many times I have to hit my car breaks to avoid hitting an unhoused neighbor living under a freeway pass. It is dangerous for the unhoused and the housed.

Communication from Public

Name: Timothy R Barnes

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 01:37 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Like many people in Los Angeles, I am painfully aware of the tragic state of our homeless population. We see them camped out near freeways, city streets and neighborhoods. It's a heartbreaking site. As difficult a situation as it is, it also effects the other portion of the population. Many times, I've had to step around or over a person laying in a doorway, witness their feces in the doorway of a shop, or have things thrown at me by mentally challenged people who find themselves in this hopeless situation. Female friends of mine don't feel safe walking in their neighborhoods at night, or going for a run alone. It's for these reasons that I'm begging the city of Los Angeles to do something to clear the streets of these encampments. Ultimately, they aren't safe for any of us.

Communication from Public

Name: Brian Folb

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 01:38 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Good morning, members of the City Council. My name is Brian Folb. My family owns and manages commercial office buildings in Hollywood. • I am writing in support of reinstating (municipal codes 41.18 and 56.11 or CARE+ comprehensive cleanups). • Sidewalks and public spaces provide a critical role in connecting our city and its neighborhoods. It is time for the city to resume its role in protecting the accessibility of public spaces and ensuring our sidewalks are places for all Angelenos to move comfortably. This can be accomplished while humanely providing access to services and shelter to help our unhoused neighbors. • We need to see our public spaces as an opportunity to demonstrate our pride and show what we can be, rather than a showcase of the societal problems we have failed to address. • The impact of sprawling encampments in the public realm influences how residents, businesses and visitors feel about our community. There are places where it appears that things are so out of control that the City has just given up and relinquished the public realm. • I am disturbed to hear from many of our long time office tenants that they are considering leaving the City of LA due to their frustration with this crisis and feeling that this is a lost cause. We have already lost several entertainment related businesses due to this ongoing situation. People are fearful to walk outside due to the unpredictability of so many mentally unstable individuals. • The state of our sidewalks is especially heartbreaking when you see a barrage of encampments near a church or school – what message does it send to our youth that we cannot take care of our most vulnerable residents? • Put yourself into the shoes of a small business owner, and imagine their frustration when their livelihoods are put into jeopardy because the City allows their storefronts to be blocked or overrun? • Sanitation conditions continue to reach new lows. Excessive trash, human waste, encampment fires, drug paraphernalia and disease are, sadly, regular fixtures of the public realm in today's LA. It is time to clean up our sidewalks so that all Angelenos can use them. • It is time for our elected leaders to do their job. Taxpayers voted overwhelmingly to provide you with the tools and resources to address this crisis, and we are demanding that you step up and return public places and spaces to all the citizens of our community. • I urge you to support these important (ordinances

or services). Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Robert Warren

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 01:55 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I support the motion and manage and represent the following locations: 656 S. Los Angeles Street 122 E. 7th Street 719 S. Los Angeles Street 860 S. Los Angeles Street 1206 Maple We recognize the challenge in putting together effective solutions and find this a helpful addition to working to balance both compassionate response with the requirements of running a business. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Leslie Elkan

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 02:21 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please, please, please reinstate Municipal Code 56.11, which would allow the enforcement of the anti-camping laws in certain areas. Please support this motion so that Los Angeles can regain its civility and so that the homeless must discontinue their self-destructive life on the streets. It is terribly unfair to the residents and businesses of Los Angeles to have to live with the squalor and lawlessness of the unhoused. This motion could help solve the homeless crisis and it is imperative that it is passed.

Communication from Public

Name: Angel Anthony Guzman

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 02:34 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I find it so sad that this law will be banning the areas next to freeways and other public places .I'm homeless .I just did ten years in prison I can't find a job that will make enough to pay rent I take care of my father in a camper .I try to stay away from community s cuz family will call the cops the free ways and bus station are only places were I won't be harassed by anyone.If my city would let me park somewhere I would stay out of everyone's way..Some Many homeless feel the same way .We our a comminty.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrea Baly

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 03:09 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The homeless crisis is out of control. A homeless woman living in a tent near my house was naked and pouring a water bottle on her head on a public sidewalk. I pay taxes to live in my house. I am being denied the safety and enjoyment of my property. Furthermore, a tiny home community was put up in my neighborhood without my consideration but the park and underpass that was cleared is now full of tents and trash again 2 weeks later. I don't feel safe, and the rights of the homeless people are being put above my rights as a taxpayer. Why are there no tent cities in Beverly Hills? Because their city doesn't tolerate this! Give back our cities to the law abiding taxpayers!

Communication from Public

Name: Barbara Sternig
Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 03:20 PM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I implore the council to ban daytime tents and find a solution to the disgrace and blight on our city which is the burgeoning acceptance of these vast numbers of street-dwelling homeless. The homeless encampments under freeway bridges all around our domiciles have been encroaching and endangering our quiet family neighborhood more and more, with many of the persons in them wandering our streets, scavenging through our bins, sitting on our curbs, frightening children, and causing stress and fear for the safety of our homes. Some weeks ago, a tattered, dirty, shoeless and completely unhinged man apparently slept on the parkway of my home (between curb and sidewalk) pulling off branches of a large bush to make room for himself, and then dazedly arising in the morning when I came outside with my little dog and she began barking when she saw him. He stumbled down the street and turned south onto little Vineland, apparently heading back to under the freeway Surely, foul-smelling, unsanitary, filthy, debris-littered tent cities are not what the San Fernando Valley is all about. Something must be done to solve this issue, for the safety of the general populace, in respect to those who follow laws, keep up their homes, and pay taxes, and for the good of our city - and I pray you on the Council will work hard and intelligently to find what it is.... to house or otherwise care for these persons, including the drug-addicted, alcoholic, mentally unstable, physically unwell, and unable or unwilling to lead a normal life in a sane and safe society. I am so ashamed of Los Angeles for allowing itself to descend into this mess for all concerned. Please help.

Communication from Public

Name: Lynn "Jeong" Stransky

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 03:30 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The motion put forth in CF 20-1376's "Discussion of Draft Ordinance Amending Los Angeles Municipal Code Sections 41.18 and 56.11 Transmitted to Council on October 26, 2020" is inhumane and cruel and should absolutely not pass under any circumstances. Because the proposed zones include half of Los Angeles, this amendment would further displace people experiencing homelessness and are, therefore, some of the most vulnerable. Furthermore, it is cruel and senseless to push unhoused people farther away from the services they need to survive. I urge the Council to reject this motion and any legislation that bans sitting, sleeping, and lying within 500 feet of freeways, ramps, and tunnels and facilities that provide crucial housing, shelter, parking, and storage services to unhoused people or any that criminalizes property storage.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 05:41 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am writing in to express my strong support for the enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11, the public camping ban. Every person in this city has been horribly affected by the ever-growing encampments on our sidewalks, doorways, parks, and public spaces. The amount of debris, bulky items, toxic and human waste, have been allowed to create a public health crisis. These items have encouraged rodents, and disease, they have prevented businesses from being able to operate. During the pandemic these areas have worsened and will prevent businesses from recovering as quickly as they should. Most tragically these items have blocked the pathways for people with disabilities for years now. People with disabilities have been denied the right to use the sidewalks or gain entry to businesses because they are unable to navigate around the debris. Time after time we have all watched as small children and our elderly loved ones, are forced to walk in the middle of the street because their sidewalks are impassable. We are all compassionate people, and I am asking every member of this council to please apply the terms equity and inclusion to your compassion. True compassion does not impede on the basic, fundamental rights of our children, the elderly and people with disabilities. Thank you Council members Joe Buscaino and John Lee for proposing this motion and for bringing it forth today. I respectfully ask that every member of this council vote in favor of the enforcement of 56.11. Allowing people to camp on sidewalks is not a solution to this problem. It just creates more problems. I now walk the streets with mace and am fearful of being attacked. This is a quality of life issue for everyone. Thank you,

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 06:13 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: For the safety of ALL involved, including the homeless, we must have the No Tents In Daytime Law enforced once again.

Communication from Public

Name: Robyn Cohen

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 06:39 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I respectfully ask that every member of this council vote in favor of the enforcement of 56.11 My family and I are contemplating a move out of LA in part due to the growing homeless epidemic. When we moved to Sherman Oaks 5 years ago the situation wasn't nearly as prevalent-now there are encampments large and small on sidewalks all around our neighborhood including on our residential street. I want my kids to be able to walk to the grocery or restaurants around the corner from us, but we can't because of the tents lining the sidewalk obscuring us from local businesses. Thank you, Robyn Cohen

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 06:58 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles county is unsafe full of homeless and drug addicts that get no consequences for their actions. La county has spent billions of dollars without any resolution and it is time for a change. The facts the city hasn't been sued by millions surprises me. I am sick and tired of being afraid to walk out unable to walk on sidewalks and having a fire near me all the time. Your kids will suffer no one is safe if the city doesn't punish or enforce the rules.

Communication from Public

Name: Susan Ladd
Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 07:18 PM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am writing in to express my strong support for the enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11, the public camping ban. Every person in this city has been horribly affected by the ever-growing encampments on our sidewalks, doorways, parks, and public spaces. The amount of debris, bulky items, toxic and human waste, have been allowed to create a public health crisis. These items have encouraged rodents, and disease, they have prevented businesses from being able to operate. During the pandemic these areas have worsened and will prevent businesses from recovering as quickly as they should. Most tragically these items have blocked the pathways for people with disabilities for years now. People with disabilities have been denied the right to use the sidewalks or gain entry to businesses because they are unable to navigate around the debris. Time after time we have all watched as small children and our elderly loved ones, are forced to walk in the middle of the street because their sidewalks are impassable. We are all compassionate people, and I am asking every member of this council to please apply the terms equity and inclusion to your compassion. True compassion does not impede on the basic, fundamental rights of our children, the elderly and people with disabilities. Lastly, and most importantly, a homeless man wandered into our home through a back door to our bedroom and went to sleep on our bed (my husband and I). Luckily, I was home and he was not armed and the police came, handcuffed him, since he had a "no bail warrant", did not appear on prior burglarly charges. There is a vacated home across the street that is awaiting construction but has been used by squatters. He was probably looking for that house. In any case, my 17 year old daughter, my son, and husband were all home and my husband was able to escort him out. What if my daughter was home alone? This was terrifying. Plus, earlier today, a homeless man was caught on camera trying to break into my neighbor's house who is away on vacation. We live a short 7 minute walk from the Oakwood School, by the 101 underpass which is littered wall to wall with a tent community. This has reached unsustainable proportions and neighbors in our area have been seriously hurt, stolen from, etc. Please do something! We know it can be done. It's not this way in Burbank or Pasadena. Please do you job and keep us safe! Thank you Council members Joe

Busciano and John Lee for proposing this motion and for bringing it forth today. I respectfully ask that every member of this council vote in favor of the enforcement of 56.11 Thank you,

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 07:20 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Re: Council File 20-1376. Dear Council Members, I am (writing / calling) in to express my strong support for the enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11, the public camping ban. Every person in this city has been horribly affected by the ever-growing encampments on our sidewalks, doorways, parks, and public spaces. The amount of debris, bulky items, toxic and human waste, have been allowed to create a public health crisis. These items have encouraged rodents, and disease, they have prevented businesses from being able to operate. During the pandemic these areas have worsened and will prevent businesses from recovering as quickly as they should. Most tragically these items have blocked the pathways for people with disabilities for years now. People with disabilities have been denied the right to use the sidewalks or gain entry to businesses because they are unable to navigate around the debris. Time after time we have all watched as small children and our elderly loved ones, are forced to walk in the middle of the street because their sidewalks are impassable. We are all compassionate people, and I am asking every member of this council to please apply the terms equity and inclusion to your compassion. True compassion does not impede on the basic, fundamental rights of our children, the elderly and people with disabilities. Thank you Council members Joe Busciano and John Lee for proposing this motion and for bringing it forth today. I respectfully ask that every member of this council vote in favor of the enforcement of 56.11 Thank you, Sylvia H. Goulden www.sylviahgoulden.artspan.com

Communication from Public

Name: Kim
Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 07:32 PM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am a 20 year resident of LA and mom to 3 teenagers. I am writing in to express my strong support for the enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11, the public camping ban. Every person in this city has been horribly affected by the ever-growing encampments on our sidewalks, doorways, parks, and public spaces. The amount of debris, bulky items, toxic and human waste, have been allowed to create a public health crisis. Please do something or else LA will become famous as a s@\$\$&&-hole! The filth of these encampments have encouraged rodents, and disease, they have prevented businesses from being able to operate and families to walk to school and stores. During the pandemic these areas have worsened and will prevent businesses from recovering as quickly as they should. Most tragically these items have blocked the pathways for people with disabilities for years now. People with disabilities have been denied the right to use the sidewalks or gain entry to businesses because they are unable to navigate around the debris. Time after time we have all watched as small children and our elderly loved ones, are forced to walk in the middle of the street because their sidewalks are impassable. We are all compassionate people, and I am asking every member of this council to please apply the terms equity and inclusion to your compassion. Why would you not vote to ban camping? It's so nice to go to other cities like Burbank or Beverly Hills and you don't see this! True compassion does not impede on the basic, fundamental rights of our children, the elderly and people with disabilities. People are "using" LA and coming here from other cities to take advantage of the camping laws to live in squalor! My young daughter has already witnessed people defecating, masterbating, shooting up drugs and having sex in our zip code 91602 ... Studio City/North Hollywood. Thank you Council members Joe Busciano and John Lee for proposing this motion and for bringing it forth today to help all Los Angelenos. I respectfully ask that every member of this council vote in favor of the enforcement of 56.11 Thank you, Kim

Communication from Public

Name: Eric

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 07:44 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am a 53 year resident of LA and dad to 3 teenagers. I am writing in to express my strong support for the enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11, the public camping ban. Every person in this city has been horribly affected by the ever-growing encampments on our sidewalks, doorways, parks, and public spaces. The amount of debris, bulky items, toxic and human waste, have been allowed to create a public health crisis. Please do something or else LA will become infamous for being a 3rd world country. This is not about politics. The filth of these encampments have encouraged rodents, and disease, they have prevented businesses from being able to operate and families to walk to school and stores. During the pandemic these areas have worsened and will prevent businesses from recovering as quickly as they should. Most tragically these items have blocked the pathways for people with disabilities for years now. People with disabilities have been denied the right to use the sidewalks or gain entry to businesses because they are unable to navigate around the debris. Time after time we have all watched as small children and our elderly loved ones, are forced to walk in the middle of the street because their sidewalks are impassable. We are all compassionate people, and I am asking every member of this council to please apply the terms equity and inclusion to your compassion. Why would you not vote to ban camping? It's so nice to go to other cities like Burbank or Beverly Hills and you don't see this! True compassion does not impede on the basic, fundamental rights of our children, the elderly and people with disabilities. People are "using" LA and coming here from other cities to take advantage of the camping laws to live in squalor! My young daughter and son have already witnessed people defacating, masterbating, shooting up drugs and having sex in our zip code 91602 ... Studio City/North Hollywood. Krekorian has done nothing to help. This is a citywide problem affecting the entire city! Thank you Council members Joe Busciano and John Lee for proposing this motion and for bringing it forth today to help all Los Angelenos. I respectfully ask that every member of this council vote in favor of the enforcement of 56.11 Thank you, Eric

Communication from Public

Name: Emily

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 07:55 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am a 16 year old girl that lives near Oakwood Elementary, Woodbridge Park, and Vitellos Restaurant and I was almost a rape victim from a homeless drug addict who chased me down all the way to my house... yelling 'I am going to get you bitch!'" I live a block away from the Moorpark 101 underpass which is where there is a homeless encampment that is disgusting. I used to be able to walk to Walter Reed Middle School and feel safe. Or go to the 7-11 by myself. You have taken away my rights by not cleaning up the city. I want to express my strong support for the enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11, the public camping ban. Every person in this city has been horribly affected by the ever-growing encampments on our sidewalks, doorways, parks, and public spaces. The amount of debris, bulky items, toxic and human waste, have been allowed to create a public health crisis. These items have encouraged rodents, and disease, they have prevented businesses from being able to operate. During the pandemic these areas have worsened and will prevent businesses from recovering as quickly as they should. Most tragically these items have blocked the pathways for people with disabilities for years now. People with disabilities have been denied the right to use the sidewalks or gain entry to businesses because they are unable to navigate around the debris. Time after time we have all watched as small children and our elderly loved ones, are forced to walk in the middle of the street because their sidewalks are impassable. We are all compassionate people, and I am asking every member of this council to please apply the terms equity and inclusion to your compassion. True compassion does not impede on the basic, fundamental rights of our children, the elderly and people with disabilities. Thank you Council members Joe Busciano and John Lee for proposing this motion and for bringing it forth today. I respectfully ask that every member of this council vote in favor of the enforcement of 56.11 Thank you, Emily

Communication from Public

Name: Tram Nguyen Zelniker

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 10:00 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: John Kim

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 10:00 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please prohibit the use of sidewalk camping in Los Angeles!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2021 10:27 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: As a property owner in DTLA, I find it unacceptable that I'm paying for the privilege of living next to sidewalk encampments that bring all the worst elements of humanity to our neighborhood: mental illness, crime, noise, filth, squalor and disease. While I appreciate the need to care for those less fortunate, I feel that essentially taxing ourselves to the tune of BILLIONS of dollars to address the issue more than covers the local resident's responsibility. I feel as though I'm paying to have my rights as a paying, productive member of this community to be superseded by those who are not, all with the help of the local governing, bureaucratic body. The city and state were given the money and mandate to finally address the homeless issue and so far, there appears to have been very little done. I urge the city council to take immediate action and get encampments off our sidewalks as a first step to addressing this issue once and for all. It is now abundantly clear that drastic action must be taken - not next year, not next month, not next week - NOW. I'm tired of being told that things will get better, now I'm demanding to see it. I'm watching closely how this small matter is handled and the homeless will be my number 1 voting issue for all future elections.

Communication from Public

Name: Christiana Cobb-Dozier

Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 07:15 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This motion is unjust and does not propose a solution to the many Angelenos who are unhoused. This motion does not provide any new resources or housing for unhoused individuals - these are the things we all know are needed to solve the homelessness crisis we face. Homelessness in Los Angeles continues to grow, and a wave of evictions is expected soon. Spending time discussing anti-homeless enforcement when we lack adequate shelter and housing is a distraction from the crisis, not a solution. Scarce shelter and housing resources should be allocated based on need and appropriateness. Reallocating shelter beds as a pretext for clearing a specific location means that people who need and want those beds won't be able to get them. We need to make delivery of services more efficient, not bend the system to fit with enforcement priorities.

Communication from Public

Name: Phil Favre

Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 08:41 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

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Communication from Public

Name: Susan Favre
Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 08:42 AM
Council File No: 20-1376

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Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 09:15 AM
Council File No: 20-1376

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Tracey Pollack

Communication from Public

Name: T. Griffin
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Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 09:54 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Deborah Sale-Butler
Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 10:04 AM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I reside directly across from South Weddington Park, where there is a homeless encampment. In the past year, there have been three fires, a stabbing (requiring a massive police action to remove the armed and high assailant), and a recent overdose death from drugs sold by the dealer in the camp. On Monday, the entire neighborhood was shut down with a SWAT action, when a prostitute from the camp chased another resident, with a gun, then turned it on me and another neighbor as we were walking our dogs. I am informed by Officer Delbar, our senior lead officer, that we have over 300 tiny homes, in addition to other properties and project room-key accommodations and that they stand at about 50% capacity. Shelter has repeatedly been offered to the camp residents and some took it. Those that remain are either dealing drugs and/or using heavily. They threaten each other almost daily, and threaten residents for being on "their turf." There is a little-league field, with an outbuilding burned by cooking meth. I understand your desire to keep police involvement to a minimum, but currently, without the ability to remove tents after offering shelter, these folks will continue to threaten each other and our neighborhood and they will not move into shelter. Monday's police action was rare. Often crimes are not caught/witnessed by the police, because by the time they make it to the scene, the camp residents have retreated into their tents and they cannot be searched without a warrant. If you completely remove the ability of police to enforce removal, then any action you pass has no teeth and leaves us exactly where we are. We will be listening with interest to how you handle the situation. Please do not leave us in this situation with no hope of relief.

Communication from Public

Name: Kari caden-heredia
Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 11:09 AM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: Please support the enforcement of 56.11 (the anti-camping motion).

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 12:23 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am strongly in favor of this CF 20-1376 of no tents, no camping no sitting, and no property on streets. As long as we are making sure this includes residential streets that includes apartments as well as single family dwellings and in front of businesses. The main issue is this is happening on residential streets and creating increase in fires, crime as well as thefts and violence. The Hollywood area on Formosa near halfway house Michael's village, in front of Durant library, sunset and martel in front of ATT, sunset and LaBrea area as well. So many more can be listed but these are just some current and long standing areas where nothing is being done to remove these encampments.

Communication from Public

Name: Ashley Weston

Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 12:45 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

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Communication from Public

Name: Rachel Feser

Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 12:52 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

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Communication from Public

Name: Jonathan Cohen
Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 01:25 PM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I respectfully ask that every member of this council vote in favor of the enforcement of 56.11 My family and I are contemplating a move out of LA in part due to the growing homeless epidemic. When we moved to Sherman Oaks 5 years ago the situation wasn't nearly as prevalent-now there are encampments large and small on sidewalks all around our neighborhood including on our residential street. I want my kids to be able to walk to the grocery or restaurants around the corner from us, but we can't because of the tents lining the sidewalk obscuring us from local businesses. I cannot tell you how important of an issue this is. The homeless epidemic has truly ruined LA. Not only does it destroy the beauty of LA, but it makes our streets unsafe. Please do everything in your power to get this law passed. Best, Jonathan Cohen 310-699-0822

Communication from Public

Name: Grace Wang

Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 03:54 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

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Grace Wang

Communication from Public

Name: Nancy Linari
Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 04:51 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: Please enforce no camping on our streets! The problem has gotten out of control. We must have some regulations. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Annalisa VanAken
Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 06:05 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: Please enforce the no tents in daytime law. The law ensures the safety of both residents and homeless people.

Communication from Public

Name: Caitlin
Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 06:05 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: 20-1376

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 07:37 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Thank You Council Members for addressing this important issue that affects the quality of life for everyone in our city. We are at a breaking point with the encampments and the problems surrounding them. Please adopt LAMC 41.18 as it is, so that we can finally begin to find some peace and joy in our communities again and to provide the long over due motivation for service resistant people living on our streets. Thank You

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 08:22 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: For all of our safety it's getting amazingly bad

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 09:31 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I support B on CF2013767S1 -Homeless

Communication from Public

Name: Nicholas P Previsich

Date Submitted: 06/30/2021 09:38 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: My wife and I would again like to express our unqualified support for COMPLETE resumption of enforcement of LAMC 56.11 and other related ordinances as well as any and all new ordinances that may be adopted to restrict--and ideally eliminate--camping out on sidewalks and in public spaces. As CM Buscaino noted on Tuesday 29 Jun the ongoing neglect by the City to enforce these most basic, essential rules of civilization itself have produced extraordinary public health and safety hazards, and continues to massively increase the harm this neglect causes to the very persons it purports to help. The situation is shameful. The ridiculously transparent attempts by some councilmembers to passive-aggressively continue to avoid dealing with it via administrative sophistry and meaningless rhetoric ('respect the process'? Really?) in the name of their own political self-interest is profoundly disgusting. In fact, it is an immoral dereliction of their most important duties as elected officials. If they think that this abject failure of leadership has not been noticed they are very much mistaken. We see their craven, cynical indifference as clearly as we see the thousands of tons of trash, feces, bottles, broken meth pipes, and needles that cover our sidewalks. However, it is becoming much more difficult to determine which is more revolting and dangerous to our once-beautiful city. Both must end. Now.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 05:47 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: You must do something about our homeless problem. The trash and drugs are destroying our neighborhoods. At the very least, please make the trash illegal and get these people some help. We have elected you and funded you unfortunately, you are failing the people miserably-both the homeless and our neighborhoods. Please address and thank you, Joan V.

Communication from Public

Name: Deborah Sale-Butler
Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 08:04 AM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Failure to pass the ordinance under consideration leaves your constituents vulnerable to the crime, disease, fire and violence that is chronic in the camps. After a violent confrontation, in which a woman from the camp in South Weddington Park waved a gun at me, while walking my dog, she ditched the gun in a nearby tent (not the one in which she hid from the police) and so the 3-hour SWAT action that was finally called resulted in finding no weapon. After 3 days in jail, she is free and back in the camp with a gun. I was told Police could not search the other tents without a warrant and have apparently chosen not to do so. Police have told me that they can only follow the rules you give them, but their hands are tied, even in the most dire situations. Please be sure the language you pass is direct. Don't leave it up to each Councilmember's discretion. This will result in more confusion and leave the constituents in some districts stuck in horrible situations. In your discussions, please speak as you have instructed us to do, when making comments - directly and to the point. "There is a right way and a wrong way to do things" is meaningless, as is "I don't have enough information" or "I need a map before I know what to do." Do the research you are paid to do and come in ready to make a decisive vote. We'll all be voting soon too.

Communication from Public

Name: BW

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 08:56 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members: We are at a breaking point with the encampments and the problems surrounding them. Please adopt LAMC 41.18 as it is, so that we can finally begin to find some peace and joy in our communities again and to provide the long overdue motivation for service resistant people living on our streets. Thank You, BW

Communication from Public

Name: Ben

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 08:57 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Waller

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 08:58 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

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Communication from Public

Name: Yolanda Petroski

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 09:17 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The public is tired of the visual blight caused by homeless encampments on our streets and sidewalks. Besides being a health hazard, it is detrimental to retail businesses as it discourages public access to those establishments. WE WANT OUR SIDEWALKS AND OUR COMMUNITIES BACK! Many opportunities exist for shelter for this population.

Communication from Public

Name: Isaac
Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 09:20 AM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I support 20-1376. We strongly need to give the LAPD some rules to balance the safety and security of the housed as well as the unhoused. My wife and I put our life savings into a triplex in Venice only to have an encampment pop up across the street 6 months later. Our tenant moved out immediately because of safety concerns. We've had people defecate, trespass, asleep on our front porch with a bottle of pills, and recently a fight between 2 of the members of the encampment. The inability to fill our unit has caused financial hardship which is money we need for childcare when my wife goes back to work. We just had our first kid who is 2 months old. I was yelled at yesterday while walking down the street with my son from one of our neighbors who then went back to his encampment and continued to disassemble a city bike. This is a daily struggle. My wife doesn't feel safe to walk alone in our neighborhood (and for good reason when you look at the crime rates in Venice) so she spends her days away from Venice. Something must be done immediately to bring back balance to our community.

Communication from Public

Name: ILENE ATKINS

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 10:09 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: While it is important to respect the rights of people without homes, the homeless population must not and should not be allowed to threaten the health and safety of themselves or of members of the general public. The public authorities should be allowed to remove anyone who is such a threat or a danger to a safer environment without their implicit permission to do so. For the mentally ill or for drug addicts, that "safer environment" should be a hospital or rehab facility. A designated public agency also must be given the authority to clean up any public areas that could cause the spread of infection or disease.

Communication from Public

Name: Dasha Waller

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 10:12 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

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Communication from Public

Name: Brennan Lindner

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 10:49 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please pass this ASAP. We need to return our beaches, parks and sidewalks to usable condition. I'm sick of having my neighbors roll their stroller down the middle of the street as it's blocked by Tents and TRASH. Don't mistake TRASH as the human beings there, but the TRASH that is gathered around their tents.

Communication from Public

Name: Kimberly Plummer

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 11:10 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: One of my neighbors on Valley Spring Lane near Woodbridge Park had a drugged out homeless intruder sleeping in her bed and 2 other break ins around my block.... near Tujunga and Woodbridge 91602. And then my 16 year old daughter was chased by a mentally deranged man in an attempted assault all the way to nearby Woodbridge Park from Tijuana Village coming home from Vitellos restaurant with him screaming "I am going to get you, bitch!" She fortunately got away and called police... 911 (NOHO division never responded because she had a vague description because it was dark) There is a home on Valley Spring right now set for demolition that homeless squatters are using to live in squalor. We have had homeless use our driveway and leave human feces and toilet paper by our fence. I have 3 kids and this is right near Oakwood School and Woodbridge Park. All these guys are coming from the Moorpark Underpass where we see drug deals, prostitution, defacating, sex, and criminal assaults all the time and people walking in the street. There is no passage way for anyone!!! Also just Monday..... I will attach a photo (below) from some SWAT activity near South Weddington with a crazy woman with a gun. We also see that gang members have moved into this area too. This is where my 13 year old son skateboards nearby. Krekorian has done nothing to help us. And now we are distraught that only 3 of 12 council members want to ban the encampments. Please relocate them out to the county where there is rural space. Coordinate with your Sheriff I am sure he would like to help you! Signed.... Kimberly Plummer, retired, 3 time Emmy Award winning news reporter who used to love LA, but now I can't wait to move away from Studio Coty. Maybe out to Malibu like Krekorian?

Communication from Public

Name: Ewelina kosciow

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 12:09 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I live in Studio City and have recently had a temporary disability that requires I use a wheelchair from time to time. For months I would contact the city to get assistance with the sidewalks on Moorepark under the 101. The sidewalks are completely trashed with items spilling into the street. In order for me to pass this location, I would need to be in the middle of the street. The underpass looks very dark on a sunny day, and obstructs drivers from seeing anything until they are directly under it. This creates a dangerous situation where somebody will get hit, it's only a matter of time. I am unable to safely pass this area, and anybody living underneath the structure is also in danger. When speaking to Krekorian's office, the field officer mentioned that the little homes have been offered to the individuals residing under the bridge, but they have refused it. This location is next to a park and an elementary school (within 100ft) and there have been used needles found in the park, people exposing themselves, fires, fights and even a death. It is unsafe and needs to be addressed immediately.

Communication from Public

Name: SUELLEN WAGNER

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 12:22 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Support the motion. Resident of CD-2 for over 30 years. Quality of life for residents has deteriorated severely due to homeless encampments and associated crime. It is no longer safe to walk in our neighborhoods, day or night. Filth, open drug use, weapons! Assaults are way up! Many of us live in most severe fire risk areas VHFHSZ. They must be protected and we must be protected. This is the day to take the first small step toward restoration of our neighborhoods. We have paid for it and waited for it for far too long.

Communication from Public

Name: BV

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 02:17 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: As a Mar Vista homeowner and Los Angeles City taxpayer, I support Motion 55A amending Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 41.18 to specify the particular times at which and the particular locations where it shall be unlawful for a person to sit, lie, or sleep upon public property, and amending LAMC Section 56.11 to align with Section 41.18, (CF 20-1376). I DO NOT support the 30 day time frame to develop a Street Engagement Strategy. This needs to happen immediately. Also, I do not support enlisting the help of law enforcement only as a last resort, again handcuffing the LAPD and LASD. We need all hands on deck to deal with this state of emergency. Thank you Councilmembers Joe Buscaino and John Lee for forcing the rest of the City Council to vote on this motion. It's abhorrent that the City Attorney's draft ordinance on this matter has been pending in the Homelessness & Poverty Committee since November 30, 2020 while the residents of Los Angeles have been dealing with blocked sidewalks, feces, needles, screaming and fighting, encampment fires, property crime, violent crime and murder in the neighborhoods where encampments are located. Shame on you! But most of all, shame on you Mike Bonin for continuing to ignore the constituents that pay your salary in CD-11. Tick tock... time's up.

Communication from Public

Name: kevin Leman

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 05:19 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please take action and clean up the sensitive area near weddington park. It is no longer safe for us to take our dog to the park. There is violence, screaming, & threats in our neighborhood where kids play little league games and families take their kids. This is a hideous black eye on our community and by forcing the homeless to leave, hopefully they'll seek shelter in the tiny homes that were built for them. By letting them live next to a park is not helping them or us.

Communication from Public

Name: Paula Madison

Date Submitted: 07/01/2021 06:34 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The abhorrent conditions we are facing here in Studio City as they relate to the homeless and mentally ill are inhumane, unsanitary and downright dangerous. It's not enough to offer those living on the streets, sidewalks, underpasses, parks, riverbanks and in vehicles a place indoors where they can live and sleep away from the elements. Criminal activity around them, towards them and by them has great diminished the quality of life for Studio City. Housing options will be rejected by some and so they will have to face legal consequences. Please get them off the streets so that the sidewalks and public spaces can be enjoyed as intended.