

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 12:29 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This is disgusting. People experience homelessness for a variety of reasons. It is imperative not to forget that homelessness is never a personal failing but rather the failing of the systems put in place that value corporations and wealthy people over our most vulnerable population. SHAME SHAME SHAME ON YOU.

Communication from Public

Name: Peter Clune

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 12:32 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This motion is an embarrassing, inhuman continuation of failed policies criminalizing the existence of our unhoused neighbors. How many times does LA need to lose in Federal Court to realize that these policies are cruel and unconstitutional, not to mention completely ineffective at uplifting our unhoused neighbors. We need social housing and real services, not increased criminalization. Every co-sponsor and person who votes for this bill ought to be ashamed and remove themselves from public life in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew Smith

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 12:34 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The role of government should be to provide for its citizens in need, not to criminalize homelessness. The motion does not provide for additional services, only sweeps that will rob human beings of their few possessions and further alienate them from their community and society as a whole. It only serves to make the problem worse, and is absolutely unacceptable as a policy solution.

Communication from Public

Name: Emerald Germaine Snow

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 12:35 PM

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

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Name:

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 12:38 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My family and I are in favor of this motion since we've been severely affected by the homeless encampments near our house.

Communication from Public

Name: Eric Shevrin

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 12:40 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Do not pass this motion. It is genocidal. Remember in 1984 when city council banished unhoused people from sleeping on sidewalks, streets and essentially from being outside before the Olympics. IT IS A DARK MARK ON HISTORY AND YOU ARE REPEATING THE SAME MISTAKES. We demand SERVICES NOT SWEEPS. It is obvious you believe unhoused people or people with little or no money deserve to die , or at the very least deserve to be treated as subhuman, but everyone deserves humanity.

Communication from Public

Name: Patricia L Riley-Oppel

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 01:27 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Heidi Roberts

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 01:28 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Persons - Please vote to uphold the promises you made to all of the Bridge Shelter host communities in Los Angeles. I am a believer in Bridge Housing - as well as shared housing - as viable strategies to help alleviate the humanitarian crisis that's festering on our streets. However, I also live in Venice and can assure you that conditions in our community have dramatically worsened since the opening of the Bridge Home. ALL safety and cleaning protocols have been abandoned and the surrounding residential community has suffered greatly. The environs are horrid for both housed and house-less alike. Maintaining this level of squalor, despite assurances that it would not be this way, only reinforces that all LA politicians are untrustworthy for refusing to uphold their promises. And I'm sure that no community will ever agree to host a Bridge facility in the future if they see the current conditions in Venice. The promise of Bridge Housing was to lift lives up. To create a space space for formerly homeless persons to recover from the trauma that made them homeless in the first place AND to address the dreadful conditions that encampments inherently bring to communities. So far, the Venice Bridge Housing shelter has done the opposite. It's destroying one community and doing nothing for another. It doesn't need to be this way. Please, if this Bridge Home concept stands half a chance of providing relief for tens of thousands on the streets and millions in homes, you must take steps to ensure they lift ALL communities. Deliver what you promised to the people of LA and ensure that Bridge Home shelters solve more problems than they create. Heidi Roberts Venice resident and founder/owner of Haaven Shared Housing

Communication from Public

Name: Julianna Kufeldt

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 01:31 PM

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Name: Venice grandma
Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 02:04 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Fellow human beings are living on the sidewalk in front of my residence in Venice. They have been there since A Bridge Home opened a block from my front door. These unhoused residents were promised help to get into housing. Instead, they are continuing to live rough on a public street. Our neighborhood was promised it would become cleaner and safer once ABH opened. Instead, our public space is filthy and we have to walk in the street because our sidewalks are filled to overflowing with oversize tents, bicycles, barbeques, furniture, storage units, and miscellaneous items of all kinds. Crime and drug use keep increasing, putting both housed and unhoused folks at risk. And because there is a revolving door between the encampments (with all the temptations of street life) and the Bridge Home, ABH guests are not getting better and moving into the new lives they expected to build. We have experienced gun fire, tent fires, knife threats, and witnessed numerous people passed out cold on the sidewalks or shooting up in plain sight. The last time my toddler grandson came to visit, a drug sick woman was naked on the sidewalk as we rounded the corner. With respect, I ask the council to approve the motion to prohibit encampments and storage around the Bridge Home facilities. It is a detriment to everyone, including unhoused folks, housed folks, ABH guests, and the ABH staff who are working hard to get people housed and make the ABH program a success.

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Communication from Public

Name: SHAWN STERN

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 02:04 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I live directly across from A Bridge Home Venice and while I have tried to be supportive, both the city & the organizations running the facility have not upheld the agreements made to the neighborhood. Part of that agreement was a "Special Enforcement and Clean Zone" (SECZ) around all ABH but this has NEVER been enforced since the opening in late February. The promises that ABH would help those in the encampments in the neighborhood directly & that encampments would not be allowed around ABH and that residents would be good neighbors were never upheld since day one. Homelessness has only increased along with assaults, petty theft, burglary, drug use, trash, noise, urination and defecation throughout the neighborhood not to mention a recent spate of encampment fires throughout Venice. Despite claims by those in charge, ABH Venice has been occupied by only 1/3 of the 154 beds it contains and to date, 8 months since opening, only 11 people have been moved into permanent housing. Nearly 3 times more people have been kicked out due to violations of rules including assaults. ABH cost \$8.5 million to build and more than \$3 million to run for it's 3 year lease. The ABH plan is predicated on housing that doesn't exist and what is being built with HHH funds has ballooned to an average of more than \$500,000 per unit according to the City Controller. At this rate it would take over \$30 Billion to house the 50,000+ homeless in L.A. and that will take decades to build. The fundamental problem is not JUST the lack of housing, but the lack of any plan to help those "chronic homeless" that live in encampments, the vast majority of whom have mental health and/or substance abuse issues and are not interested in government housing that come with rules and regulations. That's why ABH Venice has never been anywhere close to full in 8 months. Encampments are the reality all throughout L.A. and none of the cities homeless programs have any reasonable, logical and meaningful solutions to the encampments which are health and safety hazards to those living in and around them. The city should immediately create a program to set up a "Safe Camping Program" to provide safe, secure space on government land in non-residential neighborhoods that offer sanitation, food, security, mental health and substance abuse help throughout the county to create a TEMPORARY solution to unsafe unrestricted

encampments. If you want to help the homeless, then admit that encampments are where the vast majority live and the fastest, economically viable solution is to create temporary controlled encampments that offer safety and services. This is but a few examples of MANY of what is going on directly across from ABH Venice and NO ONE DOES ANYTHING ABOUT IT!



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Name: klaus

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 02:08 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please pass this motion. We own a store on the boardwalk and will go bankrupt because we have a homeless camp directly across from us with active drug dealing and transients shouting at our customers. We have also had a mentally ill homeless person attack our workers and threaten to burn the place down, holding a red gas can. luckily the police came and arrested her. We have also has a murder right in front of the store. Closing our store will lose up to 24 jobs (seasonal between 6 and 24) . The boardwalk was the #2 tourist attraction in SoCal bringing huge tax revenue and employment. It has all but been destroyed to accommodate 140 or so homeless, 80% of which are transients from out of town making a living stealing bicycles and dealing drugs. It is not fair to the local community.

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Name: Topher Hendricks

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

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Comments for Public Posting: This motion is absolutely shameful. Anyone so cruel as to even consider supporting it should not be in any position of power. Joe Buscaino said this motion was to help "neighborhoods that provide solutions," but if those neighborhoods were truly providing solutions, there would not be any homeless in those neighborhoods. This measure would not just be a non-solution, but it would actively make things worse and more difficult for those just trying to survive. It would ADD to the problem. It's not only inhumane, it's completely illogical shortsighted nonsense. What an unbelievably embarrassing thing that I even would need to tell my representatives this.

Communication from Public

Name: Sam Woolsey

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 02:36 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: With so much talk and taxes and very little being done, everyone is suffering. The law abiding, tax paying residents and the unhoused (mostly junkie vagrants that refuse services, exacerbating the issue of getting to those that need and want it) are both being adversely affected. It is time to take a "tough love" approach. Allowing anyone from anywhere (yes, the word is out, CA has an open invitation for junkies and derelicts from all over to post up on our streets) to pitch tents gets in the way of providing comprehensive supportive services for that those that truly need and accept services. For too long, nothing has been done, basic laws are not enforced and quality of life is deteriorating for everyone. Our local leadership is failing everyone and tough measures such as this need to be enacted right away. Venice is disproportionately affected with a high concentration of vagrants and junkies terrorizing neighbors, causing dangerous fires at all hours of the night, partying, loud music, home invasions, blatant drug dealing and tent brothels go completely unchecked by LAPD. These kinds of conditions do NOT exist in surrounding municipalities like Santa Monica, Culver City, Beach Cities, Beverly Hills, Palisades, Malibu and Brentwood.

Communication from Public

Name: Gian-Paul Bergeron

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 02:36 PM

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

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Name: Kendall Mayhew

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 02:38 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: It is shameful that we even have to discuss this again. Not only is it cruel and inhumane to resume the theft and destruction of our unhoused neighbor's belongings and shelters, it is fiscally irresponsible to once again try to move forward with a law that will only result in another lawsuit against the city. The councilmembers should be listening to actual unhoused angelenos and the many many people and organizations that do the direct work of providing services to them. There are ways to move our city out of homelessness without utilizing the tools of fascism. I have watched over and over again as these councilmembers subvert the will of the people of los angeles, who want a compassionate and humane approach to our housing and homelessness crisis. This is a bad motion, it will end up costing the city money and costing many angelenos their lives.

Communication from Public

Name: Kathryn Falsey

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Venice Resident/ Stakeholder

Communication from Public

Name: Zoe Nissen

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 02:46 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Prohibiting public tents and personal property in a city without rent control is absolutely appalling. Criminalizing homelessness will not make homelessness go away. Though homeless shelters may be "in close proximity," what happens to people when these shelters are full? What if they are dealing with mental health or addiction issues and are unable to meet certain unfair requirements that these shelters may enforce? The last line of this motion really concerns me: "a City may continue to prohibit sitting, lying, or sleeping in public spaces at particular times or in particular locations even before a City is able to shelter all of its residents." This is not returning public spaces to neighborhoods that provide solutions to homelessness. This is a blatant declaration of violence on poor people. As a citizen I wholeheartedly oppose this motion and instead urge City Council to cancel rent, provide free hotel rooms and apartments to unhoused Angelenos, and provide free mental health care through the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. Our city is truly failing us right now.

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Name: Wendy Lynn Kaysing

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 02:48 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My son lives in Venice, and I am concerned for his health and safety --along with all the residents of Venice. I would suggest that OVERNIGHT NO CAMPING be permitted for health and safety reasons along ANY PUBLIC STREET OR SIDEWALK. In addition, there should be NO LOITERING/GATHERING/CONGREGATING of homeless people near homeless shelters. Allowing this just adds fuel to the fire --many homeless are mentally ill or deranged from illegal drug consumption. Shelters that are located in neighborhoods or near schools are particularly vulnerable to crime of all types (theft, assault, harassment, not to mention litter, and defecation) from unsheltered people who need to be sheltered far AWAY from neighborhoods and schools. The most cost effective way to house homeless would be for the city to purchase used RV's and mobile homes/trailers and set up mobile home parks on the outskirts of the city in order to house the homeless (think KOA Campgrounds for a model).

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Name: Caitlin Penny

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 02:51 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We do not feel safe. Our neighborhood is being controlled by the homeless population. I support Bridge housing and support for these people who are in need. However, I am sick and tired of my family feeling unsafe to walk the streets of Venice that we love so much. We pay a premium to live in Venice. It is time for the city to start prioritizing the needs of it's residents over the needs of the homeless. Please help us clean up our streets!

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Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 02:54 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: To whom it may concern. I am an ADA disabled 80 yr old resident living on Rose ave in Venice. I have lost many of my rights this past year. The encampment prevents me from using our walk pathway. I no longer have a safe environment in which to live. Our street is filled with drugs , fighting, blasting music, threats, garbage dumping to mention some of the problems. My grandchildren are like prisoners not able to walk outside.I appreciate how difficult this must be for our city representatives. I truly don't believe this is what the Boise ruling had in mind. I have helped the homeless in the past & will continue to do so but not at the safety of my family Please help us in Venice both the homeless & those of us as residents. Thank you

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Name: Malloy Moseley
Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 03:01 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: We demand that City Council invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing a healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, and take concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer. We demand that the city take the following actions immediately: 1. Focus efforts on providing hotel rooms, motel rooms, and permanent housing to ALL unhoused Angelenos (not just those in specific areas that are visible to the general public). 2. End Special Enforcement and Cleaning Zones (SECZ) permanently. 3. Respect CDC guidelines, and working with health department officials to ensure that basic sanitation needs are met without the threat of displacement. 4. Halt all CARE+ “comprehensive cleanup” operations. 5. Remove law enforcement from outreach. 6. Oppose and repeal LAMC 41.18, LAMC 56.11, and all ordinances used to criminalize unhoused residents.

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Name: Tom Pike
Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 03:02 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: This sucks, you guys

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Name:

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: When a business sets up shop by either leasing or purchasing real estate, part of the bargain is unobstructed access to that business. By allowing the homeless to set up tents, boxes, and piles of trash, not only does it disrespect the business, all those attempting to patronize that business, but the entire community as well. This is also applicable to all residential areas. Do people search out homes or apartments where they have to battle homeless encampments, the smell of urine and trash buildup? No. Does that situation near their home make their lives less safe, healthy and enjoyable? Yes. If the city of Los Angeles has any respect for its tax paying citizens, its businesses and its visitors, then it is imperative that it ban bulky items encroaching on sidewalks immediately. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 03:12 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am in favor of this resolution because we are witnessing, on a daily basis the results of the Venice Bridge Houding and it is disastrous to our community. The encampments that encircle the VBH cause filth, danger and mayhem in the surrounding residential area. We were promised, prior to building VBH, that the area would be clear of encampments and be safe for its neighbors. In fact, the VBH is worse than imagined with daily calls to LAPD. LAFD and social workers. With open drug deals and chop shops surrounding the building. Please pass this resolution so our neighborhoods can be returned to normalcy.

Communication from Public

Name: Stacy Dawson Stearns

Date Submitted: 10/22/2020 02:36 PM

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Name: Megan Riley

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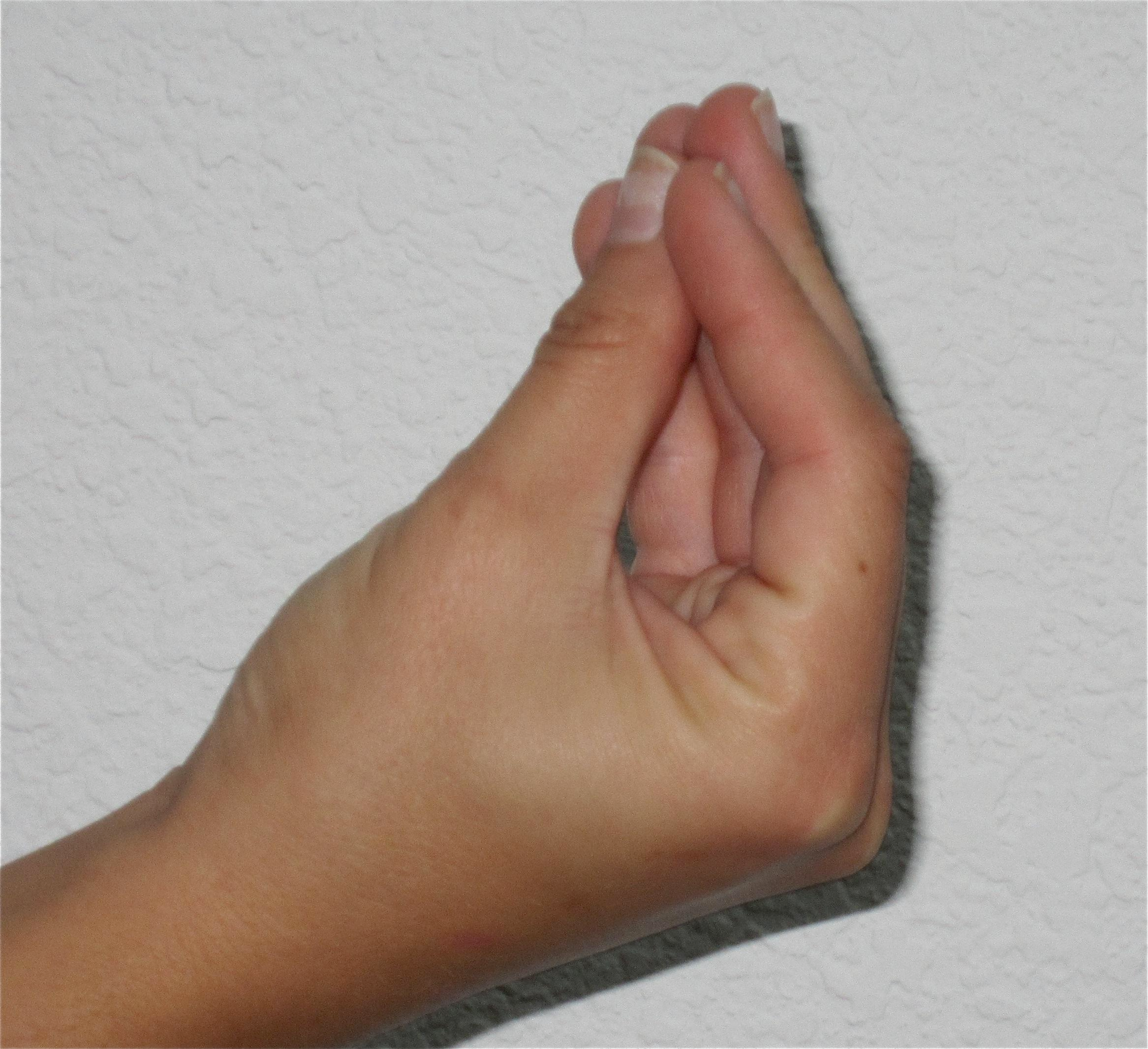
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Date Submitted: 10/22/2020 04:03 PM

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Name: Cindy Mattson

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Comments for Public Posting: We have great compassion for our unhoused neighbors. We want them, and us, to have safe, clean, affordable housing within a safe, clean and healthy community. we ask the City Council to approve this motion, that will help all of us. We thank you for your time and dedication to making LA safe fo all.

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Name: Viet Nguyen

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Name: Michelle

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Comments for Public Posting: I am in favor of this resolution so we can restore our neighborhood surrounding Venice Bridge Housing to a clean and safe neighborhood.

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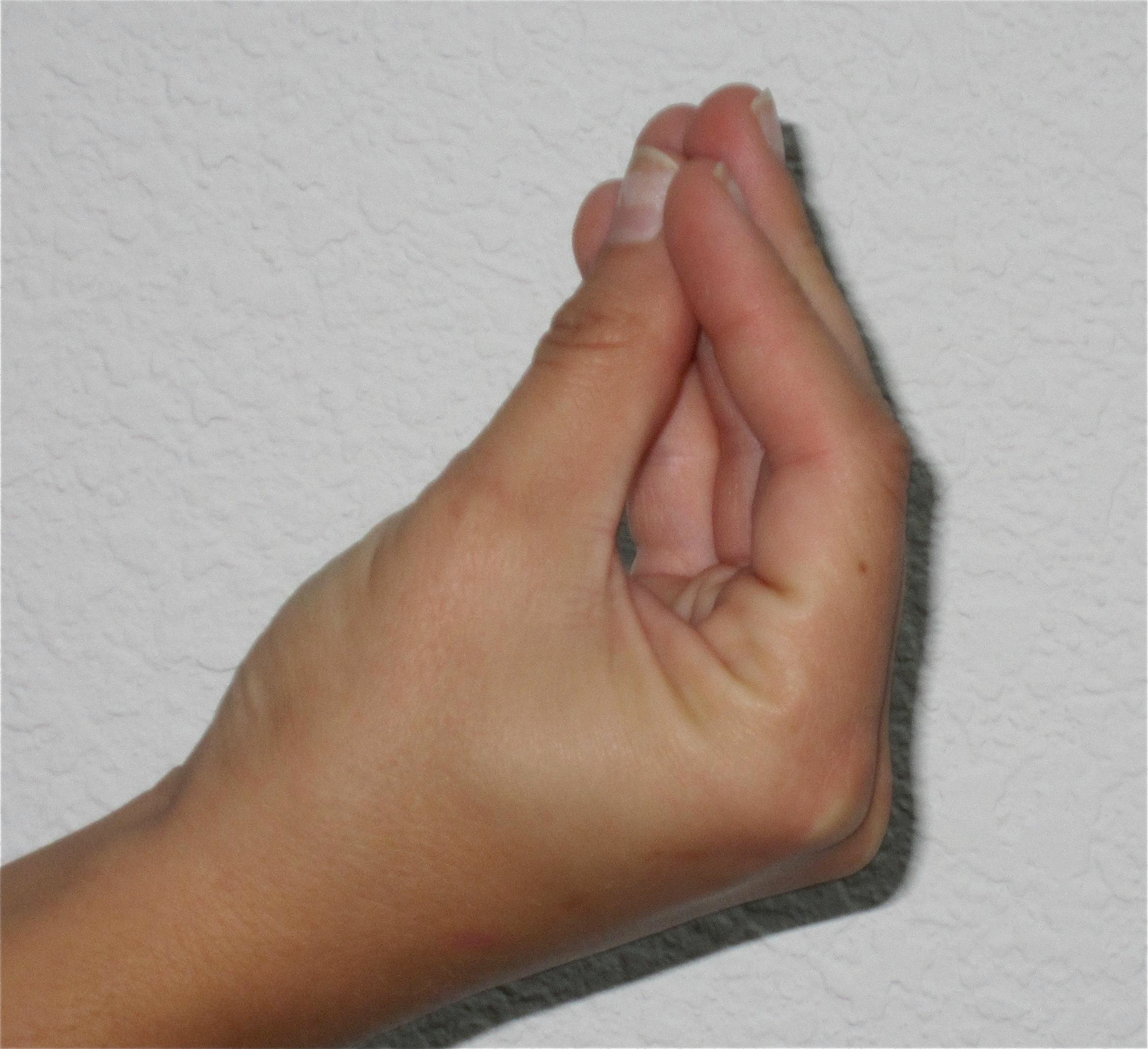
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Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 03:20 PM

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_____ Venice Resident/ Stakeholder

Communication from Public

Name: Lee Gershuny

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 03:24 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Our company manages property next to and within 2 blocks of Bridge Housing. The homeless situation is intolerable. There have been acts of vandalism, robbery and private properties used as toilets. In the case of the Venice Artlofts we have had to hire nighttime security. Storage in the garage has been broken into numerous times. Two cars have recently been stolen. Landscape has had to be redone to prevent homeless from sleeping and storing person items on private property. Rocks have had to be removed from the planted areas because they were being thrown at the building. A unit has bullet holes in their window that came from the direction of the homeless encampment on Sunset between Hampton and Main. We have photos of individuals coming up the video cameras and the last thing you see is the striking of the camera before it goes out. There was recently a fire involving one of the tents. This was a bicycle chop shop. After the fire numerous fire burned out bicycle parts were present. When contact with Bridge Housing was made (after several voicemails without a response) I was informed that the City was aware of the problem with the homeless in the area. Drive around. There are probably more bicycle mechanics than anywhere in the City. Something has be done. New tents are popping up Some are now made of wood with a tarp. The additional costs in maintaining properties because of the homeless is not acceptable. I was told that the additional police car placed in the Gold's Gym parking lot is no longer authorized. Why is it that the homeless have more rights than the property taxpayer? Please update me on your plans to restore Venice to a livable are again. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 03:30 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 03:31 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please see attached letter.



October 26, 2020

Council President Nury Martinez
Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Via Email

Re: LAMC 41.18 & LAMC 56.11 (Council File 20-1376)

Dear Council President Martinez,

Founded in 1924, Central City Association (CCA) remains committed to the vibrancy of DTLA and advancing comprehensive solutions to homelessness. DTLA is home to the largest unsheltered homeless population in the nation, and the number of people living on the streets continues to grow leading to increasingly inhumane living conditions and inaccessible public open space. The City of Los Angeles has a responsibility to support housing options for those living on the street and to maintain healthy, accessible spaces in the public realm.

Recent court decisions including *Mitchell v. City of LA* and *Martin v. Boise* coupled with pending litigation, including the *LA Alliance case* and *Garcia v. City of LA*, require changes to the City's laws that regulate activity in the public realm. The City's rules must adequately reflect these legal agreements so that all stakeholders understand the expectations for activity in public spaces and support for homeless housing and interventions across the City can be fully embraced. The City's primary rules related to these cases are contained in LAMC 41.18 and LAMC 56.11 and must be updated in a transparent and clear way. We strongly support this motion calling for these sections to be updated. We suggest that the City's updates of these codes be done in a collaborative matter with all relevant City agencies and include representatives from LAHSA, the County of LA Department of Mental Health and nonprofit homeless services providers who do much of the outreach to encampments across the City.

The City's ad hoc approach to street homelessness has been dictated by the latest litigation for far too long and is not grounded in clear, consistent rules that are easy to understand and enforce. CCA has consistently raised these concerns with the City Attorney, Mayor and City Council and called for all deliberations regarding homeless litigation to be conducted in open session and for the City to obtain outside counsel. We stand by these recommendations and know transparent legal proceedings and retaining outside counsel would support the intent of this motion: to operate with clear, enforceable rules. With this in mind, **we ask the City Council to approve this motion to update LAMC 41.18 and LAMC 56.11 to improve transparency, accountability and consistency with the ultimate goal of addressing the street homelessness crisis.**

We know that clear rules are just one component to addressing street homelessness and that we must continue to focus on proven solutions like interim and permanent housing, outreach and supportive services. With our homeless population increasing every year, it is more important than ever to tackle this crisis with a multi-pronged approach of more housing support, meaningful mental health reform, prevention, workforce development and more. **While our partners across sectors continue to secure the necessary housing and interventions, the City of Los Angeles must have clear rules to maintain access and hygiene in the shared public realm.**

We urge you to adopt this motion and thank you for your consideration.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J Lall'.

Jessica Lall
President & CEO,
Central City Association of Los Angeles

cc: Mayor Eric Garcetti
City Attorney Mike Feuer
Honorable Members of the City Council

Communication from Public

Name: Dana DuFour

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 03:43 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

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Venice Resident/ Stakeholder

Communication from Public

Name: Carla De Paz

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 03:47 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

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Carla De Paz

Communication from Public

Name: Gary Panas

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 03:47 PM

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Feliz, Van Nuys, Raymer, Western, St. Andrew's and Hollywood. I have attached a few picture to illustrate the difference between all of the others and Venice. Councilman Bonin, has failed miserably in his promises to the resident of Venice. I support this motion because it seeks to amend 41.18 which is vitally important in addressing sleeping on sidewalks at particular locations and hours of the day. My wife and I are compassionate people, but there is a limit to what should be allowed. It's not all about the homeless, many of which just choose to live that way without any responsibility. What about us? The ones that pay the tens of thousands of dollars in property tax. What about us? We have rights too! Thank you for your thoughtful consideration regarding this matter. Give us our sidewalks back please. Sincerely, Gary Panas and Deborah Pitt 2343 Ocean Avenue Venice, CA 90291



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Venice

Communication from Public

Name: emil

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 03:48 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: -kb

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 03:49 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

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Communication from Public

Name: Lothar Schmitz

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 03:52 PM

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Lothar Schmitz (Venice Resident and Stakeholder for 30 Years)

Communication from Public

Name: Steve Bradbury

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 03:55 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council Members: The homeless issue is out of control. Our streets have become a cess pool for disease. While I am sympathetic those who want to be helped, it's hard to justify the jungle-like atmosphere that has overtaken our streets. I support Council File 20-1376. It will help Los Angeles maintain a balance between helping the homeless and helping the residents and homeowners keep and maintain a clean and healthy community and while still staying within the parameters of the Boise Idaho decision. The commitments made by the city as part of the Bridge Housing shelter in Venice have not been fulfilled. This motion will, at least in part, address that issue. The attached picture is provided as Exhibit A. Until very recently, this person was living in his car on Pacific Ave no more than 25 yards from the Venice Bridge Housing Shelter. Why was he not in the shelter? Thank you for this reasonable and well thought out motion to help Los Angeles maintain a balance between helping the homeless and helping the residents and homeowners keep and maintain a clean and healthy community. Sincerely, Steve Bradbury Venice Resident/ Stakeholder



Communication from Public

Name: Catherine Schetina

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 03:56 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to condemn the city council's decision to once again move toward further criminalizing homelessness. Enforcing more violent limitations on where homeless people may exist, when you acknowledge that you do not have housing options for them, is not only cruel and unusual but genuinely tantamount to mass murder at this point. We know for a fact that the only solution to homelessness is to provide people with safe and stable housing, but time and again the city abdicates this responsibility, instead seeking to spend more on our already over-inflated police budget so cops can victimize the most vulnerable members of society with impunity. My question for Mr. Blumenfield, genuinely, is where do you expect these people to go, once you have driven them away from underpasses and sidewalks. You have made no move to provide housing or expand the budget for homeless services, so I can only assume that your hope is these people will join the three homeless citizens who die every day on the streets of LA. The council continues to have blood on their hands. I urge you do the right thing and now further legalize the brutalization and dehumanization of an already unprotected class of people. If you do, you are signing off on mass death.

Communication from Public

Name: Meridith McNeill

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 07:25 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

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

Communication from Public

Name: Jeffery chen

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

Council File No: 20-1376

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Communication from Public

Name: Margo galdjie
Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 07:32 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: I support this motion

Communication from Public

Name: GERALD SELVO

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 07:33 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

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Communication from Public

Name: Nick Ciarelli

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 07:33 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I urge City Council to oppose motion 41.48, an extremely inhumane and harmful ordinance that will expand criminalization of the unhoused population of Los Angeles, which has only grown since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic due to city official's completely ineffectual means to properly address it. Finding new ways and excuses to arrest the homeless will only exacerbate things. Banning people from sitting and sleeping 500ft away from homeless services and the freeway, as well as "any public space in the city if shelter is offered" is extremely precarious in the language written and if this were to be written into law, it would have unforeseen consequences that will ultimately lead to the imprisonment and death of more and more unhoused people, who are in need of shelter and have services but the city has completely failed in providing easy, immediate, sensible, and humane solutions to. On top of that, making it illegal for the unhoused to "store" (i.e. set of their own shelter that would likely keep their identification, medicine, other essentials) is just insanity. The LADP and city sanitation already dispose of unhoused people's personal property with no impunity. But 41.48 would legally justify them for doing it and that is unacceptable. The LA City Council must work towards repealing all laws that criminalize the homelessness, focus on efforts that provide housing for them through hotel rooms (most in the city of which are vacant) and eventually permanent supportive housing, and ending sweeps that displace our unhoused neighbors. The answer can never be inflicting continued physical and psychic harm to human beings. You still represent them and their needs should be considered to.

Communication from Public

Name: Rease Nenth

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 07:41 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Wow. This human suffering and hardship sure is an eyesore. The hotels said they wouldn't take these people in, so there really isn't much more we can do, right? Let's just sweep it under the rug. Well actually, we like this rug, lets sweep it outside. Actually, no no, maybe we can sweep it into this alleyway over here out of the way. No, no, no that's actually a pretty useful shortcut for getting past traffic on Friday evenings when rush hour is gearing up. Let's just say nowhere. Nowhere is good, right? Everyone good with nowhere?

Communication from Public

Name: Houshiyar Yaghoubian
Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 07:44 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: I support this motion

Communication from Public

Name: Sam Yaghoubi
Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 07:45 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: You have my support

Communication from Public

Name: Theo DeMarco

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 07:46 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to oppose 41.18 and demand this Council stop criminalizing poverty and instead provide housekeys, not handcuffs to our neighbors in need. CARE+ sweeps go against CDC guidelines for covid-19 and put unhoused Angelinos at higher risk of both the pandemic and police violence. Considering that Black people in LA experience homelessness at more than 4X the rate of white people, CARE+ sweeps are a direct attack on struggling Black Angelinos and encourage police harassment and violence against our unhoused neighbors. And since 40% of unhoused youth in LA identify as LGBTQ+ (most of them Black), these sweeps are likewise an attack on the queer community. We the people are still in the streets demanding you DEFUND AND DISARM POLICE, and your response is more brutally criminalize LA's most vulnerable and hand even more power to bully and harass them to the violent gangs that are LAPD and LASD. We need SERVICES NOT SWEEPS. Even though measure HHH and Mayor Garcetti promised to eliminate homelessness in LA, we have overcrowded shelters surrounded by struggling Angelinos who want to get inside, who need help and can't get it. And instead of helping these citizens, these human beings, the city polices them 24/7 with these special enforcement zones. Sweeps set the LAPD on unhoused people like absolute predators, and as we've seen during the protests over the past several months, this city's police are a violent gang who escalate encounters without remorse, seemingly with great pleasure. Police do not protect or serve unhoused people, and encouraging confrontations between cops and unhoused Angelinos is negligence. Right now, UCLA estimates that 365,000 renter households in Los Angeles are in danger of homelessness unless elected leaders take sweeping action like cancelling the rent. That's 365 thousand families who will soon be subject to the violence this City and LAPD already rains on its 70,000+ unhoused neighbors. DEFUND THE POLICE, cancel the rent now, and fund SERVICES NOT SWEEPS.

Communication from Public

Name: Caitlin Silber
Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 07:49 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: I am asking that the LA City Council oppose 41.18 and decriminalize poverty

Communication from Public

Name: Diana Germaine Calderon

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 07:50 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: People who sleep on the streets, under freeway overpasses, along sidewalks, next to buildings, in tents are doing so because like all people, they require sleep. Where has our humanity gone? Tell me how do you sleep? Stop the sweeps and bring humanity back to our streets!

Communication from Public

Name: Gianna Vargas

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 07:55 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Tess Halavy
Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 07:55 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: I support this motion.

Communication from Public

Name: Brent Garrett

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 07:56 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I've been a property owner in Venice for 19 years and truly love this area. However in the past few years and especially several months, the homeless situation on the sidewalks and other public areas has become a nightmare. Many of my local friends have experienced a lot of theft, robberies, and other crimes lately which is happening much more often these past several months than any other time in the past 19 years. As I walk around the neighborhood it's so disturbing to see so many people camped out on the sidewalks, littered with hypodermic needles and other drug paraphernalia. As a law abiding, tax paying citizen that actually voted for Prop HHH, so I'm paying for it on my property taxes, I'm outraged that I can no longer walk around my neighborhood on public sidewalks and other spaces which I thought were for ALL people to access, not just some people to block and use as a home, bathroom, etc... I absolutely have compassion for these homeless people, but for the government to allow it's tax paying citizens to be impacted to this extent is not acceptable. When friends come to visit, they're afraid to get out of their cars and are shocked at the level of homeless living on the sidewalks. I have many friends that are moving themselves and businesses out of California due to the homeless situation and I'm seriously considering it, but I'm really hoping that our local officials will help mitigate this situation ASAP. I'm very concerned, Sincerely, -Brent

Communication from Public

Name: BRETT SULLIVAN

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 07:57 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Margaret Baxter

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:00 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The motion instructing the City Attorney to amend LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 in effect criminalizes homelessness. Especially in a pandemic that has limited the space available in shelters and increased risk of eviction, this motion is inappropriate, ill-timed, and ill-intentioned. Councilmember Bob Blumenfield's comments reveal the true motivation for this motion: reducing the visibility of homelessness in Los Angeles, while doing nothing to actually assist those who need help. Rather than criminalize homelessness, City Council should provide housing (temporarily, as in hotel and motel rooms, and permanently) to all those who need it, end SECZ permanently, and work with health department officials to ensure that basic sanitation needs are met without the threat of displacement.

Communication from Public

Name: Sam A

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:01 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please approve this motion and start enforcing 41.18 around freeways and Bridge Home (ABH) sites and other interim sites. I live one block from the ABH site in Venice and our safety and the safety of the ABH residents is threatened by the increase of encampments violating ADA laws and noise ordinances immediately surrounding the ABH site on sunset and Main in Venice. Thank you. Sam A Venice resident.

Communication from Public

Name: Karolyn McKenzie

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:04 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose this ordinance which is an excuse to criminalization of homeless people!

Communication from Public

Name: Miller

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:05 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I support this !!!! Our city has become unsafe, unsanitary, and a disgrace to citizen Of this town. We are paying our taxes in order to live in a safe clean city and all we see is dirt, shit and toilet smell in all the sidewalk. Please do something right about this or more and more people will leave this town.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:07 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This is the one of the most draconian laws I've ever seen proposed, and it totally violates the findings of the supreme court case Martin v Boise which declared that cities can't declare homelessness to be a crime because it is their responsibility to shelter individuals (they're trying to use loopholes to make it okay by saying that "anyone who has been offered shelter" is subject to these laws, with NO definition of what that means).

Communication from Public

Name: Josh James

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:09 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This ordinance is HORRIBLE. Being poor shouldn't be criminalized. So if you want these people off the streets, then build more housing.

Communication from Public

Name: Maria

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:10 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I support the amendment of 41.18. Enforce ADA

Communication from Public

Name: Jodie

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:14 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am appalled and disappointed that any City Council members would propose a bill to criminalize homelessness. Homes are the answer. Not sweeps, not making sleeping on a sidewalk illegal. Where is the empathy? Where is the compassion? Do you truly believe that a complex issue like homelessness can be solved by further criminalizing our unhoused neighbors when you could be helping them? We are better than that. Los Angeles is better than that. We could be leading the nation in creative, empathetic solutions that help our unhoused neighbors. Do better.

Communication from Public

Name: Miria Bowers

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:14 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The 41.18 "policy" that City Council is attempting to pass only further stigmatizes the experiences of houseless people and does nothing to solve L.A.'s homelessness crisis. The folks living out there on the streets are real people who take real breaths who need food who have hopes and dreams and a past and a future. Please, please funnel our city's resources towards affordable housing and ESPECIALLY a rent freeze during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. You don't want more blood on your hands.

Communication from Public

Name: Corinna

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:16 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote to ban encampments within 500 feet of city shelters. “We” have put in a lot of effort and spent a lot of money to create safe spaces for our fellow humans who happen to be experiencing hard times. Many are on the fence on whether to move into a shelter and this may just be the “push” they need to make that decision to do so. The weather is getting colder and we want everyone to be safe. Thank you!!

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Torres

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:20 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The motion should be amended to include industrial zones where where lodging unsheltered or in tents or makeshift shelters is unhealthful. McCoy & 253rd is an industrial zone where resident of the encampment may be exposed to fumes, dust and other industrial chemicals used by near by businesses.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:22 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The proposed law as drafted is overly harsh and seems likely to result in costly and avoidable litigation should it be passed. There is no reasonable justification to limit the ability of citizens to "Sit" within 500 feet of supportive service facilities. The prohibition on tunnels ignores the reality of the housing crisis in Los Angeles as it currently stands, and only empowers the police at a time when the people of Los Angeles have made clear that the police have lost the public trust. In sum, it's the wrong drafting at the wrong time.

Communication from Public

Name: Adina M Gilbert-Hamerling

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:22 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This motion is shameful and inhumane. How dare you fail our unhoused neighbors (during a pandemic!) by offering a meager number of shelter beds and then attempt to hide your failure by criminalizing these Angelenos' very existence. Where do you expect unhoused people to go? The draft ordinance does not provide solutions. None of this does anything to help those in vulnerable positions. It literally bans people from sitting in public places. Shame on all of the council members who support this.

Communication from Public

Name: Paul Abascal

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:24 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

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

will want a Bridge Shelter in their neighborhood because they cannot trust the City will keep their promises made of safety zones, and clear of encampments. And finally, I support this motion because it seeks to amend 41.18 which is vitally important in addressing sleeping on sidewalks at particular locations and hours of the day. Thank you for this reasonable and well thought out motion to help Los Angeles maintain a balance between helping the homeless and helping the residents and homeowners keep and maintain a clean and healthy community. With respect - Paul Abascal - 40 year resident and stakeholder

Communication from Public

Name: Kyle Stimpson

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:27 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

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

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren Minkina

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:27 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

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

Communication from Public

Name: Adilia Aguilar

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:27 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote in Favor of Council File 20-1376. This motion is vital because it will help Los Angeles maintain a balance between helping the homeless and helping the residents and homeowners keep and maintain a clean and healthy community and while still staying within the parameters of the Boise Idaho decision. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:31 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I fully support and thank Councilmember Buscaino and the LA City Council. I live in Venice and we have been abandoned by the City of Los Angeles. Every promise made regarding ABH PacificSunset has been broken. The streets are unsafe and filthy. Violent crimes and property crimes have skyrocketed while law enforcement claims their hands are tied. We are traumatized daily by break ins, auto theft, gang activity, drug sales and use on our streets, The suffering of both housed and unhoused residents are unbearable. Elderly people and families are unable to safely walk on the boardwalk or gain access to the beach or bike path due to huge encampments and debris. Our unhoused neighbors face much more dangerous conditions- including sexual assault, theft, violent attacks and fires set by those that prey on fellow tent dwellers. Even our pets are not safe! There have been countless incidents when encampment dogs escape the tents and attack dogs and their owners out for some exercise on the OFW. The quality of life here is abysmal. I am so grateful for your support and hope you can talk some sense into Mike Bonin. He must support his CD-11 constituents in Venice with the same passion he supports Pacific Palisades. Your leadership and action have come at a pivotal time! Venice will never forget your leadership on this challenging issue. We support you and look forward to meeting with you in the future. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Talia Geffen

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:32 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose this proposed measure. Criminalizing homelessness does not help to eradicate it! We need solutions that treat all people humanely and increase opportunities for housing, healthcare, mental health services and education. Regulating whether or not someone may sleep by a freeway is absurd and cruel. Please do not pass this ordinance.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:34 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I support this motion

Communication from Public

Name: David Sigurani

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:36 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please consider how inhuman it is to continue to criminalize our unhoused neighbors during a global pandemic that is affecting all of us, not just those with permanent shelters. Repeal LAMC 41.18, LAMC 56.11, and all ordinances used to criminalize unhoused residents. Instead of those amendments, instead, focus our City Council efforts on providing hotel/motel rooms, and permanent housing to ALL unhoused Angelenos immediately (not just those in specific areas that are visible to the general public)

Communication from Public

Name: Peter Parker

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:40 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Criminals are sleeping on the sidewalks comitting illegal offences such as: Burgarly. Grand theft. pettey theft. Assault with a deadly weapon. Public intoxication. Vandalism. tresspassing. Not allowing people to use sidewals for public egress. Disturbing the peace. Littering. Please do somrthing about this to make our City safer

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:42 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: We moved to Marina del Rey a few years ago and thought it was a dream come true. Away from the heat of the valley, near the ocean, healthy lifestyle or so we thought. I wish I would have known then what I know now. Since then we have witnessed the seriously deteriorating conditions in neighborhoods all around us. I used to go to the libraries that our tax dollars pay for and no longer do so because most available chairs are occupied by sleeping street residents. I feel compassion for their plight but I don't think this is the proper place for people to get shelter. I used to walk my dogs up the beach boardwalk but no longer feel safe doing so. I have been intimidated and/ accosted by street or van dwelling individuals making remarks or suddenly approaching. I am 73 and don't think I can any longer protect myself adequately. I don't understand why this deterioration is so prevalent in Venice and impacted neighboring communities. I hear from residents in beach communities to the south of us who are not dealing with these issues in any way reaching the Venice statistics. Why is this so? There are many residents who pay high levels of taxes to live in these neighborhoods. There are also many senior residents. Why are we not given consideration in matters of safety and sanitation. One morning a number of months ago, I witnessed a man right next to the Venice boardwalk defecating in the sand within walking distance of the public restrooms. Why is this tolerated? I hope the Council will consider the safety and sanitation needs of the tax paying residents of Venice when they vote on this issue. I understand that Mr. Bonin does not have the interests of this community in his mind but I am clueless as to why he doesn't.

Communication from Public

Name: Christiana Cobb-Dozier

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:42 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose Blumefield's proposal 41.18 it is a cruel criminalization of Los Angeles' unhoused communities. It is irresponsible to force people out of public spaces especially since the city offers little to no services to house people. Greater resources and time should be spent on housing the unhoused for a truly safe Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Debbie Abascal

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:43 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

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

will want a Bridge Shelter in their neighborhood because they cannot trust the City will keep their promises made of safety zones, and clear of encampments. And finally, I support this motion because it seeks to amend 41.18 which is vitally important in addressing sleeping on sidewalks at particular locations and hours of the day. Thank you for this reasonable and well thought out motion to help Los Angeles maintain a balance between helping the homeless and helping the residents and homeowners keep and maintain a clean and healthy community. Sincerely,
Debbie Abascal - 40 year Venice resident/stakeholder

Communication from Public

Name: Laurel Randolph

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:43 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to urge city council to oppose 41.18. As a city, we should be spending time and resources to help the homeless, not penalize them. Putting them out of sight does nothing to fix the problem—in fact, it only makes it worse. These are real people, they are Angelenos, and they deserve our help. Please vote no on 41.18.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Irvine

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:45 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I work right by the Bridge housing on Sunset Ave and it is an absolute disgrace what is going on there, like most of Venice. Mentioning the encampment right beside the Bridge housing in particular, the list of activities include open criminal activity, (bike chop shops) open drug use and severely mental health people struggling in inhumane conditions on the street. The whole thing is really depressing and out of control. Where is the help for the mentally ill? Where is the law and order in connection with the criminals that are taking advantage of the ever increasingly bad situation here. I see the police and fire department are called to the area multiple times a day. It's my understanding that other bridge house zones in Los Angeles follow the laws and rules that were put in place by the city, in connection with sanitation and security. Why does the same not apply to Venice? Why is this part of the city being ignored? What is the timeline for cleaning up all the encampments overall? This is a shared problem for Los Angeles and certain neighborhoods should not be treating as lawless dumping grounds for human suffering and criminal activity. I really hope Los Angeles can clean the streets and help all unhoused citizens quickly, with shelters city wide. A clean up around the Venice bridge housing would be a step in the right direction.

Communication from Public

Name: Kimberly Anasco

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:45 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The absolute last thing that the burgeoning homeless population of Los Angeles needs is to be ticketed, fined, and/or arrested for camping out in open areas, such as freeway underpasses, empty lots, etc. Where exactly do we expect citizens WHO HAVE NO HOMES to go? Should they move every single day to avoid offending more fortunate neighbors' sensibilities? Please stop criminalizing those who are desperate for any form of shelter, ESPECIALLY IN THE MIDST OF A PANDEMIC. Maybe if we focused more on affordable housing, job training opportunities, and mental health services, we'd have less homeless people to fine and harass. It's a despicable waste of time to focus on where homeless individuals SHOULDN'T BE rather than how we can get them where they SHOULD BE.

Communication from Public

Name: Jane helfman

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:45 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

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

Communication from Public

Name: Jane Demian

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:46 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The timing for this Motion could not be more Draconian, along with its contents. During the final week before the November 3rd election while voters are distracted, while Project Room Key is demobilizing possibly relocating thousands back onto the streets, the LA City Council is contemplating another way to criminalize homelessness by amending LAMC 41.18 and aligning LAMC 56.11 with this law. LA City Council members should be well aware by now that housing for unhoused people does not exist. As a matter of fact, MORE people are becoming unhoused due to COVID's economic challenges, high rents, illegal evictions, and loss of income. Unhoused people have no other place to live other than tents under freeways, near off ramps, in places where other people do not even walk. If unhoused people are cited for residing in a tent under a bridge, that citation will turn into a warrant that the unhoused person cannot pay, and eventually that person will be arrested. That is not a solution. By submitting this Motion the LA City Council is caving to business interests that have no sense of decency in trying to help those less fortunate than themselves. Last year the Ninth Circuit Appeals Court ruled that criminalizing sitting, lying or sleeping in the absence of housing was unacceptable. That ruling still stands. The LA City Council must vote NO and stop criminalizing the homeless.

Communication from Public

Name: Annie G

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:47 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Mr Mitch OFarrell, On October 21 2020, LA City Councilmembers Blumenfield, Buscaino, Rodriguez, Krekorian, Price, Cedillo, and Lee presented a motion (council file 20-1376) to drastically expand the criminalization and banishment of unhoused Angelenos across the city. The text of the motion instructs the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. This motion does not provide any new housing resources, wrap-around services for those experiencing homelessness, or any solutions to decrease the unhoused population in LA. Instead of focusing on actual, proven solutions to a crisis that continues to grow during this pandemic, City Council members have decided to once again spend time and city resources on another attempt to expand harmful criminalization policies which have only proven to fail and exacerbate homelessness. I demand that City Council and the Mayor's office instead invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing a healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, and take concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer, and furthermore to oppose the motion to instruct the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. Enough criminalizing the unhoused. Why are city council members choosing to make this pandemic and housing and homelessness crisis harder than it needs to be? Sincerely concerned about our electeds choices, Annie G (CD13)

Communication from Public

Name: Abigail

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:47 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, On October 21, 2020, LA City Councilmembers, Blumenfield, Buscaino, Rodriguez, Krekorian, Price, Cedillo, and Lee presented a motion council file 20-1376 to drastically expand the criminalization and banishment of unhoused Angelenos across the city. I am speaking to these Councilmembers when I say that I am appalled and horrified that in the face of a rising homelessness crisis during a GLOBAL pandemic, you the people meant to speak for your constituents are trying to actively harm them. This motion does not provide any new housing resources, wrap-around services for those experiencing homelessness, or any solutions to decrease the unhoused population in LA. Instead of focusing on actual, proven solutions to a crisis that continues to grow during this pandemic, City Council members have decided to once again spend time and city resources on another attempt to expand harmful criminalization policies which have only proven to fail and exacerbate homelessness. What is the plan here? To go up and down the streets and collect homeless Angelenos like a kid playing a game? How can you have this motion be brought forth when you all know that it will mean either death or prison for people. I demand that City Council and the Mayor's office instead invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing a healthy and safe living environment for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, and take concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer, and furthermore to oppose the motion to instruct city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. To Ryu, Harris-Dawson, Wesson, and de Leon I urge you to find whatever shred of humanity you have in you and oppose this motion. Blumenfield, Buscaino, Rodriguez, Krekorian, Price, Cedillo, and Lee you should feel absolutely nothing but shame knowing that all of us in Los Angeles see you for what you truly are.

Communication from Public

Name: Samantha Alsina

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 08:52 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The proposed amendments are inhumane, cruel, and ineffective. I have witnessed first hand how these very same ordinances in other cities failed to and continue to fail on the issue of housing and in reality, cause more suffering to our unhoused neighbors who are in need of services. The argument that this would encourage unhoused communities to pursue shelter provided by the city is nonsensical. How does it make sense that someone, after watching the city throw away their belongings and displace them from the roof over their head, trust any shelter or city program? These amendments would instead impede any possible progress and obstruct the working relationships needed for advocates to provide resources to our unhoused neighbors. Additionally, not only is this amendment impossible to enforce, but the circumstances in which the council proposes such measures is egregious. The exploiting of the ADA to legitimize targeted policy against the unhoused is unethical and not in tune with what the ADA is for. Our city needs more than an illusion of progress. We need solutions. Do not support these shallow amendments that in reality, do nothing but punish and harm.

Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I SUPPORT THIS MOTION - MY NEIGHBORHOOD IS
UNSAFE

Communication from Public

Name: Ruben Estrada

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am writing to voice my opposition to the amendment to section 41.18 of the LA Municipal Code. The priority should be getting people housing not taking away their shelter.

Communication from Public

Name: Nicholas Allen

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear members of the council -- I support amending 41.18 to provide for enforcement around freeways, around interim shelter facilities, to ensure disabled access under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and for anyone who has been offered shelter and declines. Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Communication from Public

Name: Laura Adery

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 09:06 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

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

Communication from Public

Name: John

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 09:06 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Increased enforcement was PROMISED to the residents surrounding the Bridge Housing. This has not happened. In fact, the situation is far worse. Banning camping in the area will be a first step towards giving the residents of the immediate area what they were promised when many agreed to support the Bridge Housing in the first place.

Communication from Public

Name: Mitra
Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 09:06 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: I support this motion

Communication from Public

Name: Janet Lally

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 09:12 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council Members, Please vote in Favor of Council File 20-1376. This motion is vital because it will help Los Angeles maintain a balance between helping the homeless and helping the residents and homeowners keep and maintain a clean and healthy community and while still staying within the parameters of the Boise Idaho decision. This motion addresses the serious Americans with Disabilities Act violations, it addresses the promises made and the promises broken by the city for residents who live near Bridge Housing Shelters, and it addresses LAMC Sec. 41.18. Thank you for this reasonable and well thought out motion to help Los Angeles maintain a balance between helping the homeless and helping the residents and homeowners keep and maintain a clean and healthy community. Venice residents care about the unhoused and want them to be taken care of. We also want the community to be safe and clean for the rest of us. This motion takes us in the right direction. Thank you. Sincerely,
_____ Janet Lally _____ Venice Resident/ Stakeholder

Communication from Public

Name: Myriam Shehata

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 09:12 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

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

Communication from Public

Name: Rick Swinger

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 09:13 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I'm in favor of these two motions. Please vote for them because living across the street from 3rd Ave encampment in Venice Beach is a health hazard for both the residents and homeless. It's just a matter of time these native Rodent populations will infect us all with Typhus. Also our disabled neighbors need sidewalk access especially around Gold's Gym for their physical therapy. This is common sense which seems not so common these days. 1.) Amending 41.18 to provide for enforcement around freeways, around interim shelter facilities, to ensure disabled access under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and for anyone who has been offered shelter and declines. 2.) Bringing back the comprehensive cleanup of sidewalk encampments.

Communication from Public

Name: Damoon Ryan
Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 09:15 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: I support this motion

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Afar
Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 09:17 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: I support this motion.

Communication from Public

Name: Christin Gray

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 09:20 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Venice deserves better! In 9 months of living here my kids have had someone pull out a gun at another person in front of them at the beach, people shooting up drugs right near them, and people butt naked in front of them. I can't go out at night due to the amount of crime done by the homeless population. My husband was also chased by women trying to stab him in the middle of the day. How is Venice full of multimillion dollar houses yet it is like a 3rd world country? We are begging for your help to keep us all safe.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 09:22 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote YES. The encampment problem in LA is completely out of control, especially in Venice where there's open drug use and general filth throughout.

Communication from Public

Name: Alejandro Pina

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 09:22 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers Martinez, Blumenfield, Bonin, Buscaino, Cedillo, De Leon, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, Krekorian, Lee, O'Farrell, Price, Rodriguez, Ryu, and Wesson, We, the undersigned organizations and individuals, are requesting that you oppose any legislation that allows the city to ban sitting, sleeping, and lying within: 500 feet of freeways, ramps, and tunnels; 500 feet of any facility opened after January 2018 that provides housing, shelter, services, safe parking, or storage to unhoused people; or the storage of property in the areas listed above. The proposed changes would make it illegal to be unhoused in a significant portion of Los Angeles City, as demonstrated by this interactive map of comprehensive enforcement restrictions. According to Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) data, this could impact thousands of unsheltered individuals living in Los Angeles. Public officials have stated over and over again that there are not enough available beds to support Los Angeles' unhoused populations. LAHSA's most recent Housing Inventory Count estimated that there were 15,000 shelter or bridge beds available across the Continuum of Care. Even if all of these beds were open, they would only provide space for a fraction of the people living unsheltered in the city. Further, even if there were sufficient beds, public officials, most notably LAHSA, consistently state that inflow into homelessness is far greater and faster than what our homelessness service system can support. 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). Given this scarcity, prioritizing enforcement will do little more than move people from place to place, disrupting their lives along the way. The focus of this legislation is to criminalize homelessness, a strategy that wastes millions of city dollars while accomplishing very little. 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. Despite these rulings, Los Angeles has continued to lead with criminalization in its response to the homelessness crisis. This is actively counterproductive toward

reducing homelessness. Citations, arrests, and fees are impediments to obtaining employment, housing, and other needed resources. Displacing people can disrupt relationships with homeless outreach and caseworkers, who are necessary to enter into stable housing and services. Encampment sweeps by police and sanitation workers result in the loss of important possessions: documents, items of personal value, even medication. When documents are confiscated, people applying for housing and other services are set back—ID cards and certain forms are often needed to obtain assistance. When medications are confiscated or thrown out by police, the consequences can be fatal. As of September 21, coroner data shows that 964 unhoused Angelenos have died this year. Unhoused deaths represent 11% of all deaths in LA, despite representing 1% of the overall population. Unhoused deaths were almost twice as likely to be male and 1.6 times more likely to be black. Unhoused people were over two times more likely to have died from accidental and preventable causes compared to housed populations. The Centers for Disease Control states “clearing encampments can cause people to disperse throughout the community and break connections with service providers. This increases the potential for infectious disease spread.” Increased enforcement creates another threat to unhoused Angelenos at a time when the city is already expected to surpass the number of unhoused deaths of the previous year and set a record for the City with the highest homeless mortality rate. City Council is approaching enforcement with urgency, even as housing projects face delays and higher-than-expected costs. We cannot prioritize building systems to force people into shelter when there is nowhere for them to go. For the above reasons, we urge you to oppose the passage of Council file: 20-1376.

Communication from Public

Name: Simon

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 09:23 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose measure 41.18. We should not be criminalising the homeless for simply existing. My tax dollars would be much better spent housing and/or otherwise helping them. Do the right thing!

Communication from Public

Name: Autumn

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 09:23 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Especially during this difficult time, we need to show compassion and offer support to the homeless people in our city. It is absolutely possible with the city budget to make sure that everyone has a safe place to sleep. We must decriminalize homelessness in Los Angeles and that starts with repealing 41.18. We need to focus in on how we can solve this problem - making sure we provide hotel rooms and permanent housing to every single person who is currently homeless. Budgets need to be allocated to that and we need to verify that hotels are following through and actually offering them rooms with the money they are given.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 09:25 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

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

Communication from Public

Name: LR

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 09:36 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

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

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 09:37 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: We need to provide more services for unhoused people in our city. We do not need to make it more difficult and criminalize people who are stuck in a difficult position. I oppose the motion to instruct the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 and I hope you do the same.

Communication from Public

Name: Alia Congdon

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 09:50 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: As an almost 50 year resident of Venice, I strongly support Councilmember Joe Buscaino's motion to pass a new law to ensure the no encampment rules around ABH are enforced. Venice has been subject to broken promise after broken promise by its own Councilmember-shill, Mike Bonin. The saddest part of this egregious neglect is that he has squandered the goodwill of an entire community. Historically, Venice has been a welcoming, empathetic neighborhood. Years of Bonin's shenanigans has all but demolished that. The squalor he has produced in this small community is neither healthy nor safe for the housed or the unhoused. A Bridge Home was placed in Venice, despite resident misgivings, only to produce the exact conditions upon which those misgivings were based. I have seen multiple ABH facilities all throughout Los Angeles. It is baffling to me how they are clean with no surrounding encampments. It has long been theorized that Bonin has explicitly told the Venice LAPD officers to ignore any and all infractions committed by the unhoused population. Seeing the stark difference in maintenance at other ABH facilities and the one in Venice certainly gives credence to the rumor. Please, restore some balance to Venice. Please pass this motion and restore some sense of our neighborhood. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Rick Garvey

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 09:54 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to the motion that would create a new ordinance to “ban sitting, sleeping or lying” within 500 feet of a designated freeway overpass, underpass, ramp, tunnel, or pedestrian subway or “a facility opened after January 1, 2018, to provide housing, shelter, supportive services, safe parking or storage to homeless persons.” This is a strategy that has been tried time and again and is not going to help anyone get into housing. The CDC has said that the best policy for public health is to not move people from their encampments and especially when there is not any housing for them to go to. It seems like just another violation of the human rights of our most vulnerable Angelinos, and would likely be struck down in a future law suit. Please direct your energy towards solutions that include housing and not just criminalizing those who have the least.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Tardieu Haines

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to repeal 48.18 and 56.11. It is cruel to give people no options and then punish them for getting stuck. The changes proposed simply kick people when they are down, when they are already going through a terrible experience, made even more crushing by a pandemic which has also caused skyrocketing layoffs. I stand with the Service Not Sweeps Coalition in all of the following: This motion does not provide any new housing resources, wrap-around services for those experiencing homelessness, or any solutions to decrease the unhoused population in LA. Instead of focusing on these actual, proven solutions, City Council members are attempting to expand harmful criminalization policies which have only proven to fail and exacerbate homelessness. We demand that the city take the following actions immediately: - Focus efforts on providing hotel rooms, motel rooms, and permanent housing to ALL unhoused Angelenos (not just those in specific areas that are visible to the general public) - End Special Enforcement and Cleaning Zones (SECZ) permanently - Respect CDC guidelines and work with health department officials to ensure that basic sanitation needs are met without the threat of displacement - Halt all CARE+ “comprehensive cleanup” operations - Remove law enforcement from outreach - Repeal LAMC 41.18, LAMC 56.11, and all ordinances used to criminalize unhoused residents.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Adams

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Greetings. Updating LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 to remove indigents from underpasses may be a good "visible" move, but does not solve problems presented by their existence. Rental properties throughout the City are depopulating, as folks re-locate to cheaper locales; due to lack of work here, or the ability to telework elsewhere. Also, a number of hotels are presently distressed, and facing closure, or already have. These properties should be acquired and/or rented, and existing friend networks among the unhoused utilized, to decamp from the streets as able. Furthermore, rather than ad-hoc tents & sweeps to clean the underpasses; it may be better to design permanent sleeping barracks & storage lockers, with regular patrols by social services & police, to respectively support & deter unwanted activity among users of such. Let us accept and absorb that this problem will remain, and not keep hoping it will go away. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Roxanne C.

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 10:08 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am deeply disturbed by the City Council's efforts to criminalize homelessness via the new ordinance drafted by the City Attorney. Measures like this should never be taken, let alone in the midst of a public health crisis that has left even more Angelenos facing homelessness than ever before. This move by the City Council shows that these representatives are far more concerned with criminalizing our unhoused neighbors and community members than actually offering housing.

Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Actually disgusting how city council keeps trying to criminalize homelessness more and more. This will be extremely traumatizing for unhoused folks but we know you don't care about that. You do know that the money you'll spend on cops to enforce this won't actually do anything to help unhoused people or solve the homelessness crisis you keep exacerbating right? Aren't you falling off a budget cliff or something? Defund the fucking police and provide housing and services you damned imbeciles.

Communication from Public

Name: Emily Chapman

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Criminalizing homeless people for existing is morally reprehensible. This is morally reprehensible. You are morally reprehensible. Do not pass this. Actually provide services to people, rather than throwing away their belongings and criminalizing their desire to stay near the bridge shelters where they might potentially maybe access services and are often staying for long periods of time. The LA city Council is an embarrassment and nothing will give me greater pleasure than working to get anyone who supports this out of office.

Communication from Public

Name: Ella Deborah Tabasky

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 10:25 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose this unnecessarily cruel new proposal. This motion does not provide any new housing resources, wrap-around services for those experiencing homelessness, or any solutions to decrease the unhoused population in LA. Instead of focusing on these actual, proven solutions, City Council members are attempting to expand harmful criminalization policies that have only proven to fail and exacerbate homelessness. It is especially cruel to present this motion during an ongoing pandemic when mass evictions are expected as the Winter season approaches. Where will people shelter from the rain when there aren't enough housing resources available and the city bans people from resting beneath underpasses? With the death toll for unhoused Angelenos already over 1,000 in 2020, this motion would contribute to another record increase in deaths and an increase in harmful police encounters with the unhoused community. In both cases, unhoused Black Angelenos are disproportionately impacted. I join the Services Not Sweeps coalition in rejecting this motion and demanding that all processes involved in propelling this motion forward be halted immediately, as this motion poses a direct threat to the health and safety of our unhoused neighbors and their surrounding communities. I join in demanding that City Council and the Mayor's office instead invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, and take concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer. I support the Services Not Sweeps coalition in their demand that the city takes the following actions immediately: -Focus efforts on providing hotel rooms, motel rooms, and permanent housing to ALL unhoused Angelenos (not just those in specific areas that are visible to the general public) -End Special Enforcement and Cleaning Zones (SECZ) permanently -Respect CDC guidelines and work with health department officials to ensure that basic sanitation needs are met without the threat of displacement -Halt all CARE+ "comprehensive cleanup" operations -Remove law enforcement from outreach -Repeal LAMC 41.18, LAMC 56.11, and all ordinances used to criminalize unhoused residents.

Communication from Public

Name: Karen Drake

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 10:25 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: On October 21 2020, LA City Councilmembers Blumenfield, Buscaino, Rodriguez, Krekorian, Price, Cedillo, and Lee presented a motion to drastically expand the criminalization and banishment of unhoused Angelenos across the city. The motion instructs the city attorney to amend LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11, allowing the city to ban: Sitting, sleeping or lying down within 500 feet of freeways, ramps, and tunnels Sitting, sleeping or lying down within 500 feet of any facility opened after January 2018 that provides housing, shelter, services, safe parking, or storage to unhoused people Storing property in the areas listed above This motion does not provide any new housing resources, wrap-around services for those experiencing homelessness, or any solutions to decrease the unhoused population in LA. Instead of focusing on these actual, proven solutions, City Council members are attempting to expand harmful criminalization policies which have only proven to fail and exacerbate homelessness. I oppose this motion wholeheartedly and implore City Council to take proactive, reasonable and compassionate approaches toward homelessness. Our neighbors need help, not further criminalization.

Communication from Public

Name: Carol Reynes

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 10:29 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

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

Communication from Public

Name: Taylor Inouye

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to vehemently oppose the proposed adjustments to city ordinances 41.18 and 56.11 that would ban sitting, sleeping or lying down within 500 feet of freeways, ramps, and tunnels, as well as within 500 feet of any facility opened after January 2018. These proposals are an inhumane approach to our local humanitarian crisis and show such a severe lack of care, understanding or foresight. These proposals will only make it more difficult for Angelenos to get back on their feet, only making the problem worse in the long run. Instead of further criminalizing our unhoused neighbors, council should work toward bolstering current support programs as well as expanding transitional and permanent housing options. The fact that this is even on the table in an ongoing pandemic is genuinely disturbing.

Communication from Public

Name: Polly

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please! Please vote in favor of motion 20-1376! Venice/Marina Del Rey have become unsafe for both residents and the homeless population. Our children are witnessing drug abuse outside our doors. Walking by human filth. It's unsafe and unsanitary! Please help us!

Communication from Public

Name: Joseph Kirkland
Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 10:35 PM
Council File No: 20-1376
Comments for Public Posting: Hello I am writing to make sure the entire city government strongly condemns and shuts down 41.18. This ghastly law is an attack on our unhoused and most vulnerable residents. It's not even mildly progressive to fight against this violent and evil proposed law. It's the decent thing to do. Thank you. Joseph

Communication from Public

Name: Bryne

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 10:38 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose 41.18 and demand city council begin decriminalizing poverty, provide housing NOT violence, and end “CARE+” sweeps. I am deeply ashamed of the way city council continues to enable LAPD and city workers to harass and dehumanize our unhoused neighbors. It is disgusting—even more so while we are in our third wave of the pandemic. We need more services and housing initiatives led and informed by those that actually understand being on the streets. No more of these garbage neoliberal policies that pretend to be solving a problem that they actually created and now just exacerbate. Housing is a human right! Another world is possible. One where we treat all humans with dignity and respect.

Communication from Public

Name: Hayley Blonstein

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 10:43 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I'm a concerned resident of Los Angeles who is urging whomever it concerns to oppose law 41.18. This law further criminalizes homelessness and will only make it harder for houseless folks living in Los Angeles. Instead of criminalizing poverty, the city should focus its efforts on, for example, providing hotel rooms and other forms of long-term housing to unhoused Angelenos, and it should also work with officials from the health department to meet residents' needs without threatening displacement. Law 41.18 will not help Los Angeles or its houseless population, and I urge whomever it may concern to redirect their efforts into more humane, long-term changes to the community. Thank you, Hayley Blonstein

Communication from Public

Name: Lucia P

Date Submitted: 10/26/2020 10:48 PM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: At what point will City Council understand that criminalizing homelessness and poverty only exacerbates those issues, and puts our most vulnerable neighbors squarely in the way of harm and arrest? Rather than focusing on proven solutions like housing resources and wraparound services, this inhumane motion criminalizes and displaces unhoused community members in a callous bid for the votes and contributions of your housed constituents, who prefer cosmetics to compassionate care. It is especially cruel to consider this motion during the ongoing pandemic, as mass evictions are expected and winter approaches. With the death toll for unhoused Angelenos already over 1000 this year, this motion would contribute to another record increase in deaths and in harmful police encounters. In both cases, unhoused Black Angelenos are disproportionately impacted. Instead of forcing unhoused people to pay the price for the shortcomings of our shelters and ABH facilities, City Council must focus on investing in and providing livable, functional transitional & permanent housing and wraparound services. We demand that the city: provide hotel rooms, motel rooms, and permanent housing to ALL unhoused Angelenos; end SECZ permanently; respect CDC guidelines and work with health department officials to ensure that basic sanitation needs are met without the threat of displacement; halt all CARE+ "comprehensive cleanup" operations; REMOVE LAW ENFORCEMENT FROM OUTREACH; and repeal LAMC 41.18, LAMC 56.11, and all ordinances used to criminalize unhoused residents.

Communication from Public

Name: Ignat Printsev

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. I demand that City Council and the Mayor's office instead invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing a healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, and take concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer.

Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote for cleanup/enforcement of no camping zones around the Bridge Homes. 500 ft is a bare minimum, especially in a Venice where the facility is in the middle of a resident neighborhood with schools in close proximity. A security zone with no camping enforcement was promised, and it has not materialized. The area is an abomination now with poor hygiene and squalor— a breeding ground for more than COVID, and is a danger to all those who live nearby. It also does not support the residents of the BH facility in seeking help when there encampments just outside, and contributes to the current low success rate in placing the homeless into permanent housing. I will be voting accordingly if nothing is done.

Communication from Public

Name: D. Scott

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: The city needs to decriminalize poverty, repeal laws that criminalize homelessness including 41.18. Homelessness is a mental health issue and is not a crime, stop sweeps and work with professionals to meet the needs of our houseless neighbors without displacing them. Provide access to healthcare and utilize empty hotel rooms. We can do better, it is the governments job to work for all if it's residents not just the wealthy.

Communication from Public

Name: Rachel Rosenbloom

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in opposition to 41.18 Our neighbors experiencing homeless need care and compassion and most importantly services that lead to housing! I urge the city council - please do not pass 41.18 and other propositions that continue to criminalize our neighbors. The unhoused folks in my neighborhood are exactly that - my neighbors in need of housing. It is disgusting to think that someone's inability to get a space at bridge housing suddenly opens them up to criminal charges for sitting, sleeping, and hanging out near the places that are supposed to be serving them. Please show some compassion. Thank you, Rachel

Communication from Public

Name: Joan Williamson

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 05:46 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Coubcil Members, I implore you to vote NO on this measure 20-1376. This motion does not provide any new housing resources, wrap-around services for those experiencing homelessness, or any solutions to decrease the unhoused population in LA. Instead of focusing on actual, proven solutions to a crisis that continues to grow during this pandemic, City Council members have decided to once again spend time and city resources on another attempt to expand harmful criminalization policies which have only proven to fail and exacerbate homelessness. I demand that City Council and the Mayor's office instead invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing a healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, and take concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer, and furthermore to oppose the motion to instruct the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. Sincerely, Joan Williamson Venice

Communication from Public

Name: Gregg Lillie

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 06:04 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

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

Communication from Public

Name: Zach Gaston

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:34 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 is a travesty. There is no reason to be criminalizing homelessness. Public spaces are for the public. If we're not going to offer help to unhoused people, we should at least not actively harm unhoused people. This is one of the biggest moral issues of our time, and it seems our city council doesn't care about its citizens unless they are rich. In a time of unprecedented hardship, it is unconscionable that our government would make things harder. Do the right thing.

Communication from Public

Name: John Fleming

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:40 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to voice my opposition to a motion that would essentially criminalize homelessness. A rule that would make it illegal to sit, sleep, or lie down in proximity to freeways, ramps, tunnels, shelters, etc. will only put an undue burden on an already burdened portion of our community. I would like to put special emphasis on community because homeless individuals are in fact community members who have fallen upon hard times and need help as many often do. Instead, the proposed ban casts the homeless as undesirables who should be stamped out of our society. If anything, homeless individuals signal a failing in our society, where such failings would only be exemplified by the passing of this horrible ban. This ban would deny the humanity of homeless individuals. Everyone has a right to a food and shelter. With these resources limited for the homeless in our community, the answer is not to deny them even the right to sleep somewhere they feel somewhat safe, such as a public park or under a freeway. I beg the city council to consider how they would want to be treated if they fell on hard times without the resources to overcome them. Surely it does not include being denied even a place to sit or lie down while dealing with already horrible circumstances.

Communication from Public

Name: Greg Nusen

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:40 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to unequivocally oppose 41.18, which is a nefarious, craven directive solely aimed at criminalizing homelessness. I cannot believe the amount of sociopathic mental dissociation it must require to even attempt at passing legislation that would make it illegal to be poor. For so many of our unhoused neighbors, the areas being criminalized are essential communities. Instead of focusing on creating a facade of progress and cleanliness, why not actually help decrease the amount of people experiencing homelessness by investing in housing, offering residence in unoccupied hotels, motels, and other affordable housing? It would be so easy to be a good council member at this moment when a pandemic STILL rages on, and when evictions are looming for an unprecedented amount of people. Being poor is not a crime but sure as hell should be a crime to be as nakedly evil as suggesting that a lack of means is worthy of punishment.

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren Batten

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:41 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in OPPOSITION to the new ordinance amending Sections 41.18 and 56.11 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code. It is inhumane and cruel to further marginalize our neighbors who are currently houseless. We cannot physically push these neighbors away without offering them any new support, housing alternatives, and recovery options. White supremacist and capitalist values are also evident in the intent to criminalize unhoused individuals. For example, people cannot 1) willfully resist, delay, or obstruct the removal, impounding, or discarding of their personal property, 2) refuse to take down or move their tent (or willfully resist, delay, or obstruct a City employee's removal, impounding, or discarding of the tent), 3) refuse to vacate a newly roped-off area, and 4) willfully resist, delay, or obstruct a City employee from removing or discarding a Bulky Item Stored or refuse to vacate or retreat from within the Bulky Item or from an obscured area created by the Bulky Item. These rules will lead to the destruction of houseless people's resources and will put them at further risk of detainment, arrest, and serving time in prison. These revisions do nothing to aid our houseless neighbors- they only hurt our neighbors even more. Such reckless regulations cannot be introduced without solutions. You are stripping houseless people of their last pieces of safety and dignity, and are forcing them into even more dangerous scenarios. DO NOT ENACT SECTIONS 41.18 & 56.11!

Communication from Public

Name: Xanthe Scheps

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:41 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am a constituent of CD13 and I strongly oppose 41.18. This profoundly cruel proposed legislation perpetuates a false narrative of service resistance- when the services offered have been designed without ever speaking to an unhoused person about what services and shelter they would need and when the services are offered by the same people who criminalize and intimidate them, yes, perhaps people might not be inclined to accept. Imagine having to choose between staying with your pet or partner and having a roof over your head, especially when that roof does not guarantee social distance and you don't have health insurance. Not to mention, this council has neglected to offer any meaningful protection to the renters who have been impacted financially by the pandemic and are at risk of losing their housing. We don't have enough housing for our existing unhoused population, what do you expect to happen when more and more people and fall into homelessness? There are insufficient services and there is insufficient housing for our most vulnerable residents and this council is choosing to prioritize the cruel and dismissive whims of the affluent Angelenos who want to have the enormous population of their neighbors who have nowhere to go out of their sight. I am livid. A city that criminalizes poverty is evil. Purely evil. And if this legislation passes, this council and every member of it is evil.

Communication from Public

Name: Nitzan Barlev

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:42 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly OPPOSE this ordinance. Shame on you council members who are pushing this through to benefit your political careers on the backs of the unhoused. Further criminalization and policing is NOT the answer. We should be investing in more housing and wrap around services that are proven to actually improve people's lives. How are unhoused Angelenos going to find respite from the cold and rain? It's not going to be by having their belongings destroyed- it's by offering them a real, safe, shelter. We have significantly more unhoused folks than available shelter beds, so you're criminalizing people for NOTHING. Shame on you Bob Blumenfield especially. The homelessness organizing community saw you as a potential ally on the city council. Why did you not come to us before making such a terrible decision? Why are you prioritizing the "appearance" of improvement over ACTUAL improvement in the conditions the unhoused face. We need answers and we need this ordinance GONE!

Communication from Public

Name: Dionne Aarsen

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:44 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council Members, Please vote in Favor of Council File 20-1376. This motion is vital because it will help Los Angeles maintain a balance between helping the homeless and helping the residents and homeowners keep and maintain a clean and healthy community and while still staying within the parameters of the Boise Idaho decision. This motion addresses the serious Americans with Disabilities Act violations, it addresses the promises made and the promises broken by the city for residents who live near Bridge Housing Shelters, and it addresses LAMC Sec. 41.18. Thank you for this reasonable and well thought out motion to help Los Angeles maintain a balance between helping the homeless and helping the residents and homeowners keep and maintain a clean and healthy community. I also ask you to consider spreading programs and housing across all communities in CD11. Venice Beach has an unfair proportion compared to other districts. Please help us. Sincerely, Dionne Aarsen Venice Resident / Home Owner / Stakeholder

Communication from Public

Name: Kyle Scott

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:46 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am calling on the Council to oppose the motion to instruct the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11. These amendments will further criminalize and already extremely vulnerable population during a global health crisis. I call on the Council to instead invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing a healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities, such as: - Focus efforts on providing hotel rooms, motel rooms, and permanent housing to ALL unhoused Angelenos (not just those in specific areas that are visible to the general public) - End Special Enforcement and Cleaning Zones (SECZ) permanently - Respect CDC guidelines and work with health department officials to ensure that basic sanitation needs are met without the threat of displacement - Halt all CARE+ “comprehensive cleanup” operations - Remove law enforcement from outreach - Repeal LAMC 41.18, LAMC 56.11, and all ordinances used to criminalize unhoused residents.

Communication from Public

Name: William Pitkin

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:47 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This motion does not provide any new housing resources, wrap-around services for those experiencing homelessness, or any solutions to decrease the unhoused population in LA. Instead of focusing on these actual, proven solutions, City Council members are attempting to expand harmful criminalization policies which have only proven to fail and exacerbate homelessness. This motion poses a direct threat to the health and safety of our unhoused neighbors and their surrounding communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Rozema

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:50 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: It is important for our city that our homeless population is properly cared for in homeless shelters, but they should not be allowed to reside in public places.

Communication from Public

Name: Hannah Kirkner
Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:52 AM
Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I demand that the council repeal all laws that criminalize homelessness, including 41.18. Efforts for addressing homelessness need to focus on *housing* people in permanent homes, not arresting and criminalizing them. Placing homeless people in the carceral system does nothing to secure a more certain future for them, and only traumatizes and humiliates these members of our society. The Council also needs to end CARE+ sweeps, which are degrading and abusive. Homeless people are human beings with families and lives and communities and ideals. They do not deserve to be criminalized because of the failings of society and our government, which include the failure to ensure working people make a living wage, the failure to provide adequate affordable housing, the failure of over-criminalizing poor communities and communities of color, and the failure of our city to prioritize the NEED of marginalized communities over the criminalization of them.

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Jameson

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:53 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to write against the councilmembers' proposed amendment to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11, which would accelerate the criminalization of poverty and homelessness to unseen heights. It is especially cruel to present this motion during an ongoing pandemic, when mass evictions are expected as the Winter season approaches. Where will people shelter from the rain when there aren't enough housing resources available and the city bans people from resting beneath underpasses? With the death toll for unhoused Angelenos already over 1,000 in 2020, this motion would contribute to another record increase in deaths and an increase in harmful police encounters with the unhoused community. In both cases, unhoused Black Angelenos are disproportionately impacted. Stop 41.18 now, and listen to your constituents who want a care-first approach to ending homelessness for our neighbors and for our city.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Rubinstein

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:53 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Criminalizing homelessness is not solving homelessness. As our public officials sanction the takeover of sidewalks for restaurants and bars, banning the existence of unhoused people who have no viable alternative makes abundantly clear who our elected officials think have a right to our public spaces, and who does not. This motion does not provide any new housing resources, wrap-around services for those experiencing homelessness, or any solutions to decrease the unhoused population in LA. Instead of focusing on actual, proven solutions to a crisis that continues to grow during this pandemic, City Council members have decided to once again spend time and city resources on another attempt to expand harmful criminalization policies which have only proven to fail and exacerbate homelessness. What you are attempting to enact is deeply immoral and incredibly illegal. This is cruel and unusual punishment and is certainly not equal protection under the law. Shame on you all.

Communication from Public

Name: Jen McCartney

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:55 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to oppose the absolutely cruel and unconscionable proposal to further the criminalization of homelessness by banning sitting, sleeping, and lying down in many areas throughout LA. It is unnecessarily harmful to our unhoused neighbors, and especially ill-advised during a pandemic when so many are falling on hard times. I strongly urge the city council to invest in more resources like housing and services, and not to further criminalize our unhoused neighbors.

Communication from Public

Name: Kevin Pardue

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:57 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am a longtime Venice resident and we need your help desperately. The conditions in Venice due to lack of enforcement have degraded tremendously. No longer do I feel safe walking with my family on our neighborhood streets. We are assaulted daily with trash, drug paraphernalia, human waste, and entitled transients who physically threaten us, steal, and set up camp whenever and wherever they choose. Please help us get some from of sanity back into our lives by voting for these two crucial motions. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Shing Yin Khor

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:58 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: This motion criminalizes people for existing and is absolutely inhumane. We need services, housing and help for our most vulnerable residents, and this motion does absolutely nothing to end the cycle.

Communication from Public

Name: Molly Becker

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 09:59 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the amendment to section 41.18 of LA Municipal Code. Unhoused Angelinos do not deserve to have their lives further uprooted and destroyed by this amendment. If this passes, it will only make unhoused people's lives more difficult, without offering real solutions to homelessness.

Communication from Public

Name: Chris Merchant

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 10:01 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I'd like to comment against the councilmembers' proposed amendment to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11, which would further criminalize poverty and homelessness. This measure creates a cruel punishment that does nothing to solve a problem. We need a human and empathetic response to homelessness, not measures that further traumatize our most vulnerable communities. This measure will contribute to further death in the homeless community. It is also likely that it will be ruled unconstitutional in court based on the experience of other similar laws passed in California in recent years. We need to focus on solutions that create housing and supportive services for our homeless population, such as the conversion of hotels into transitional housing. As an Angeleno I urge you, please Stop 41.18 now, and listen to your constituents who want a care-first approach to ending homelessness for our neighbors and for our city.

Communication from Public

Name: Julia Gouzikovski

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to oppose motion 41.18. This is an insanely cruel proposition aimed to expand the criminalization of homelessness instead of provide the services and support that unhoused individuals need. I urge you to follow the demands of the Services Not Sweeps Coalition: We demand that City Council and the Mayor's office instead invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing a healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, and take concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer. We demand that the city take the following actions immediately: Focus efforts on providing hotel rooms, motel rooms, and permanent housing to ALL unhoused Angelenos (not just those in specific areas that are visible to the general public) End Special Enforcement and Cleaning Zones (SECZ) permanently Respect CDC guidelines and work with health department officials to ensure that basic sanitation needs are met without the threat of displacement Halt all CARE+ "comprehensive cleanup" operations Remove law enforcement from outreach Repeal LAMC 41.18, LAMC 56.11, and all ordinances used to criminalize unhoused residents.

Communication from Public

Name: Jay Balagna

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not vote for this. Criminalizing what our unhoused neighbors have to do to survive does nothing to help the homelessness crisis in the city and is cruelty for only appearances' sake.

Communication from Public

Name: Peilun R

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am hopeful as I learn that the city council will finally vote on enforcing homeless encampment clean-up in Los Angeles. Please vote in favor of this action. I was born and raised here and continue to reside in this wonderful city. It has been heartbreaking to see the countless encampments go up especially in the past 15 months. The city has been ineffective in dealing with these encampments and more go up every week. Please offer those living on the street shelter and clean up their encampments. And please give disabled people sidewalk access as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Here's a photo of an encampment right next to my property in North Hollywood. The encampment is located on the northwest corner of Hatteras/Lankershim. There are two great families with young children that live at my property. These families deserve a safe environment to raise their children. Furthermore, the encampment clearly blocks passage for disabled persons. Thank you for acting in favor of all Angelinos!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Barry Berger

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

Council File No: 20-1376

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

Communication from Public

Name: Carol Thurman

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I support this important action and appreciate the Council's leadership on this challenging issue.

Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I'm commenting to oppose the motion to expand criminalization of homelessness via 41.18 (d). This is absurdly inhumane and would result in chaos for thousands of people trying to survive in LA. All council members in support of this should be ashamed of themselves.

Communication from Public

Name: Angela Klipp

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my opposition to the amendment to codes 41.18 and 56.11. The changes to the city codes that would allow for the criminalization of homelessness throughout Los Angeles embarrass me. This amendment provides no housing or wraparound services to the unhoused population of this city during a pandemic in which stable and safe shelter is vitally important. This amendment merely allows city council members to make aesthetic changes to the city to create the appearance of progress instead of working to implement proven, sustainable, and just policies to stem the causes of homelessness. Criminalizing poverty is itself a crime. Please vote against this amendment.

Communication from Public

Name: Sergio

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please pass this motion. My neighborhood, Venice, has suffered greatly due to the relaxation on enforcement of laws in regards to unhoused/homeless and we have seen a dramatic spike in crime since this began. Promises have been broken in regards to the bridge housing facility and the surrounding areas. Our neighborhood has become overrun with crime and filth varying from used needles to human waste. It has become a public health hazard of its own and at this point is something I fear far more than COVID-19, whose spread the relaxation of these laws was intended to slow.

Communication from Public

Name: Audrey Blumber

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: As a Los Angeles City resident in Councilmember Ryu's district, I strongly oppose 41.18 as an fruitless policy that will harm rather than help our unhoused neighbors. Rather than further criminalizing homelessness, please focus your creative efforts and financial resources on providing hotels rooms and permanent housing to unhoused Angelenos while working with health department officials to meet residents' needs without threatening displacement. Our unhoused neighbors deserve respect and care, and you are in a position to offer them both. Start by opposing 41.18.

Communication from Public

Name: Jasper Estabillo

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

Council File No: 20-1376

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

Communication from Public

Name: Laura H Beck

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: I STRONGLY oppose LAMC Section 41.18! The proposed changes are disastrous and cruel. They will hurt unhoused people and make our city an even more inhospitable place to the most vulnerable amongst us. Show some damn compassion and reject it. We are all watching.

Communication from Public

Name: Gabriela Penunuri

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Please do NOT approve motion 41.18. This is NOT helping anyone, it's just a way for you to create the illusion that you're taking care of the homelessness crisis, when really all you'd be doing is displacing people and putting them more at risk in unsheltered places. Please focus on PROVEN SOLUTIONS to fix this continuing crisis: provide housing to our homeless population and do something to prevent this from getting worse! In the times of Covid when so many of us have lost our jobs, the potential for so many to become unhoused is tremendous and CRIMINALIZING being poor and without a home is NOT a solution. You have a responsibility to your constituents, not just those who have a home but ALL OF US. I demand that City Council and the Mayor's office instead invest their time and legislative power into programs that actually help us move forward in providing a healthy and safe living environments for our unhoused communities while they are on the streets, and take concrete action steps in providing transitional/permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer, and furthermore to oppose the motion to instruct the city attorney to draft amendments to LA Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11.

Communication from Public

Name: Abra Sussman

Date Submitted: 10/27/2020 10:13 AM

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Councilmembers, I strongly urge you to oppose this motion which would criminalize homelessness rather than direct funds to services and housing which we know are the key levers to solving homelessness. Until there is sufficient housing capacity, sweeps like this motion creates, will only cause disruption to people who are unhoused and make their suffering more untenable. Sweeps cause people to lose important documents, be disconnected from their outreach workers, and simply move them into new areas rather than solving the problem. Instead, we should be building capacity for services for mental health care and substance abuse as well as to build more affordable permanent housing options.

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa K

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

Council File No: 20-1376

Comments for Public Posting: Getting really tired of these Councilmembers and Feuer who work on their own agenda and do so once more by trying to push through a new ordinance to criminalize Angelenos with no home (and who can be held accountable for that failure than yourselves) during the weeks when they think we are occupied by the upcoming elections. I'm also getting really tired of the coded talk around your motions – or that 41.18(d) is not meant to criminalize people – when the very ordinance itself will make it illegal for people without homes to sit, sleep, and lie down in any public space if "shelter" is "offered." Our homeless count continues to climb, and meanwhile there are still only 1,000 shelter beds to accommodate our 40,000+ homeless Angelenos. Back to my first part: your pattern of pushing through egregious ordinances when you think your constituents are most distracted is transparent and quite honestly cowardly. Veto this wicked ordinance. And wake up – we're not dumb or complacent to the actions of Blumenfield, Rodriguez, Feuer, Garcetti and all who insist on pushing this through.