

Communication from Public

Name: Katherine King

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Comments for Public Posting: The LAHSA report recently unearthed by LAist indicates that I have been correct to suspect that the names Healthy Streets and CARE+, as applied to programs authorized under LAMC 41.18 could have been dreamed up by George Orwell. LAHSA may be at fault for not completing its report within the 60 days ordered by the City Council in April 2023, but the CLA is even more at fault for not doing its part in contacting other agencies long before it received the LAHSA report in November. And the City Council is at fault for not nagging both LAHSA and the CLA about the status of the report. Finger pointing, of course, achieves little except to whip these agencies into action. Action that will get us the data from the LAPD and other agencies to tell us definitively what is the financial and human cost resulting from enforcement of 41.18 and what is its financial and human benefit. So far, it looks like a very bad bargain. What already seems definitive is that the human cost is much too high for the unhoused people who are the victims of police and sanitation sweeps. We who have listened to the words of vehicle and tent dwellers who have lost possessions and gained nothing –not shelter, not showers, not bathrooms, not medical care– we know that “Healthy” is not a word intended to describe the unhoused after a sweep. We know that “CARE” is not a word directed at the homeless themselves but only at their housed neighbors. We have enough information already to determine that LAMC 41.18 should be immediately suspended. When all the data sought has been gathered, I expect the City Council to abrogate it entirely.

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Name: Venice Justice Committee

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Comments for Public Posting: Please post this comment in the council file calling on Councilmember Park and all LACity Councilmembers to acknowledge 41.18 as a failure, and to change course.

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Name: Kristina Meshelski
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Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 is harmful and only makes homelessness worse. It must be stopped.