

Communication from Public

Name: Nancy Perkins

Date Submitted: 06/05/2024 09:19 PM

Council File No: 21-0329-S5

Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 must be left alone ! Unless you intend to strengthen it. As a 77 year old grandmother of 2 school aged children, I am disgusted that efforts would be made to lessen protections for us.

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Name: Phil T.

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Comments for Public Posting: While I am, like most Angelenos, very supportive of finding housing and shelter solutions urgently, this motion appears to misunderstand the purpose of 41.18. There are several initiatives aimed at connecting unhoused individuals with housing and services but 41.18 is not one of them. It is a tool to prevent encampments from forming and persisting around sensitive facilities like day cares, schools and parks. The motion cites “moving from one block to the next” as a problem inherent to 41.18 – but isn't the real issue is the city’s failure to provide adequate shelter and services? Hamstringing a basic protection for different groups of vulnerable Angelenos will only add to the suffering already taking place on our streets. Sidewalks around schools need to remain accessible for children and parents, parks need to be accessible for everyone. The school in our neighborhood was surrounded by encampments for more than two years. Children witnessed violence, drug use, used needles and individuals in psychosis on a regular basis. The school was forced to upgrade the perimeter fence and made new arrangements for how children arrived at the school but what ultimately helped was 41.18. Reducing the tools available and increasing bureaucracy to protect sensitive sites from what is well documented to be a mental health and substance use crisis is not a step forward. I implore you to consider your obligation to public safety for all Angelenos. Please leave 41.18 protections in place while doing the parallel work of urgently providing housing and treatment for our unhoused neighbors.

Communication from Public

Name: Justin

Date Submitted: 06/05/2024 05:10 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a constituent of CD5 I am horrified by this action to attempt to dismantle 41.18, which protects our sensitive sites such as elementary schools, playgrounds, libraries, etc., from dangerous encampments. 41.18 was not designed to fix homelessness; it was designed to protect sensitive sites from encampments, which often include drugs, alcohol, folks with mental illness and criminal records. In CD11, Councilmember Park has used 41.18 to protect countless schools, libraries, and parks. Along with Inside Safe, the community is much safer, cleaner, and hundreds of formerly homeless individuals have been housed. The other councilmembers need to take note. She inherited a total mess from Mike Bonin, and turned the district around in less than 18 months. 41.18 should be expanded to include RV's, which do not belong in residential neighborhoods. There should be designated RV parks for folks to pay a fee to live in. What if the entire country's RV dwellers decided to move to LA because of our lax laws? This is what is happening as word spreads. Enough! Stand up for the residents of LA for once!

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Name: C Bjelajac

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Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 is NOT an effort to reduce street homelessness, but is a tool for providing safe perimeters around sensitive locations such as schools, parks, day care centers, and senior facilities. The motion shows a lack of understanding as to the intent of [It states: "... individuals may end up repopulating the newly-created 41.18 zone, moving from one block to the next, or relocating into neighboring Council Districts. This approach is an ineffective use of City resources and is detrimental to our efforts to reduce street homelessness."] 41.18 was never intended to be a housing strategy or to reduce street homelessness. 41.18 protects ordinary hardworking people who need to use public facilities. Every Angeleno is more vulnerable stepping out into the street and deserve safe access to get around their neighborhoods. Keeping public sidewalks accessible is the most basic task of government- to provide public safety. Additionally, this motion makes 41.18 more complicated than need be. After my son suffered multiple fractures and injuries and was wheelchair bound after being hit at 100 mph by a car thief being chased by police, we were extremely limited getting him out and around our neighborhood due to several huge encampments near the Venice Bridge Shelter. Families with strollers couldn't use the sidewalks to get to Westminster School, preschool and the park. Because of 41.18, safe sidewalks are open for all to move about - without having to go in the roadway or get in a car! This is the most basic of tax payer rights. PLEASE leave 41.18 in place as it is.

Communication from Public

Name: C Brooks

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Comments for Public Posting: This motion shows a lack of understanding about what 41.18 is intended to do. It states: "... individuals may end up repopulating the newly-created 41.18 zone, moving from one block to the next, or relocating into neighboring Council Districts. This approach is an ineffective use of City resources and is detrimental to our efforts to reduce street homelessness." 41.18 is NOT an effort to reduce street homelessness. It is ONLY meant to provide a safe perimeter around sensitive locations such as schools, parks, day care centers, and senior facilities. Keeping sidewalks accessible in areas where a child is walking or a senior citizen is trying to maneuver a walker is basic public safety and frankly, it's common courtesy. If that means encampments must move to the next block, so be it! 41.18 protects ordinary hardworking people who need to use public facilities. Our children and old people are every bit as vulnerable as our unhoused neighbors and they deserve safe access to the places they need to go. In my neighborhood, 41.18 is working to ensure that my friend's unwell, elderly mother doesn't have tents beneath her low-income-apartment window and it allows my neighbor's children to walk to their school without encountering mentally unstable people who behave in scary or threatening ways – which was an all-too frequent experience previously. PLEASE stop trying to make 41.18 an unnecessarily complicated tool and leave it in place as it is.

Communication from Public

Name: Brennan Lindner

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not move this motion forward. While at first glance it seems that it may help coordinate the chaos that is LAHSA and City Departments (LASAN, LADOT, BSS and LAPD), this will further slow down the process of interventions, offering services and keeping sidewalks clean and safe. Rather than a blanket motion like this, I'd have each committee split apart this motion and focus on ensuring there are actual metrics of success and tracking with LAHSA and a separate motion that revisits the process of identifying CARE and CARE+ Encampments, and the subsequent signage and cleaning of those areas. To stop or slow any movement (services and cleaning) will only set the City back to the horrific days of the pandemic and ensuing 3 years, when this City was overrun with encampments and tents, and took us 2 years to get out of.