

Communication from Public

Name: Rick Wreathe

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 02:31 PM

Council File No: 21-0329-S5

Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 is NOT an effort to reduce street homelessness. It is simply a tool for providing safe perimeters around sensitive locations such as schools, parks, day care centers, and senior facilities. Keeping public rights of way and access to services for children, elderly people, and citizen is a BASIC minimal service. It is completely unreasonable to needless complicate and burden a simple public safety measure with additional terms, times, places etc. It's already difficult enough to keep the streets peaceful, usable, and clean. Our kids and elderly folks are already vulnerable enough as it is without further restricting their access and rights to use of public places. PLEASE leave 41.18 in place as it is. Changing it is unsafe and a terrible use of the time and resources of this city.

Communication from Public

Name: Vicki Halliday

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 04:43 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a Venice resident, who lives adjacent to bridge housing,41.18 has been an invaluable tool in helping to rid or contain many of the encampments that set up near our homes. Please do not change it. If you do anything, strengthen it! We have lived through huge encampments, fires starting within them, and have felt the ancillary crime that came with encampments. LAPD is limited enough. Don't limit them even more, Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Robin Murez

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 05:40 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, As the City finds solutions to improve the safety and wellbeing of ALL residents, housed and unhoused, it is ESSENTIAL to recognize the effectiveness of 41.18 in making access to our schools, parks and related sensitive zones SAFE for the community. 41.18 is not a housing, mental health, nor drug treatment ordinance. Those matters must be addressed by service providers and agencies. And hopefully they will be as effectively as 41.18 makes sensitive zones safe for all. 41.18 is not displacing unhoused individuals, it is merely maintaining select areas free of encampments. I witness its effectiveness daily in enabling safe access to my local public parks, library and schools. Please do not conflate issues and undermine the progress that is being made since the implementation of 41.18. As a native Angeleno, I know we can, and must, do better. Thank goodness that 41.18 is one step toward improving our City for all.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 06:04 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: How DARE you even propose such a thing? Our economy and public cannot take another minute of all this violence that occurs around folks who do not comply with 41.18. Here is what you can do: you can take them all on your block and in your driveway! This regulation is extremely important for keeping our children safe, keeping us safe, and getting rid of the mentally ill and drug addicts and manufacturers with their rolling meth labs. NO more homeless RVs in Venice or anywhere. RVs are meant to park in an RV parking. Stick to the rules that protected us all and quit giving homeless criminals and drugged out, mentally ill people freedom. Clean up the shelters so that homeless folks who are decent won't be afraid to enter them. LOCK the mentally ill and drug addicts clearly insane and high as a kite DOWN. If you were to vote yes to this motion? It means you want to actually hurt all of your constituents because you know well what will happen. Do NOT try to argue Boise. There is nothing in there that says if they don't accept the housing that you cannot forcibly remove them. So QUIT using it as an excuse. I, and all my neighbors, are exhausted and suffer daily from all of the affects of your homeless (lack there of) policies. I almost got shot last night, narrowly missed. That happens several times a month. I heard the initial shot and hit the floor. I do not know if they were aiming at me though I would like to think not. Quit relying on Boise. You are errant in your application of said decision. Do something. NO MORE RVs taking up all our parking spots and staying there forever unless we force them to move. That is very dangerous for us. I would now like to make some points that are very valid: • 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. • 41.18 is simply a tool for providing safe perimeters around sensitive locations such as schools, parks, day care centers, and senior facilities. • 41.18 protects ordinary hardworking people who need to use public facilities. • Our children and old people are every bit as vulnerable as our homeless (please do not refer to them as housed, call them what

they are) neighbors and they deserve safe access to the places they need to go. • 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 common courtesy. • This motion makes 41.18 unnecessarily and unreasonably complicated Now I would like to state that you, the City Council, continue to fail miserably on solving this situation. My advice to you is this: Do NOT let go of 41.18. Get the homeless off the streets. Send them back to from whence they came. Most of these folks are from out of state. People are frustrated. When I say that, I mean the HOUSED persons who pay City staff salaries, taxes, and YOUR salary. The time for flailing is over and abusing public monies while throwing your hands in the air stating we are trying. You are not confused. You know what must be done. You just won't do it so you can placate to some people. Otherwise good luck keeping your job.

Communication from Public

Name: Mary Portser

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 09:00 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please don't repeal 41.18. Protecting kids and the elderly can only be a good thing, and it won't reduce homelessness.

Communication from Public

Name: Carolyn Jordan

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 09:46 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to voice my concern over this resolution, and also my full support for 41.18. The clear purpose of 41.18 is to protect the public space for all residents, particularly our more vulnerable residents, namely children and seniors. It is distressing to see our City Council members attempting to eviscerate protection of our public spaces. Our homelessness crisis is significant, and all agencies need to do a much better job addressing this humanitarian crisis, particularly when it comes to addressing the rampant drug addiction and mental health crises we see among the homeless. However, sacrificing safe zones around schools, libraries and parks is ignoring an essential duty of all of our elected public officials, not to mention ignoring the safety and welfare of our children, seniors, and underserved community members, who should be able to safely enjoy these public spaces. Please put an end to this madness.

Communication from Public

Name: Patti Pricter

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 09:39 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am requesting the council members seriously consider the additional negative impact removing the safeguards this ordinance provides will create in our neighborhoods. I have lived in Los Angeles my entire life. My grandchildren are the fourth generation to grow up in this area. Living the “new normal” in Los Angeles is a very scary place. Just going to the local beach or the nearby park as a family is no longer an enjoyable, carefree family activity. Just taking a walk around our neighborhood is no longer considered a safe form of exercise. I don't know how to explain to our youngest generation why they can't walk to school alone or play outside. Please protect our children and my senior community members by not removing the safeguards provided by this ordinance. Just as important is take this opportunity to expand this protection by including vans and RVs in this provision. Thank you for your time and consideration on this life changing ordinance.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 09:52 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Sophie levy

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 06:59 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not dismantle this ordinance. I have lived in Venice for 28 years and in the past 3 years witnessed the problems on the streets proliferate. I work in mental Health and I understand what I see clinically. I am hoping many of them get the help they need as they live with trauma. At the same time I have known 4 elderly members of my community be killed by homeless individuals who were drugged out or in a psychosis. I work with clients whose children are traumatized by stepping over bodies lying motionless on the sidewalks or frightened by screaming and erratic behavior consistent with clinical Psychosis whether drug induced or not. It simply isn't safe to allow unstable erratic individuals to live near schools and elderly people. They need our protection as well, they need a different kind of help from the homeless we see on our streets. I have also been threatened on a walk near my house by a man with a nun chuck. I called the police but it took so long to respond I ended up running away to avoid being hit. If I had been elderly I would have been struck and possibly killed which is what happened to my neighbors. Please keep 41.18 in place. It is one of the few protections the vulnerable amongst us have.

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle Lindner

Date Submitted: 06/05/2024 02:40 PM

Council File No: 21-0329-S5

Comments for Public Posting: My husband recently sent me an email about this motion. As he said - please do not move this motion forward. 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.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 09:23 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Our Venice neighborhood has been inundated with encampments, RVs, and vans and there has been very little the city can do to regulate besides 41.18. Without this regulation we will return to the days of out-of-control encampments all over our neighborhoods. 41.18 was created to limit where homeless can be while keeping areas safe for families, children, and the elderly. Please protect 41.18 and expand it to include RVs and vans. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Gina Viola

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 10:19 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am bringing back a comment I made back in NOVEMBER OF 2021!!!!!! Because sadly you losers make it still relevant today. And I want to re up the curse I put on your all since there are new members present who now need it too. What is even happening here? I watched each of you honor General Jeff yesterday in city council - yet today you will vote to continue to make being poor, being unhoused A CRIME!!! I am personally putting the General Jeff curse on each and every one of you that continues down the path of 41.18 tyranny. You know we will eventually kick your asses in court, but what will be the fallout before that happens? MANY MANY MANY lives. Have any of your asses been out to encampments at all? Do any of you know the people you terrorize, criminalize and leave worse off each time you decide to try and sweep them out of sight? You do not, but those of us on the ground absolutely do. Your version of outreach is ludicrous. You continue to use the same 1000 hotel rooms (and I am being generous here) to move folks out of encampments TEMPORARILY. Each time you do this, you create a shuffle of humans who end up in much worse shape than they were living in a community on the streets with their belongings and access to community resources. Do you know how many folks were days away from placement who have been lost in this shuffle? what is your end game here? BANISHMENT - plain and simple. Well there are a lot more regular ass people finally paying attention to this loosing human shuffle game you have been playing and in the end YOU WILL LOSE. You will all lose your beloved council seats. There are real humans running in 2022 who understand that 41.18 is nothing more than a show for your angry NIMBYS who don't want to see poverty. The jig is up - there is no place left to sweep this poverty to - the entire world is watching what you do and we will make sure they know exactly how cruel, ineffectve and corrupt you have all been.

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Name: Venice Homeowner 15 years
Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 10:37 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please DO NOT repeal or in any way weaken 41.18 protections. We have funded enough programs that are mismanaged and wasteful. Taking away public space for the homeless any further is backwards thinking. The city needs to look inwards to how it is using the funds it has and stop eroding any quality of life
TAXPAYING citizens are trying to have- that get up everyday to work, happily pay high taxes and deal with two sets of laws; those that apply to them vs. those that don't apply to the homeless/ drug addicted.

Communication from Public

Name: Carol Katona

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 11:11 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Do not dismantle 41.18! This ordinance was not designed to reduce street homelessness but as a way to provide safe areas around schools, parks, day care centers and senior facilities. Do not mix the two up. As a senior citizen, 41.18 has made my neighborhood in Venice feel safer. The thought that you would take away these protections is very stressing.

Communication from Public

Name: Polly Dyson

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 12:53 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My children have been physically attacked by a homeless man. They have had to step over bodies laying across the sidewalk with needles in their toes. They seen naked men washing themselves. My daughter at seven was sexually harassed by a homeless man. This all happened on the walk to school. Please think of children for once and keep them safe. They should have the right to walk to school safely.

Communication from Public

Name: chris rudin

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 09:53 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am posting to comment on 41.18. I feel this is an essential ordinance for providing safe perimeters around sensitive locations such as schools, parks, day care centers, and senior facilities. 41.18 protects all people who use public spaces. 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. 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 common courtesy. PLEASE Please Please leave 41.18 in place as it is.