

Communication from Public

Name: Daniel Branscome
Date Submitted: 06/07/2024 12:41 PM
Council File No: 21-0329-S5

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my heartfelt opposition to the recent motion introduced to City Council by Katy Yaroslavsky and City Council President Marqueece Harris Dawson, as outlined in Council File 21-0329-S5. As a parent of two young children, I am deeply concerned about the impact this motion will have on the safety and accessibility of our public spaces. Living on Wilshire, very close to the nearby VA campus, my family and I often face the distressing reality of being accosted by aggressive or verbally abusive individuals experiencing homelessness when trying to access nearby parks and the public library. My children should not have to feel unsafe just going to the park or the library. Ordinance 41.18 has made a noticeable difference in improving the situation by providing safe perimeters around sensitive areas such as schools, parks, and libraries. This ordinance is not about reducing street homelessness but about protecting the public spaces that all of us, including our children and seniors, rely on. Our children and seniors deserve to feel safe in their own neighborhoods, and 41.18 plays a crucial role in ensuring that safety. Rather than complicating matters and creating more bureaucracy, the city should focus on solving the underlying issues. The permitting process for building housing should be simplified, making it easier for developers to create more housing. Additionally, the homelessness crisis should not be viewed solely as a housing issue. It is, at its core, a mental health crisis. California's mental health infrastructure was dismantled starting in the late 1960s, leading to a severe shortage of mental health beds and a lack of comprehensive care. Many individuals experiencing homelessness need inpatient care for their mental health issues, and we must recognize and address this need. I urge you to reconsider this motion and prioritize effective solutions that address the root causes of homelessness. Let us work together to protect our public spaces and ensure the safety and well-being of all residents. Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

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Name: Jane P. Davis

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Comments for Public Posting: As an administrator in charge of the safety and security of 500 girls, I vehemently oppose this motion.

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Name: christopher
Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 12:13 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please defeat efforts to repeal ordinance 41.18.

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Name: Gianna Vargas

Date Submitted: 06/07/2024 09:09 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of 41.18. As a long time Venice resident I have witnessed the positive effects of the enforcement of 41.18 and the detrimental effects caused by not enforcing 41.18. Allowing people to live in Rv's and encampments creates an open air drug and crime market threatening the safety of all individuals-housed and unhoused alike. Moreover it provides easy access for vulnerable populations to fall back into self-destructive behaviors. If you care about people and their well being, you will enforce 41.18.

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Name: C. T.

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Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE DON'T DO THIS! 41.18 is not supposed to house people it's supposed to protect sensitive sites from open drug use and behaviors associated with severe untreated mental illness. It has worked around our school. When 41.18 was not enforced, our school children saw drug use and even violence right along the playground and on the way in and out of school. RVs exploded within feet of the entrance. Children saw dead bodies on the way into school. This is a basic protection to maintain the functions of civilization. Please spend your time working on the root issues while leaving protections in place.

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Name: Howard Giller

Date Submitted: 06/07/2024 09:45 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to protect motion 41.18 as it reduces safety and security for people like me - a senior who has had an organ transplant and will remain immunocompromised for the the remainder of their life. There are many of us-myself with a heart transplant, others with lung and kidney transplants. 41.18 provides protection to keep streets and sidewalks clear of encampments. During covid, I had to walk on busy streets (and not with a lot of stability) because the sidewalks were full of encampments. With a walker at that time, I could not make it down the sidewalk and cars passing were not sensitive to a senior with a walker. I feel my taxes should at least provide me safe passage to places I need to go. I also feel that my health should not be potentially impaired as I walk down a sidewalk and nearly physically fall into an encampment (happens all the tine in Venice.) Please protect at least the right to safe passage for a very senior citizen like myself.

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Name: Georgina Brownell Huskey

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Comments for Public Posting: 1. This motion shows lack of understanding and lack of touch of what is actually happening on the streets of LA with the RV's. The idea THAT "individuals may end up repopulating the newly created 41.18 zone, moving from one block to the next, relocating into neighboring Council Districts. This approach is an ineffective use of City resources and is detrimental to our efforts to reduce street homelessness" 2. 41.18 is not an effort to reduce street homelessness. 3. 41.18 is simply not a tool for providing safe perimeters around sensitive locations such as school, parks, day care centers and senior facilities. 4. 41.18 protects ordinary hard working citizens who need to use public facilities. 5. Our children and seniors are every bit as vulnerable as our homeless neighbors and they deserve safe access to places they need to go. 6. Keeping sidewalks accessible in area where a child is walking ir a senior citizen is trying to maneuver a walker is basic public safety and common courtesy. 7. This motion makes 41.18 unnecessary and unreasonable complicated. Shame on you those of you that proposed this motion and second it. You are a disgrace to the City. 41.18 needs to come back as it was originally intended. Those of you that vote for this unreasonable and unrealistic motion will suffer in the voting booth - a promise!

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Name: nancy freedman
Date Submitted: 06/07/2024 11:13 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Homeless encampments dont have a right to block sidewalks particularly where there are places children go like school and libraries. Leave 41.18 in place and lets keep hoping more and more homeless friends will get housing and not have to live in front of libraries and schools. Stepping over encampments should not be a requirement to go to school and should be a right for all.