

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in opposition to Councilwoman Katy Yaroslavsky's recently introduced motion. This motion shows a lack of understanding about what 41.18 is intended to do. 41.18 is NOT an effort to reduce street homelessness. 41.18 is about protecting the public space for ALL constituents. 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 seniors 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. This motion is unreasonable and harmful to so many in our community. Not really a "homelessness" policy, it applies to all obstruction of public right of way by any member of the public. The motion calls for needlessly involving county agencies in city policy. We desperately need 41.18 to remain in full force as is!

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Comments for Public Posting: Please repeal this effort to weaken 41.18. The enforcement of 41.18 has made our neighborhood walkable again, and kids can walk to school instead of walking in the streets to avoid tents. 41.18 also allows seniors and people with mobility issues to walk safely, rather than having to dodge traffic and deal with piles of trash and dangerous items on sidewalks. Everyone, including children, pedestrians, and seniors should have a right to use the public sidewalks for their intended purposes -- for walking and traveling. Please reject this motion.