

Communication from Public

Name: Westside Regional Alliance of Councils
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Council File No: 21-0329-S5
Comments for Public Posting: Please see the attached letter from the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), opposing the motion in CF 21-0329-S5. Thank you. Chris Spitz, WRAC Vice-Chair, www.westsidecouncils.com



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Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
Brentwood Community Council
Del Rey Neighborhood Council
Mar Vista Community Council
Neighborhood Council of Westchester-Playa
North Westwood Neighborhood Council
Pacific Palisades Community Council

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Venice Neighborhood Council
West LA-Sawtelle Neighborhood Council
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Hon. Karen Bass, Mayor, City of Los Angeles
Hon. Paul Krekorian, President, Los Angeles City Council
Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson, President Pro Tempore and President-elect, Los Angeles City Council
Hon. Nithya Raman, Chair, Council Housing & Homelessness Committee (HHC)
Hon. John S. Lee, Chair, Council Public Works Committee (PWC)
Hon. Monica Rodriguez, Chair, Council Public Safety Committee (PSC)
Hon. Katy Yaroslavsky, Councilwoman, CD 5
Hon. Traci Park, Councilwoman, CD 11
Hon. Heather Hutt, Councilwoman, CD 10

Via email to all addressees and submission to the clerk filing portal in CF 21-0329-S5

Re: CF # 21-0329-S5: OPPOSE motion and support LAMC Sec. 41.18

Dear Mayor Bass, President Krekorian, President-elect Harris-Dawson, Chairs and members of the HHC, PWC and PSC; and Councilmembers Yaroslavsky, Park and Hutt:

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) is a cooperative coalition of all 14 neighborhood and community councils on the Westside of Los Angeles, in Council Districts 5 and 11 and portions of Council Districts 4 and 10. Our Alliance collectively represents over 500,000 housed and unhoused Angelenos.

Since January 2022, WRAC has taken multiple positions in support of the use of Sec. 41.18 (with offers of housing and services) to address encampments which threaten public health and safety in numerous public right of way (PROW) areas in our Westside neighborhoods. Specifically, we support 41.18 designation of PROW areas by our Councilmembers, in coordination with WRAC member councils; 41.18 designation of PROW areas near schools and libraries; and extension of 41.18 to restrict vehicle dwelling in PROW areas near sensitive uses. In June 2024, in connection with a related Council File (21-0329-S4), we reiterated our support for 41.18 and requested that the City Council support its retention and continued application and enforcement.¹

WRAC member councils appreciate that 41.18 has been used effectively in several Westside areas to ease unsafe and unhealthy conditions and to assist our unhoused neighbors. As a result, a majority (8) of WRAC's member councils have passed the following motion, or modified versions in keeping with its spirit:

“The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) opposes the motion in CF 21-0329-S5, which makes implementation of LAMC Sec. 41.18 unnecessarily and unreasonably complicated and needlessly involves county agencies in city policy. We agree with the protection of sensitive use sites and deem this Municipal Code section to be a necessary tool for combatting the proliferation of homelessness and protecting public health and safety citywide.* WRAC therefore strongly supports LAMC Sec. 41.18, which has been effectively implemented in Council District 11 and other areas of

¹ See: <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/WRAC-Homeless-Motions-Jan-2022.pdf>
<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/WRAC-letter-re-41.18-libraries.pdf>
<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/WRAC-Letter-Amend-41.18.pdf>
<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/WRAC-Letter-41.18-2.pdf>

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Los Angeles to protect public health and safety and preserve the use of our public spaces for all constituents. **According to the Chief Legislative Analyst, 'LAPD believes that LAMC Sec. 41.18 and its subsections have an overwhelmingly positive impact on public safety' (5/31/24 CLA Report in related CF 21-0329-S4).**

The following WRAC Member Councils have adopted the above motion: Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, Brentwood Community Council,* Del Rey Neighborhood Council,* Mar Vista Community Council,* Neighborhood Council Westchester/Playa, Pacific Palisades Community Council* (*modified version), Venice Neighborhood Council and West LA-Sawtelle Neighborhood Council.²

For these reasons, we respectfully urge you to disapprove the motion in CF 21-0329-S5.

Thank you for your consideration and anticipated prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Robin Greenberg and Christina Spitz

Robin Greenberg, Chair, and Christina Spitz, Vice-Chair
Westside Regional Alliance of Councils

² Minority Position: North Westwood Neighborhood Council has voted against the above WRAC motion re CF 21-0329-S5. No other WRAC Member Council has opposed this WRAC motion.