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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 21-0329-S5

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A Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statement (CIS) has been successfully submitted to your Commission or City Council. We provided information below about CISs and attached a copy of the CIS.

We encourage you to reach out to the Community Impact Statement Filer to acknowledge receipt and if this Community Impact Statement will be scheduled at a future meeting. Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers and it would be helpful if they received confirmation that you received their CIS.

The CIS process was enabled by the Los Angeles Administrative Code §Section 22.819. It provides that, "a Neighborhood Council may take a formal position on a matter by way of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) or written resolution." NCs representatives also testify before City Boards and Commissions on the item related to their CIS. If the Neighborhood Council chooses to do so, the Neighborhood Council representative must provide the Commission with a copy of the CIS or resolution sufficiently in advance for review, possible inclusion on the agenda, and posting on the Commission's website. Any information you can provide related to your agenda setting schedule is helpful to share with the NC.

If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *listed on the Commission's agenda*, during the time the matter is heard, the designated Neighborhood Council representative should be given an opportunity to present the Neighborhood Council's formal position. We encourage becoming familiar with the City Council's rules on the subject. At the Chair's discretion, the Neighborhood Council representative may be asked to have a seat at the table (or equivalent for a virtual meeting) typically reserved for City staff and may provide the Neighborhood Council representative more time than allotted to members of the general public. They are also permitted up to five (5) minutes of time to address the legislative body. If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *not listed on the agenda*, the designated Neighborhood Council representative may speak during General Public Comments.

We share this information to assist you with the docketing neighborhood council items before your board/commission. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at empowerla@lacity.org.

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(8) Nay(4) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 08/07/2024

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 08/09/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 21-0329-S5

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: NWWNC supports a wholesale reform to the way the City addresses homelessness and encampments. 41.18 implementation has failed our community and our unhoused neighbors. According to a report by the Legislative Analyst, only two people have been permanently housed through placements after 41.18 enforcement. Per LAHSA, 94% of people wanted shelter, but only 18% were able to get into shelter. Offers of shelter, reports have found, are often haphazard or in bad faith. 41.18 has proven expensive and ineffective. 41.18 has also failed as a method to keep the public right-of-way accessible and safe. According to the LAHSA, 81% of encampment sites removed under 41.18 saw people return thereafter. Our city is facing a homelessness crisis, one which city leaders will readily admit that we do not yet have the

resources to address. Available beds and social services lag far behind the number of people who need them. Too many of those who are placed into interim housing are unable to transition to permanent options that are in short supply. Yet 41.18 criminalizes people with no other place to go, for merely seeking shelter within a wide radius of hundreds of locations. It does nothing to solve homelessness, merely forcibly pushing people. It wastes millions of dollars while accomplishing little. Legal scholars have argued that such ordinances violate basic human rights. For these reasons, we support the proposed changes to have 41.18 resolutions identify available, close shelter space, to ensure that offers of shelter are credible, and to use trained, unarmed crisis response as the first point of contact. We urge the City Council to take a new approach founded on services, housing, and listening to the needs of the unhoused. And for the same reasons, we oppose any study of, implementation following, or ordinances following the Grants Pass decision unless there is a commitment not to expand 41.18 and especially not to do so citywide.

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- COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

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Yet 41.18 criminalizes people with no other place to go, for merely seeking shelter within a wide radius of hundreds and hundreds of locations. It does nothing to solve homelessness, merely forcibly pushing people from place to place. It [wastes millions of city dollars while accomplishing very little](#). Legal scholars have argued that such ordinances [violate basic human rights](#).

For these reasons, we support the proposed changes to have 41.18 resolutions identify actually available, close shelter space, to ensure that offers of shelter are credible, and to use trained, unarmed crisis response as the first point of contact to unhoused encampment residents.

We urge the City Council to take a new approach founded on services, housing, and listening to the needs of the unhoused. We reiterate our opposition to the 41.18 policy, as stated in our Community Impact Statements [against CF 20-1376 unless amended](#), [against CF 21-4118](#), [against CF 21-4118-S9](#), [against CF 20-1376-S1](#), [against CF 23-1213](#), [against CF 20-1376-S3](#), [against CF 21-0929](#), and [for CF 21-0329-S4](#). And for the

same reasons, we oppose any study of, implementation following, or ordinances following the *Grants Pass* decision unless there is a commitment not to expand 41.18 and especially not to do so citywide.

Council File: [21-0329-S5](#)

Title: Uniform Tracking System / City-Directed Encampment Engagements / Dedicated Services / Interim Housing / Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) / Street Engagement Strategy

Position: For

Council File: [24-0140-S1](#)

Title: City of Grants Pass, Oregon v. Johnson / Homeless Encampments / Public Spaces Regulation / Ruling Impact Analysis

Position: Against unless Amended