

Communication from Public

Name: Janet Cadelina

Date Submitted: 05/12/2021 09:36 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I OPPOSE the proposal to allow encampments on Beaches & Parks. Our PUBLIC Beaches & Parks were not intended for encampments. This will increase crime, decrease child safety & increase pollution in our public spaces & ocean. Councilman Bonin admitted that he is not in a position to increase services, increase enforcement of criminal behavior, nor address the larger root issues of homelessness such as mental illness, addiction, job training, job placement, etc. Encampments could be allowed in the many underutilized City owned properties.

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Name: ab

Date Submitted: 05/13/2021 08:01 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Honorable members of the City Council, I OPPOSE the proposal to allow encampments on Beaches & Parks. Our PUBLIC Beaches & Parks were not intended for encampments. This will increase crime, decrease child safety & increase pollution in our public spaces & ocean. Councilman Bonin admitted that he is not in a position to increase services, increase enforcement of criminal behavior, nor address the larger root issues of homelessness such as mental illness, addiction, job training, job placement, etc. Encampments could be allowed in the many underutilized City owned properties. Thank you for your careful consideration.

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Name: John Closson

Date Submitted: 05/13/2021 08:02 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I vigorously oppose this proposal. It is not a solution nor a step towards a solution to a complicated problem. It is merely a stop gap measure that compromises the public's access to a treasured resource. While housing options are necessary for the homeless, not every region is a good candidate for such housing. In light of your responsibility to the public at large, I urge you to reject this proposal. Thank you.

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Name: Karie F.

Date Submitted: 05/13/2021 08:08 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I OPPOSE the proposal to allow encampments on Beaches & Parks. Our PUBLIC Beaches & Parks were not intended for encampments. This will increase crime, DECREASE child safety & increase pollution in our public spaces & ocean. This temporary solution is NOT addressing the larger root issues of homelessness such as mental illness, addiction, job training, job placement and permanent housing.

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Comments for Public Posting: I am against this motion to use public parks and beaches for homeless because it presents a health and safety issue to the public; lowers value of prime real estate in surrounding areas; Put homeless out in Lancaster or Palmdale less populated locations

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Comments for Public Posting: As someone who regularly runs on the beach between Temescal and Chautauqua, I oppose any plan to create homeless shelters on this stretch of beach. The beach is enjoyed by everyone as a public shared resource. While working for several years in Santa Monica I became accustomed to the effects of a large homeless population : physical threats addressed at me, robberies, assaults, drug use, medical emergencies, and mental health emergencies. I witnessed a homeless man try to steal the purse of a teenage girl, then pepper-spray the girl when she resisted. Allowing homeless shelters on the beach would risk the safety of the public, including the safety of the children who attend the various day camps on the beach. The day camps set up in the morning and pack up in the afternoon. Allowing people to sleep on the beach, and keep all their stuff there, would violate the notion of a public shared space.

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Comments for Public Posting: Ahead of today's City Council Meeting where you intend to vote on the use of Will Rogers Beach to shelter the homeless, please look at Venice Beach and reconsider! How in good faith could you allow that to be replicated. The following is enviable:

- massive ocean and environmental pollution -trash and waste increase everywhere (already at appalling levels in our City)
- taking away of beach from children and hard working people that come from hours away to enjoy a healthy outlet with their family
- contamination of drugs
- FIRE threats
- taking away base camp locations from Fire Fighters
- absolutely awful — fires are enviable and these people risk their lives to save others and taking away their base camp is flat out WRONG

-just to name a few potential problems — many more will come This is not the solution to homelessness. This will continue to destroy our City, which has already become Nationally recognized as a place not to go on vacation, which is a loss in tourism revenue (Venice Beach — the testimonials are terrible and what's even worse, they are true). This is not the way to clean up the homeless problem. I've written many emails that have been compassionate about this issue, but in light of the fact that it is in front of City Council today, I must be more dire with my tone. Please, please, please remove this idea as a solution — it will create so many more catastrophic problems as you try to solve one problem.

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Name: Aria Y

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Comments for Public Posting: Living in Venice has become a complete nightmare due to the unchecked encampments on every corner of our 3 square mile community. In the first few months of this year we have had 3 seniors murdered by transients. We have daily fires. That is not an exaggeration, every single day there is at least 1 fire. We have open heroin use, robbery, shootings, rape. It is a completely lawless environment that is made worse by councilman Bonin. It is naive to think that the homeless who live in the boardwalk are down on their luck or have lost jobs. The vast majority are drug addicts or have severe mental illness problems. This becomes abundantly clear if any of you would dare take a stroll there. But we all know you won't. So, what do the residents of Venice want? It's very simple, we want laws enforced. Camping has never been legal on the beach, boardwalk, or park and Venice beach has a curfew. It's been like that for decades until Mike Bonin instructed LAPD not to enforce that. We are asking you to enforce already existing laws!!! I cannot believe that we have to beg for this. We know some of you have neutered our police force and now crime is up 177% in Venice. The consequences of those actions will come when you are up for re-election. Venice is the #2 tourist destination in Southern California. Children should not see people shooting up heroin while they're on Vacation. Please take a look at some of the video that is on social media of the boardwalk. It is nothing short of shocking. Enforce the existing law and do what Mitch O'farell did with Echo Park. We are not against housing. What we are against is the influx of out of state transients who have set up shop on the beach and are able to live lawlessly because our city government encourages it. There are literally hundreds of new RV's in the area from out of state and who remove license plates and park at a meter indefinitely. Why are these clearly illegal actions allowed?? We need desperate help here and are asking for an immediate enforcement of the existing ban of beach camping and a restoration of parking enforcement. The city of LA also must reinstate the sidewalk ban and somehow remove non residents who have used Covid as an opportunity to live free on the beach and do drugs. Some of you have more common sense than others and think this situation is acceptable. I am here to tell you that the majority of constituents in Los Angeles do not think that way. We have tried this failed model for

more than 5 years and while the rest of the US has decreased their homelessness by 15% we have INCREASED by nearly 40% in California. Something is not working. Stop putting energy into failed policies. We put faith in you with prop HHH and it turned out to be a complete failure. It's time to take care of our safety and sanity and not enable addiction, crime and lawlessness.

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Comments for Public Posting: We ALL want to help the houseless, but we need a well-thought out and holistic solution. Bonin's plan for CD11 parks and beaches appears to differ from his failed bridge housing in Venice only in semantics. It's a disaster. Most recently, a pediatrician's house was burned down by houseless arsonists, with her dog perishing in the fire. The neighborhood deterioration is so bad that this story was picked up by the Daily Mail in the UK. On the Playa/Westchester Neighborhood council meeting where Mike presented his plan, he admitted that he cannot ensure safety and security or mental health / addiction services, which he says law enforcement agencies and the county should take up. Not to mention, transitional services like counseling, job training and job placement to get people back on their feet. Several Venice residents called in to express their grave concerns— they feel trapped in their homes, some of them having their lives threatened by unstable houseless individuals, and implored us Westchester/Playa residents not to make their same mistake and trust any plan of Mike's, or risk suffering the same fate. You can look no further than the exploding crime and fire stats in Venice. This plans will also make things worse, not better. Our public beaches and parks— some of the LA area's most precious commodities— are for ALL Angelenos. Many residents of economically depressed inner city neighborhoods, oftentimes persons of color, rely on our southern beaches for safe outdoor coastal recreational space. Restricting access to these beaches is a blight on those communities, in particular. When Judge Carter issued his injunction, he stated, "Los Angeles has lost its parks, beaches, schools, sidewalks, and highway systems due to the inaction of City and County officials who have left our homeless citizens with no other place to turn." Surely, he was not suggesting we solve the problem by housing more people in parks and beaches! Most important, however, is that this plan is hugely unpopular. However well-intentioned, do not be persuaded by the extremely loud vocal advocates, whose sole agenda item is to push for this plan. The Brentwood and Pacific Palisades neighborhood councils voted unanimously to reject it. The Playa/Westchester voted 18 to 3 against it. We are seeing a major grassroots movement to mobilize against locating encampments at beaches and parks. Confidence in Councilman Bonin is completely

eroding. As Covid concerns begin to fade, houselessness will once again be the most important issue to LA voters and the reality on the ground is that 80% of the CD11 constituents reject this plan.

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Name: Jennifer Devkar
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Comments for Public Posting: The homeless should not be “housed” on our beautiful beaches. Think of the children who have been stuck inside their homes and apartments all year long. The beach is the safest place for families to take their children. Please don’t take that away from us. Bonin and his bonehead ideas are causing emotional distress for too many. He has ruined Venice and Santa Monica already. Enough is enough.