

Communication from Public

Name: JG

Date Submitted: 05/12/2021 09:49 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose Councilman Bonin's proposal to create "emergency" shelters for homeless people in our beach parking lots. I am a resident of the Palisades Bowl, an ungated, small community across the street from Will Rogers beach. My community is one where we all know and help each others. The community feels extremely safe and is filled with families with small children and pets who enjoy the walking around the community and the beach. This feeling and the freedom to walk my dogs around my own neighborhood will disappear if this proposal proceeds. A large number of homeless people will permanently reside in the parking lot across the street, free to wander through the cross walk straight into my community - trashing my neighborhood, inflicting violence, setting fires, and disturbing the peace. They will take over the public beach that everyone enjoys. Needles and glass will litter the sand. Feces and trash will fill the pathways. And the smell of piss will permeate the air. To deny this is to deny reality. Look at Venice. Aside from ruining my home, this proposal makes no sense from a policy perspective. Homeless people need to easily access resources - low cost food and ready public transportation that can reach the proper medical facilities, mental health services, job placement agencies or transitional employers, and family. By putting the homeless in the Will Rogers parking lot, they're left effectively stranded on the side of a busy highway with two bus routes that are far from where most of these resources exist - East and South LA. The people in these "homes" cannot walk to a grocery store or any shop or a cell phone provider (a priority for homeless people). They cannot reach a hospital or walk-in clinic or fire station without waiting or a bus to take them 20 minutes away. They lose the larger metro transit system as well, unless they can catch a bus into Santa Monica. Veterans cannot reach the VA. Make it make sense. Last, it bears saying that the beaches are a public resource meant to be enjoyed by all. This proposal cuts down on beach parking and makes the beach a place where everyone is afraid to go. What sights will greet their children? Is it safe to leave their belongings to go for a swim? Will the beach grill remain open with the theft and harassment that will come with this homeless influx? Over 20,000 people are opposed to this initiative right now and more are signing every hour:
<https://www.change.org/p/vote-no-to-emergency-homeless-shelters-in-la-beaches-parks-and-residential-neighborhoods> You owe it to the City to come up with a better solution than this. Politics is about building consensus and finding an acceptable compromise that brings people together. Not bulldozing a majority of constituents for the benefit of a few. Don't pass this proposal because you're fed up with the problem. Tap your resources. Host town halls. And work with your constituents to develop an acceptable solution.

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Name: Gloria Kim

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose any proposal to place homeless encampments in or around beaches. There is plenty of room in Palmdale, Lancaster, Palm Springs, etc. Families deserve to use the beach and not fear stepping on used needles or being harassed by the homeless (which is now occurring in our sleepy town on a regular basis). Pacific Palisades should remain a quaint town where kids can walk around without fearing the homeless roaming around.

Communication from Public

Name: Sam
Date Submitted: 05/12/2021 09:54 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: homeless have to be in shelter!!! No to the public park or another public place!!! Any friendly citizen take them to your private Home!!! Shame to the city management...

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: I OPPOSE using the parking lot at Will Rogers State Beach for temporary or permanent homeless housing. Housing people without first addressing their issues with mental illness, alcoholism, drug addiction, job training and job placement in a planned continuous manner MUST be addressed prior to housing. Moving them from downtown or from under a freeway overpass to a tiny house at the beach will not solve these issues. Placing people by a busy highway and across from a tinder-filled area that borders numerous residential homes is NOT the place for this type of housing. What safeguards are in place? I am concerned about helping the homeless, but not without a fully thought-out community plan. The proposed plan is a dangerous idea.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 05/12/2021 10:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Public property is for the use and enjoyment of the community citizen. We pay the taxes, we are the infrastructure that makes our city a community, we are deserving of a safe community to live our lives unencumbered from people who are not following the basic levels of community contribution. Living on public property is not the solution, unraveling a stable community is not the solution, the solution is to have people responsible for their actions but not to turn our public property over to those unwilling to be contributors. Contributors need to not be a burden on the community, which includes health, safety and or legal risk to the public. Take care of business and remove people from public lands.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 05/12/2021 10:05 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: It's not bad enough that we can't walk around our neighborhoods any more, now we won't be able to use our public spaces either. Terrible idea.

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Name: Dmitry lisenskiy
Date Submitted: 05/12/2021 10:07 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Hello there! I'm and my son, Timofey Lisenskiy, as Santa Monica residents, against this decision to allow shelters at the "Will Rogers"

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Name: David Holmes

Date Submitted: 05/12/2021 10:16 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to using public beach parking lots at Will Rogers and Dockweiler beaches for homeless encampments. Certainly the homeless situation in Los Angeles is a desperate one in need of a solution, but these beaches are widely used by millions of Los Angeles residents, the great majority of whom are low income POC from East and South Los Angeles. The denial of beach access to these people that would undoubtedly result, further exacerbates their systemic oppression, and denies these residents an equitable enjoyment of public resources..

Communication from Public

Name: Diana Daniele

Date Submitted: 05/13/2021 07:51 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: "With respect for and support of your tireless work as public servants, I would like my voice to be heard: I OPPOSE the proposal to allow encampments on Beaches & Parks. Our PUBLIC Beaches & Parks were not intended for this use, which 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 and should be allowed in the many underutilized City-owned properties that are low-trafficked, uncongested and not in such high-demand. STOP HOMELESS HOUSING ON OUR PUBLIC BEACHES. BEACHES ARE FOR EVERYONE TO SHARE, NOT A PLACE TO LIVE. EVERYONE CAN VISIT, BUT NO ONE SHOULD LIVE ON THE PUBLIC BEACH!"

Communication from Public

Name: Dawn Yurkovic
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Comments for Public Posting: I feel this idea of putting housing for the homeless in the parking lots at the beach is a terrible idea. I am a local resident of Topanga Canyon and I feel this will create many problems for everyone. The issues with traffic and people seeking parking to go to the beach on the weekend is quite intense already. Since there are many buildings in Los Angeles standing open, the city should find a real solution, not just put them in a public parking lot. I have a deep concern for the homeless population, my mother was once on the streets in Venice after a mental breakdown. The social services she received helped her greatly. But I feel that putting these encampments here is really a bad idea. The beaches are some of the only places people can go in the city to decompress and get into nature. There are so many problems with this idea that I can't even list them all here but I feel this is just quick fix idea that is going to create more problems and is not a real long term solution. I strongly urge you to abandon this idea! I also know you will have a big fight on your hands with the residents and I will be one of them, if you move forward with this plan.