

Communication from Public

Name: LR

Date Submitted: 05/11/2021 11:39 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the use of any of the public beaches, parks, areas, or the like for the use of homeless permanent or temporary housing or shelters. This is one of the stupidest and short sighted ideas and needs to be shut down immediately.

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Comments for Public Posting: I object to moving any homeless to beach / parks / Beach parking lots or near any communities. Stop this now.

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Comments for Public Posting: It doesn't make sense to create housing for the homeless in locations that both a) lack good transportation, utilities, and other services, and b) impose undue harm to the local tax-paying residents of those locations. For example, Will Rogers Beach is a completely inappropriate location for a homeless encampment. First, it is severely restricted in terms of transportation. There is no public transportation to the site, the site is extremely congested already, and access into and out of the beach lot is slow and awkward. Second, there are no employment opportunities within walking distance of this location, there are scant hygiene facilities, and access by police, fire department and waste removal would be problematic. Third, this is a heavily used recreational resource for the people of the larger Los Angeles area. It is not fair to expropriate this resource from them. Lastly, the location could be an extremely desirable living location for some people, indicating that there will be little incentive for people to strive for a better living situation and move on from the encampment. It would, instead, become a magnet for people who find the idea of camping on the beach desirable. The locations used for homeless housing should be subject to the following criteria: 1. They should be locations that are currently under-utilized. 2. They should not be desirable recreation locations that are likely to attract long-term habitation. 3. They should not impair the quality of life and ability to conduct business by the tax paying local population. 4. They should not be located next to areas that serve vulnerable populations (e.g., schools, playgrounds, hospitals, nursing homes). 5. They should be in areas very well served by public transportation, and with ample access to public services and hygiene facilities. Lastly, I believe all people living in housing provided to the homeless population be required to contribute to its smooth operation through required work (e.g., at least ten hours a week of cleaning, maintenance, provision of services to residents). If someone is unable to contribute because mental health or drug addiction problems prevent them from making such a contribution, then they do not belong in this type of public housing -- they belong in a hospital setting that can provide the health services they need.

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Name: Sandy and Turner Smith

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Leaders The beach parking lots are not a good idea for encampments. What about all the revenue the city currently gets from daily parking fees? Also, why do you want to restrict people's access to a PUBLIC beach? The solutions for homeless people are not to take away the rights of the general population and the taxpayers. Please do not allow this ill-conceived project to move forward. Thank you

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Name: Sophia Kim

Date Submitted: 05/12/2021 09:25 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge the City Council to reject the proposal case #21-0350 proposed by Councilmember Bonin. Los Angeles indeed has a homelessness issue but the solution is not to place current residents under attack, exposure to disease and undermine current expectations of safety. Already, the current homeless population has created more wildfires in our area (<https://palisadesnews.com/convicted-arsonist-making-fire-pits-in-palisades-hills/>), threatened the safety of three pre-teen-aged girls by verbally assaulting them and ultimately chasing the girls, and countless other examples of harassment and public defilement. Hepatitis A is virulently spread among the homeless population (<https://yovenice.com/2017/10/13/hepatitis-a-outbreak-california-now-in-state-of-emergency/>) and to bring it to more residents is irresponsible. The beaches and parks across Los Angeles are for everyone to use recreationally. Most citizens behave dutifully and responsibly, with no need to bring in law enforcement for public urination, public displays of aggression or public drug use. By housing the homeless in these areas, responsible citizens will not be able to enjoy these areas, that are paid for with taxpayer monies, without fear for their safety. Please reject this proposal, and instead listen to people who have worked among the citizens and the homeless and have more rational, sustainable ideas on how to help the homeless, like Officer Rusty Redican.

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Name: Melanie Wise

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Comments for Public Posting: This reminds me of what Nancy Pelosi has inspired in San Francisco. In case any on the council have forgotten, San Francisco now kindly offers their homeless constituents open stand pipes so that they may bathe in broad daylight, has people urinating and defecating in the streets, and now has a defecation map of the city. San Francisco has not pushed the needle on solving homelessness, they've only made it more acceptable and common for these people to remain living in their streets. Shuffling homeless people from one place to the next does NOTHING to actually solve any problems, and ONLY causes innumerable problems for those who live, work or recreate in the proposed areas. Do you really think providing encampments sends the message that you actually care about the health and well being of your homeless constituents? Do you think it sends the message that you actually care about your constituents who live, work and/or play in the neighborhoods of those proposed sites? Let me help you out here - it communicates clearly that you DO NOT care about either. I have lived near homeless encampments for quite some time - they are disruptive, messy, unsanitary, to name but a few qualities, and most sadly, high crime areas. A day at the beach is a 'great equalizer' in this city - everyone may go if they choose. In an time of endless virtue signalling, I'm shocked that not one of you identified that the people who will suffer the most are the less enfranchised - you will further disenfranchise them by making it more difficult to reach the beach. This is not a solution. Based on all the negative feedback coming in on this proposed measure, it seems clear that the people (WHO YOU SERVE!) do not want this measure. The City Council of the Mar Vista representative (Mike Bonin) proposing this idiocy do not want homeless encampments in their own city. We THE PEOPLE seek a reasonable, doable, well-thought out option that actually serves to decrease the numbers of homeless. Anything less is hyperbole designed to leave the problem ever increasing, AND has overwhelming consequences to those that live, work, play in any area overtaken by these encampments. I strongly OPPOSE this measure.

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Name: Paul Hill

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Comments for Public Posting: 1- Make it a crime to: defecate or urinate in public, camp on public land, unsafely dispose of syringes, use illicit drugs within 500 meters of where children attend school or play, loiter on private land, trespass on private land, repeated violations of Covid safety protocols. All subject to arrest. 2- Construct a tent city in San Bernardino County using exactly the same resources as are currently used to house military recruits. Said tent city should consist of sleeping, eating, restroom, shower and nursing facilities, as well as treatment for mental health issues. Such a set of facilities is the ONLY solution contemplated that could actually house the tens of thousands of homeless in LA County. Homeless persons who violate the aforementioned list of crimes in pt 1 would be transported to this tent city. 3- Public health authorities should consult with Amazon, WalMart, UPS, Fedex and the dozens of other retailers, warehouses, shipping firms that operate within San Bernardino County and are challenged to find entry level workers. The formerly homeless workers can be bused daily from the tent city, to work, and back at the end of the day. Homeless persons who prove capable of keeping a job for a specified period of time can be allowed to move to private housing in San Bernardino County where they would exist with other persons who are climbing the rungs of the economic ladder. Those who are incapable of working in a warehouse environment will have demonstrated that they are absolutely incapable of intermingling with society in a beach front community, and therefore, be provided with care on an ongoing basis in the tent city. This is a practical plan which would actually address the magnitude of having tens of thousands of homeless in our communities. It provides the homeless with an actual pathway to re-enter society with a job. It would be relatively cost effective when compared to the current schemes which consist of shelters in affluent neighbourhoods which net out to a cost of over \$500,000 per homeless person. (Avg cost of a 1 bedroom condo in LA County is \$520,000). It dramatically improves public safety by eliminating the violence, fire, predatory, and other threats the homeless pose. It allows the persons living in Westside communities the opportunity to enjoy civil, clean and safe neighbourhoods again.

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Comments for Public Posting: Last week we took our toddler to the beach. He loves it there. It's his favorite place. As it is for thousands of other people in LA. Particularly during the pandemic, it has become even more important to the community as a safe place to play - in the outdoors - where it has been safe. It's critical to the health and wellbeing of an entire city. And has never been more important in this respect. Except if our beaches are turned into housing, and people's ability to visit is severely restricted. Let alone the health and safety concerns that come along with it. Fires, drugs, assaults, mounds of trash and human waste. This is what has happened in Venice. This is what will happen at Will Rogers. It's already starting. On Mother's Day, as we walked through the tunnel at West Channel Road, we couldn't walk up the steps to the beach because it was covered in human feces. My wife is pregnant and almost vomited on the spot. At the top of the steps was a homeless man sleeping in a tent. Which had clearly been there for a while. We couldn't even get up the stairs. We had to go around. Tents are already starting. And other "temporary" housing will become permanent, regardless of what is initially said. And people living on the beach will take over the entire beach space as has happened elsewhere in the city. There won't be a place for people to park, so people from across the city will be unable to visit the beach. With less parking space, lines will back up on PCH in a stretch that is already extremely dangerous with accidents. Not to mention, with people living on the beach, and no resources on the beach, more people will be crossing PCH on foot. How many people will be hit by cars and killed? It is already happening monthly. Additionally, the beach is not a habitable place to live. It is cold at night. It is windy. There are not resources or facilities to support people living there. And so the trash and human waste will pile up. It is unsanitary and unhealthy. And cannot simply be swept away from a street; it will be embedded into the sand. Glass, waste, feces on the beach and in the sand. It will not be a safe place for children anymore. In these times of a pandemic, safe outdoor space is essential for our children and our community. This is an awful, shortsighted plan. There are thousands of other spaces in LA County that aren't also public spaces used by the community. For that matter, if a parking lot is deemed acceptable for housing to be placed, there are thousands

of other parking lots in LA County that are perfectly suitable and aren't essential to the usage of a public space meant for the entire community. See attached PDF for a photo of the human feces we had to step around at Will Rogers this weekend with my toddler son and pregnant wife while we were trying to visit the beach for Mother's Day.





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Comments for Public Posting: No parking lot encampments or park encampments. This has become such insanity and desperation at the sacrifice of all.

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Name: Tanner Wilson

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Comments for Public Posting: For the sake of the residents' safety, health and well-being, please reject Councilmember Bonin's proposal. The taxpaying citizens of this country have earned the right to be able to enjoy public lands without fear of harassment or attack. There are other solutions that more experienced individuals, such as our city's police officers, can and have proposed. Please listen to the citizens and question the rationale of Councilmember Bonin's proposal. Thank you.