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Name: katherine Maynard
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Comments for Public Posting: It will be dangerous for the homeless to live on the beach right next to the PCH. Families all across LA, as well as tourists, will no longer feel safe taking their families to the beach (even access to parking will be substantially limited). It is likely people living on the beach will create garbage, some of it perhaps dangerous, in an area that must be kept environmentally safe for wildlife as well as people. There are many safer alternative places to house the homeless where they will be close to services they need. I strongly vote NO on housing the homeless in any beach area, including the Will Rogers Public Park. I also think it does a disservice to house the homeless in parks, as these areas are the places set aside for all people to visit and enjoy--they are not meant for homes, even "temporary" homes.

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Name: Melissa Schilling

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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 of 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: jb byrnes

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Comments for Public Posting: As committee members representing the community, I would appreciate you voting against this motion/proposal in support of my position which is to oppose this.

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Name: Alisa Freeman

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Comments for Public Posting: The move to build and house homeless on or near our public beaches is outrageous. These areas and state parks were secured for the public as a place to enjoy the ocean the way nature intended and in a way that is unobstructed and SAFE FOR ALL. We will most certainly see an influx of inhabitants that will destroy this opportunity for hundreds of thousands of tourists, residents and visitors. I am in full support of building and providing functional and safe shelter for those in need, moreover reopening institutions where the mentally ill can humanely exist and receive help but our beaches and state parks ARE NO PLACE FOR THESE ESTABLISHMENTS TO BE. My family, as many have done already and many are currently planning, have been entertaining a complete move out of state because of this and similar deplorable policies that are rotting our beautiful state and it's cities away. The homeless and mentally ill must be taken care of. We currently treat homeless animals better than we do our own species. This is the real and unaddressed issue here. Where is the reform? Where is the plan to help educate, create jobs/opportunity and provide for the mentally ill that HAVE NO BUSINESS LIVING ON THE STREETS??? Everywhere we look, there are new apartment buildings being erected for the working man. Where are the low income housing structures being built? Why are our mental institutions closed? Providing "housing on the beach" means a spike in the homeless population looking to capitalize on living at one of the most ideal locations in the world. How will a move like this change anything that is SYSTEMATICALLY BROKEN????????????? We are literally going to see here what is already and so sadly occurring in beautiful San Francisco.

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Name: Patricia Dowling/ Travel by Patricia Dowling

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Comments for Public Posting: I moved to Santa Monica Canyon in 1950 as a child. I have had a lifetime of wonderful experiences living near the beach and appreciate the wonderful ocean and the fact that most people only visit a few times a year. I am writing to recommend that you keep the beaches to be accessible to the general public and NOT having the homeless live on the beach parking lots. The homeless deserve to live in a home that is clean and safe. You should do what is necessary to make that happen. A TEMPORARY solution of having them camp on the beach parking lots will only extend the problem. The Sisters of Social Service and Sister Diane Donahue founded Espernaza Community Housing that would purchase apartment houses and renovate them to offer safe, low cost homes to families who were priced out of the rental market. The city could do the same thing by allowing families to live among the cities and neighborhoods and be a part of the community. They would have to agree to not take drugs and commit no crimes. That program is still working. The city could offer these homes at no cost to the homeless and let them begin new lives with dignity. They could receive any help with furnishing the apartments and be able to have utilities and food. The damage that being homeless is ruining a generation of children. The families should be with other families. The homeless with drug issues should be in a safe environment. The people of Los Angeles should be able to go to the beach without looking for needles in the sand from the drug people and be safe in the tunnels to the beach without having pedofiles exposing themselves to the children. It is a disgrace that nothing has been done so far. With Governor Newsom telling us that there is a surplus of taxes of over 70 BILLION dollars some of the money should go to the homeless population. Please use the money that you have and solve this problem. Thank you!

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Comments for Public Posting: NO NO to overnight camping/homeless encampment at will rogers state beach. NO. This is a crown jewel public beach to be enjoyed by all, not to be used as a permanent/semipermanent encampment. It will create dangerous pedestrian/driver conditions on a very busy area of PCH. NO NO NO.

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Name: Tia Triplett

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the measure put forth to place homeless villages throughout Los Angeles and on Will Rodgers Beach. I urge you to dismiss the measure. Will Rogers Beach is widely utilized by entire city and is a gem of Los Angeles. Families of hard working people come from East LA to get a respite from the heat and enjoy family time. Children from all over Los Angeles come to the Jr Lifeguard camps. People use this natural, beautiful resource constantly. Adding a “homeless village”, even temporary, will decrease the safety in the area, increase trash and refuse, and remove available parking. The people of Los Angeles deserve to have this important resource and free recreation. Putting a homeless village there will ruin the beach for all. In addition, Will Rodgers beach is less than 1 mile from Palisades High School. There is a safety issue to have a homeless village so close to a school. Furthermore, this measure is a huge disservice to the homeless. Placing the homeless in temporary villages, is not a solution. Homeless need real solutions of real homes. As a taxpayer and voter, I demand real solutions, not temporary ones such as those outlined in this proposal. Furthermore, placing the homeless at Will Rodgers is unsafe for the homeless. For example, it increases the likelihood that they could get hit by a car on PCH, a major thoroughfare. I urge you to dismiss this ill thought of proposal by Council member Mike Bonin and LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl. Save Will Rogers beach, protect free and beautiful recreation for all of our Los Angeles residents, protect the homeless, and protect our children. Vote no.