

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 05/11/2021 09:19 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am OPPOSED to this motion

Communication from Public

Name: Julie Thomas Knap

Date Submitted: 05/11/2021 09:21 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not allow homeless encampments at public beaches nor public parks. This does not serve the general public nor does this serve the homeless with nearby services they need. This is not a common sense solution.

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Name: Thor C Gjerdrum
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Comments for Public Posting: This proposal will absolutely destroy the beachfront for the local community and insure taxpayers who fund the beach services are once again ignored by their elected officials. The entire West side opposes this motion, democrats, independents and republicans. Do yourself a favor and drive around the West Side and see how many "Stop Bonin" signs are on front lawns. Feel free to get out of your car and ask anyone on the street what they think of this proposal. As it is, my kids already can't go to the beach in Venice, it is a war zone. Now you are going to do the same thing to Will Rogers and other beautiful spots? Do you realize what this will do not only to local home values (which will decrease property taxes), increase the crime rate (more law enforcement costs), lower tourism dollars. I can assure you on the committee, anyone who votes in favor of this proposal can expect organized support and funding for your opponent in the next election cycle. Anyone who votes in favor of this proposal is completely out of touch with their constituents. There are better, safer more practical locations for this proposal than our beaches and city parks. Do the right thing and vote no.

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Name: Melissa J. Pope
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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. Our families and so many families in our neighborhood of Mar Vista use our Mar Vista park weekly and as the weather gets warmer - we enjoy the parks and beaches almost daily. Please do not take up this much needed green space for homeless encampments. We need a more logical and effective strategy for tackling homelessness. Building a legal encampment in a park and on beaches which all of our families enjoy, is completely ludicrous and not a solution to the unfortunate issue homelessness. We need to spend the money and time and efforts addressing the issue in a way to curb the exponentially growing problem. Allowing encampments with public utilities could attract more homeless to the area and the encampment will grow creating a large tent city in the middle of our precious, outdoor spaces our children use to run around and play safely. Please do not do this to our neighborhood. We are willing to help and support finding a solution, but this is NOT a good solution and is causing an incredible amount of anger, resentment and a feeling that our voices don't matter. Just because we don't agree, that we don't care and do not want to come together to find a reasonable solution. We educate ourselves on homelessness, we volunteer to help feed homeless, we voted to provide funding for housing for the homeless - just because we don't agree to building a legal encampment in our neighborhood does not mean we do not care. This is NOT the solution. There are plenty of public areas that can be developed for permanent homeless housing that are not used by families. Rather than public parks, encampments should be considered in the many underutilized City owned properties. Rather than upgrading the lives of the homeless, a homeless encampment in our neighborhood park would degrade the neighborhood families lives - that makes no sense at all. Anyone with young kids have experienced the sudden fear of walking down sidewalks or around groups of homeless individuals which we had not experienced before. This is just in the past 5 years where streets we would walk down with our children, I am now scared to walk down - especially at night. If there is an encampment built in our park,

there will be a mass exodus of those living in the homes around the encampment and we will no longer want to use the park out of fear. It's not a matter of lack of compassion, it's a matter of what is reasonable for the safety and enjoyment of our children. Why don't children normally play near homeless encampments? Is it out of lack of compassion? No, it's because with large communities of homeless people, there is always danger, mental illness and drug use. Do NOT put any encampments in spaces that we need and depend on. 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.

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Name: Michelle Curtis
Date Submitted: 05/11/2021 12:09 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose LA City Plans for a legalized homeless encampment at Playa del Rey Beach. I'm opposed to allowing encampments in parks and on beaches as it does nothing to solve the homeless crisis and, at the same time, degrades our neighborhood, creates a dangerous situation for both the community and the unhoused and takes away precious recreational resources from our local children, families and seniors.

Communication from Public

Name: Ms. Everhart

Date Submitted: 05/11/2021 12:49 PM

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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. 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 should be allowed in the many underutilized City owned properties.

Communication from Public

Name: Mary Emmons

Date Submitted: 05/11/2021 12:49 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor and Councilmembers: I urge you to oppose Mike Bonin's motion (File 21-0350) to open homeless encampments on our beaches and parks. This motion will only make the current situation worse. These encampments are unsafe and unhealthy, for the unhoused individuals living in them and for the neighboring residents, especially our children who are deprived of safe places to walk and play. It is way past time to put in place reasonable, practical solutions to return healthy living conditions to our city. I urge you make every effort to clean up homeless encampments and enforce existing laws to protect the safety of neighborhoods around Los Angeles and the residents of those sites. I support the BHA resolution below: BHA Homelessness Motions A. Abate and Correct Unsafe and Unhealthy Conditions in Homeless Encampments The Brentwood Homeowners Association calls on the Los Angeles City Council and Mayor Eric Garcetti to immediately direct the Los Angeles City Bureau of Sanitation ("LA Sanitation") to undertake site clean-ups, trash collection, and sanitizing of all homeless encampments located in the neighborhoods on the Westside of Los Angeles, in order to abate, correct, and remove hazardous, unsafe, unhealthy, and unsanitary conditions, including without limitation all combustible materials such as propane tanks, at all homeless encampments forthwith. B. Enforcement of Crimes in or Near Homeless Encampments The Brentwood Homeowners Association calls on the Los Angeles City Council and Mayor Eric Garcetti to direct the Los Angeles Police Department and other relevant law enforcement agencies to enforce all existing, enforceable laws prohibiting the sale and distribution of illegal drugs, human trafficking, and other serious crimes taking place in or near homeless encampments on the Westside of Los Angeles. C. Enforce Laws Prohibiting Blockage of Public Right of Way The Brentwood Homeowners Association calls on the Los Angeles City Council and Mayor Eric Garcetti to direct the Los Angeles Police Department and the Department of Public Works' Bureau of Engineering Street Services Division, as well as the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and the Department of Veterans Affairs to direct the Veterans Affairs Police Department and other relevant law enforcement agencies to enforce all existing, enforceable laws prohibiting the blockage of the public right of way on the Westside of Los Angeles, including

all applicable provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). D. Increase Funding to Support Additional Safe Parking Programs The Brentwood Homeowners Association calls for additional funding and resources, from all available sources, in order to implement more Safe Parking Programs and to support existing, reputable safe parking programs, including those operated by organizations such as Safe Parking LA, throughout the Westside of Los Angeles.

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Name: Carrie
Date Submitted: 05/11/2021 01:00 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: This is unbelievable. Completely stupid. Who's idea was this?
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Name: L

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Comments for Public Posting: The homeless don't need more encampments, they don't need little homes, no matter where you place them, their mentally stability does not change. They need REAL help, which requires mental health professionals and psychologists. IF YOU WANT TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE, YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY NEED ACTUAL HELP. When you tolerate the behavior from the beginning, they will never learn. ASSUMING you are using taxpayer money to build more encampments, how shameful is that? Understand that taxpayers would rather you help these people get off the streets, but they also harass people due to their mental instability. You are literally doing nothing for them by building homes for them, I am saying that in the nicest way possible. I am 22 years old living in LA. I am young, I haven't seen every part of the country to know if we are more fortunate than others or to know what I should be grateful for. But I sure as heck know how much money we got in California. How come rent is so expensive here? Everyone wants to live here, but no one wants to live with homeless people constant creating encampment fires and harrassing citizens on the streets, or what about the squatters that make themselves a home and block walking paths? You need to help these people with their mental health first, or else they'll never ever ever go in the right direction. PUT YOUR FUNDS INTO HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS THAT CAN HELP WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH PROCEDURES, THIS IS WHAT THEY NEED. A 22-YEAR-OLD IS TELLING YOU THIS. UNDERSTAND THAT YOU CAN'T KEEP BUILDING HOMES FOR NO ONE TO LIVE IN.

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Name: Nicole Lynch

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not put homeless in our beautiful beaches and parks. These places are for families, let's keep them safe and clean. We also do not need to attract more homeless to our areas with fabulous and welcoming places for them to arrive.