

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Chris Kiperman  
**Date Submitted:** 05/11/2021 07:25 AM  
**Council File No:** 21-0350  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not do this, you are destroying the Westside and your legacy will be ruined. When this appears across the world tourist will choose to not come and spend their money here.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lucy Han

**Date Submitted:** 05/11/2021 08:01 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose the proposal. Councilman Bonin has proven that encampments have increased around his Venice shelter. How will he keep that from happening on our beaches & parks? In Venice, feces from the homeless is dumped into the ocean. Trash from the homeless goes into the storm drains which goes into the ocean. How will sanitation be assured on our beaches & parks if there are unsupervised encampments surrounding these housing sites?



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael Maloy

**Date Submitted:** 05/11/2021 09:24 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to oppose the motion to build temporary homeless housing in various public spaces. I am a resident of Venice and I've seen the rapid buildup of encampments and their effect on the quality of life. My opposition is based on two things: 1) The observed behavior of the homeless population. I do not believe a majority of the current population, which for the most part is not from the area, will adjust their behavior to live in any sort of 'homeless village'. Given the size of their encampments, which resemble shanty towns, and the impunity with which they occupy our neighborhood, why would they agree to live in garden shed sized buildings that are regulated? 2) The terrible track record of similar projects, with the Bridge Home in Venice being a prime example. It has been a total failure on all fronts, including the multiple broken promises to the neighborhood. Why should we believe anything from the sponsors of the current motion about its efficacy?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kevin Reilly

**Date Submitted:** 05/11/2021 09:29 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Our coast line is the natural crown jewel of our city! I have lived close to the Santa Monica coast for 35 years and know every mile. The Santa Monica beaches are not only one of the most prominent and globally recognizable natural focal points in our region, every mile is a highly utilized respite for ALL citizens of our city of all ages - as well as one of the top tourist destinations in the world. While the challenges of homelessness are certainly significant, moving ANY body of people to reside literally ON TOP of the beachfront is DISRESPECTFUL our amazing natural asset. Moving a body of people who come with extraordinary health, security and social issues into this area is PREPOSTEROUS! If passed we would essentially be saying to our citizens and tourists “there’s nowhere in our city to simply feel safe and free of the very worst challenges our city faces”. This proposal MUST be voted down!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elizabeth Brockman

**Date Submitted:** 05/11/2021 09:32 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please, please do not ruin our parks and beaches by building homeless encampments there. Those are a few of the places in our crowded City that we can go with our children that remain safe. The City government should use its many resources to build alternative housing in places that do not threaten our community yet provide a safe place for our homeless. From there, those who are able should be given the resources to find work and get off the City's dole.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/11/2021 09:34 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Awful idea that will increase crime and reduce quality of life for citizens of all income and ethnic backgrounds.

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**Name:** Emily Loughran  
**Date Submitted:** 05/11/2021 09:34 AM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Homeless need and deserve real help and this is not it!! Housing homeless with PCH on one side and the ocean on the other is plain stupid. Highway fatalities and drowning are near certainties. Place homeless where there are an array of services surrounding them. How can a beach parking lot next to a busy highway and the ocean be a good idea? Now please consider the impact that this hairbrained idea will have on the rest of us. Will Rogers is our crown jewel beach, used and enjoyed by many families and youth activities such as youth day camps, beach volleyball and junior life guards. Adding homeless, many of whom are violent and drug using is completely incompatible with a public beach that is currently enjoyed by the general public. Trash, needles, feces, violence, fires and all of the other problems that occur around homeless areas will now be brought to our beach--witness the situation on San Vicente Blvd or in Venice. What is now a major asset (Will Rogers Beach) and resource for not only the general public but also a major tourist attraction will be needlessly spoiled. This proposal helps NO ONE and harms both the general public and those the plan purports to serve. PLEASE VOTE NO!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Celia Van Dusen

**Date Submitted:** 05/11/2021 09:44 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please leave our beautiful beaches for our children and tax paying citizens. Our parks have been ruined and not safe for children and adults. Now Bonin wants to take our beaches and turn them into unusable space. I think you should all be recalled so you can be replaced by individuals who actually respect and represent the vast majority of people who live in peace and enjoy our parks and beaches.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brentwood Community Council

**Date Submitted:** 05/11/2021 10:50 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:**



**Motion Approved by BCC on April 14, 2021**

**Council File 21- 0350 (Bonin) - BCC Motion to Oppose Unless Amended**

Whereas, the BCC Homelessness Task Force ***has strongly supported*** use of the vacant West LA Civic Center for homeless shelters or affordable housing for 3 years and strongly supports Councilman Bonin for this portion of the Motion, and;

Whereas, the Motion proposes a homeless safe camping site located in Del Rey on private property which is supported by the Del Rey Neighborhood Council, thus the BCC defers to the local council on this issue, and;

Whereas, the use of shared, public recreational spaces are a benefit and resource for the entire community of Los Angeles, and, California beaches, in particular, hold a unique and valued place in the hearts and minds of residents and visitors from throughout the world, and the California Coastal Commission is clear the public should have unfettered access to utilize every portion of these recreational properties, and;

Whereas, California beaches are environmentally sensitive locations and the sites quoted by Councilman Bonin in Redondo Beach and Santa Cruz are not located on beaches but in commercial areas near “big box” stores, and;

Whereas, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row, the Los Angeles Department of Public Health reports [the #1 cause of death for people experiencing homelessness is drug overdose](#), and the [Los Angeles Times reports 67%](#) of those living in street encampments suffer from mental illness, substance abuse and other disabilities but there is no mandate to accept housing when offered, and;

Whereas, the City Council has refused to review other options, including the [Industrial Zoning Element of the City Strategic Plan, last reviewed in 2008](#), to create opportunities for the City, County, LAHSA or others to build or Master Lease scalable facilities for high volume housing connected to extended substance abuse and mental health programs, especially given most industrial areas are now served by new mass transit lines, and;

Whereas, the community of Venice has experienced an existentially negative shift in the quality of life in their community due to the explosive growth of homeless encampments, which have driven up violent crime, arson, and drug related offenses, and present extreme public health and sanitation issues, all of which may be, at minimum, partially attributed to a series of unrealized assurances from CD11 regarding safety, enforcement and cleanliness, and which have caused a substantially degraded public beach area, leading to the Venice Neighborhood Council vote of no confidence in current CD11 homelessness policies as of September, 2020, and;

Whereas, the BCC supports the [Pacific Palisades Community Council Straw Poll Motion](#).

**Now, therefore, be it resolved that:**

**The BCC Opposes Council File 21-0350 unless amended to:**

1. Remove all public recreational space from the Motion, including deed restricted City parks;
2. Instruct the CAO to include a study of the City’s Industrial Element and industrial zoned areas for alternative locations *and* include the results of Councilmember Raman’s ([Council File 21-0063](#)) study of municipal property in the final recommendation report for this Motion;
3. Request U.S. District Judge Judge David O. Carter to direct that any homeless shelter opened in CD11 be restricted to homeless persons who were registered in the Coordinated Entry System as living within CD11 during the 2019 Annual Homeless Count.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brentwood Community Council

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Carol Kapp

**Date Submitted:** 05/11/2021 11:00 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please vote no on using public parks and beaches as places for for camping. The parks and beaches need to be maintained for the general public to enjoy. I believe that there is a curfew on the beaches in Playa del Rey from midnight to 5 am. This needs to stay in place. Please vote No on this proposal. Carol Kapp

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Erin D

**Date Submitted:** 05/11/2021 02:08 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Think of our families. Of safe places for our children to run around. The cleanliness of our beaches. Think of pollution. Of potential crime. Of the increase in policing that will be needed at our beaches. There are better ways. We all know there is a better way to solve housing crisis than resorting to giving up one of our most valuable locations. If you allow this, people will move out of Los Angeles.