

## Communication from Public

**Name:** SCOTT J BYINGTON

**Date Submitted:** 05/12/2021 08:55 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I oppose using any city park or beach property for temporary or permanent homeless housing. There are undeveloped areas and unused areas throughout Los Angeles County. Portable sanitation equipment can just as easily be deployed to those locations as it can be to a beach or a city park. In addition, the "safe parking," idea in Westchester Park is out of hand. That began as a limited parking arrangement for the homeless...look at it one year later. What a big mess. When you walk by, you can now smell urine and find human feces everywhere. By using city parks and beach property, the residents and especially those who pay property taxes, are being disenfranchised. This is because it has become an unsafe environment....Ask the local Raph's managers across the street from Westchester Park. The amount of shoplifting has increased and it seems the police cannot do anything about it. Who monitors the IV drug use in the park and beach? Finding needles on the sidewalk and in the trash pose more safety hazards. I am surprised the residents of Westchester/Playa have not started a class action suit. Furthermore, five percent of people with TB reported experiencing homelessness within the year prior to diagnosis. These findings are not surprising, as people experiencing homelessness have a high occurrence of conditions that increase the risk of TB, including substance abuse, HIV infection, and congregation in crowded shelters. This combination of conditions is favorable for spreading TB. In addition, people experiencing homelessness often lack ready access to the medical care required to make an early diagnosis of TB (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC], 2020). With that being said, what is the plan for healthcare? I saw patients that came from skid row and the number of TB cases was alarming. LA County does not have the resources available to provide screening and treatment for these encampments. As a nurse practitioner, I believe if a encampment is established, those who vote for the encampment need to be held accountable for all healthcare and disease outbreaks. A city park or beach is not the place for healthcare to be deployed. How many unoccupied buildings and unoccupied land areas have been surveyed for the homeless? Why a public area where everyone is entitled to enjoy but not live on? Band-aids will not fix this problem. The majority is not against the homeless or interventions to find a solution to the problem. However, the majority is against homeless encampments in the city parks and beach areas...that should cut and dry. Thank you Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2020). TB in people experiencing homelessness. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/tb/topic/populations/homelessness/default.htm>

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Becky

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Do NOT use beach property or parking lots for homeless

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ronald Wahlig

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am against the Placement of any type of housing for current homeless population in the Coastal areas of Los Angeles, especially the areas of our public beaches. There are multiple reasons for NOT placing homeless encampments in the beach areas. Access to public beaches is a benefit for all of the tax paying citizens of Los Angeles, and should not be a place of residence for homeless population. Homeless populations bring garbage, drug paraphernalia, jaywalking, verbal assaults, and battery cases along with it. See Venice and Mar Vista areas of Los Angeles for examples. It is not rocket science, it is very easy to understand. There is a notorious Liquor store across PCH from the Will Rodgers Beach parking lot, and it has direct pedestrian access from the beach via an underground tunnel. It is notorious for the constant attraction of Homeless population/drug and alcohol addicted individuals, who access it from the beach. Placing homeless shelters across from this liquor store is nothing but STUPIDITY. Additionally, the bluffs in the area are a great fire danger zone, and homeless encampments in close vicinity to these bluffs is also STUPID. In addition, it is Commonplace for homeless encampments to lead to Jaywalking and various items to be strewn into the road adjacent to the encampments. This is often the case on San Vicente in Brentwood at the VA homeless encampment. Having an encampment adjacent to Pacific Coast Highway is also STUPIDITY. This idea will meet incredible opposition and will not be tolerated by the people of Los Angeles.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Debbie Spander

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**Comments for Public Posting:** This is absolutely ridiculous. Public parks are for the use of children, teenagers and adults for recreation, practices games, picnics and other gatherings. Not to legalize public drug use, defecation, dangerous cooking and heating fires and other illegal actions. The City should be using City, State and Federal money to move homeless into (semi) permanent shelters, not to turn our public parks into unhealthy tent cities

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Carly Fentress

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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 could be allowed in the many underutilized City owned properties.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** As a Mar Vista resident who has seen the growth of homeless encampments expand unrelentingly over the last few years despite the city spending hundreds of millions of dollars and executing slow-footed attempts to provide needed housing, I have zero confidence that Mike Bonin's plan to give up swaths of our public parks and beaches will in any way truly yield positive results. More likely, they will simply carve out even more areas of our cherished public spaces for some encampments, while continuing to allow unregulated camping unabated. The trust has been broken; we need our preexisting laws enforced and temporary shelters created to give all homeless citizens an option other than our streets and public parks. The city found a way to shut down schools and businesses across the Southland using emergency powers while completely failing to solve our homeless fiasco.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Randy C Overbeck

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Say NO to encampments!! Spending additional Tax Payer dollars for a fragmented and disjointed effort by legitimizing unhoused encampments is unrealistic and dangerous! After several encampment fires, unregulated drug abuse and tons of filth and unsanitary conditions, the City of Los Angeles has done nothing but create a rat infested habitat that has solved nothing! Funds have been wasted with little to no oversight as recently cited in a State wide audit and reinforced by a recent court ruling!! Encampments are not a way to resolve the problem they only reinforce the problem!! “Give a man a fish he eats for the day; teach a man to fish and he’ll never go hungry”

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Patricia Greenfield  
**Date Submitted:** 05/12/2021 09:11 PM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly support Councilmember Mike Bonin's motion for opening homeless encampments at beach and park locations.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The park is for taxpayers and our families. Wherever these hobo tent encampments go up crime and filth follow. Just look what the city government has done to Venice! We can't even go to beach anymore because it's been over run with drug addicts, criminals and crazy people. Now you want to bring this insanity to Mar Vista? We want no more "Boninville's" in the 11th district and Venice Beach cleared out too.