

Communication from Public

Name: Bruce Krysiak
Date Submitted: 05/13/2021 12:30 PM
Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am a homeowner in and 20+ year resident of Venice/CD11. As of last September, after 4 years with Prop HHH we've built 228 total homeless housing units in all of Los Angeles. <https://therealdeal.com/la/2020/09/10/la-controller-finds-just-228-homeless-housing-units-built-with-1-2b-bond/> In the past year in Venice alone, at least 719 more unhoused were added to in our community. This math just doesn't add up. We need a new approach. With an estimated 66,000 homeless in Los Angeles, the \$1.2B of HHH funds equals just over \$18,000 per homeless person. The only solution with any chance of addressing the scale of the problem is to set up inexpensive emergency shelters such as tents in large unused spaces such as the 500 acres of City owned land around LAX and other remote and unused city, county, state owned or publicly offered land. The City could provide tents, sanitation trailers (showers/toilets), food & water (trucks), laundry trailers & supplies, for maybe \$11,000 per person per year (\$30 per person per day). City camping restrictions should then be strictly enforced and violators offered space in such a shelter (if they have a tent, that would be a starting point if no other on-site shelter is immediately available). Once the emergency situation on our streets has been mitigated, only then should we be spending additional monies towards more expensive solutions and services. As Councilman Koretz points out, \$130K-\$500K+ per home built is obviously an untenable approach to making a real difference in the overall situation.

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-12-15/stunned-at-the-price-tag-1-a-councilman-asks-city-to-study-cost-of-tiny-home-villages> For those willing to work, we could offer day jobs on or off-site such as Denver and Albuquerque have done:

<https://www.therenewalproject.com/this-denver-program-gives-homeless-individuals-a-job-and-a-pathway-to-a-stable-future/>

<https://www.governing.com/archive/gov-albuquerque-gives-panhandlers-jobs-not-tickets.html> This does not address the question of whether we should be spending local tax monies to house homeless who move (or have been sent) here from other, less climate-friendly regions. I believe ultimately we will need to work towards a way where the solutions become national in scale and each locality becomes responsible for their newly homeless, although I recognize this is not something that can be addressed short-term. We should at a minimum be offering reunification programs along the lines to San Diego's: <https://downtownsandiego.org/family-reunification-program/> We should NOT be using our public beaches and parks to house homeless residents, particularly when we have huge swaths of land readily available. When taxpaying citizens are suffering years of permitting delays to be able to build additional local housing and improve our communities due to the City and the CA Coastal Commission requirements, asking us to offer our public parks and beaches for "emergency" homeless relief and denying taxpayer use of these coastal spaces is asking us to welcome additional blight and crime into our communities, especially when viable alternatives as described above are available. The Bridge Housing program in Venice has been a shameful failure and a violation of the City's promise to improve our community and provide a path to solutions for the homeless. It has been the exact opposite.

<https://www.latimes.com/homeless-housing/story/2020-11-20/garcetti-a-bridge-home-homeless-program-offers-mixed-results> Beach and park camping is just asking to bring similarly shameful results to our dwindling public recreational areas. My wife, mother, friends and family have all been victims of escalating crime over the past several years in Venice due to the rising homeless presence and the City's unwillingness and inability to enforce laws for our community's safety and sanitation. I have never felt threatened in my 20 years in Venice until the past few years, each time at the hands of disturbed homeless criminals sheltered by our willingness to look the other way and allow this problem to perpetuate. I'm very grateful for the life and blessings I have, and I wish the same for all of our neighbors, housed and unhoused. At the same time, when those neighbors break into peoples' homes, yards, and businesses - and when they threaten and assault those of us who work hard and are trying to do our best to live peacefully here - that is not something that is acceptable. My wife is frightened to walk around the neighborhood by herself. That is NOT acceptable. We need to immediately find unused areas and erect inexpensive shelter camps, then let those who have the interest, ability, and funding work to offer paths back into permanent solutions for our sheltered & unhoused communities if we are to have any hope of ever addressing the scale of this challenge. Thank you for your consideration and service in this matter.

Communication from Public

Name: Stavy Ekstein

Date Submitted: 05/24/2021 01:35 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please put me on the record as completely against Bonin's proposal to occupy beaches for Homeless Encampments. This is not a viable option. The people have spoken against it, yet Bonin continues to waste taxpayer funds to push this proposal- an expensive option that makes beaches unsafe for families that live in Los Angeles and those that travel to see it. Beaches and public parks that families and children visit are not a viable option!

Communication from Public

Name: Ryan Craig
Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 09:58 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Opposed to situating homeless encampment at Will Rogers Beach in Pacific Palisades. Bad idea for many reasons.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 10:32 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I vehemently oppose the encampment at Will Rogers Beach

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Name: Claire Finnk

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 10:40 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in strong opposition to Motion 21-0350 for the safety and protection of our parks and beaches. I agree that homelessness in Los Angeles is a huge problem that must be addressed. I have sympathy and compassion for the unhoused community in our city and believe that we must provide a safety net for the most vulnerable among us. However, this proposal is not the answer. CD-11 parks and beaches are for the safe enjoyment of everyone. Families from anywhere in the city and neighboring counties as well as tourists from around the world can enjoy a beautiful day at the beach or the park for just the \$12 cost of parking. Under no circumstances should our parks and beaches be used for anything but recreation. Spreading the unhoused across beaches and parks does not address any of the issues of homelessness. The unhoused need services not just a roof. We need a supportive housing campus with wrap-around services to house the homeless. The idea of repurposing the 500 acres of city owned land near LAX was posed at the May 14th City Council Meeting. This is a feasible idea. Using the parks and beaches is not feasible and should never be considered! Allowing unsupportive housing along our beaches will completely destroy our coastline and the enjoyment of thousands of Angelinos. Drug abuse and mental illness are big causes of homelessness and allowing the unhoused to take residence on our beaches is dangerous. A couple months ago, an unhoused man accosted my husband and children. This same individual ended up stabbing a man with his toddler a half hour later. We have almost stepped on drug needles while walking on the beach. It is already a problem. Your proposal will make it much worse. We need to address the larger issues of homelessness such as drug addiction, job training, and mental illness. Services and housing should be allowed in underutilized City owned properties NOT parks and beaches. Our parks and beaches need to remain safe and available for everyone. Our children should be able to play without tripping over drug needles and human feces. Families should be able to gather on our beautiful coastline without fearing danger. We can help our unhoused population without destroying our community for the thousands of people who enjoy it. Sincerely, Claire Finnk

Communication from Public

Name: Brian Glass

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 10:44 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Re: File Number 21-0350 Please do not give our parks and beaches over to housing encampments. We don't need an expensive study to tell us camping at the park is not working for the park's inhabitants and it's not working for the community. The current situation is dangerous, very unsanitary and not benefiting anyone. Alternative sites have been suggested and need to be pursued. The community overwhelmingly voiced opposition to Bonin's proposal in the last Neighborhood Council special meeting. We are voters and closely watching how the Council proceeds. Thank you for your attention.

Communication from Public

Name: Sean Fahey

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 11:14 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The Bonin plan could not possibly be a worse idea...will not provide any improvement in service to the homeless as the idea is half-baked...you need simple housing structures with (more importantly) all the attendant support on hand (health, sanitation facilities, rehab/counseling, etc)...so tell your real estate buddies that sorry, no more 'grand vision' structures that put the unhoused in better living spaces than those working to pay rent...AND you are contemplating placing this encampment right on the PCH, on a public beach, in a very populated area used by both LA residents and tourists? you have already ruined Venice — are you trying to bookend that abomination with destroying Western Santa Monica/Palisades too??? it is literally the worst public policy decision since France chose to sell the Louisiana Territory

Communication from Public

Name: david taft

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 11:17 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am so sickened by what this idiot Bonin is doing to our city on the westside let alone the beachfront communities and beaches them selves. who the hell does he represent?? This is not about the horrible situation that the homeless face. It is undoubtedly something that needs to be confronted now. How many of you realize that we as Angelinos approved a bond HHH many years ago that provided \$1,000,000,000 (a billion dollar) for homeless housing? At last count that I noted the legislators had spend only a tenth of that in a dozen years. Meanwhile the cost of building skyrocketed and so that the bond value is half of what it was previously valued at!! What kind of representation and red tape is so inefficient?? Those units should have been completed and now have a place to force the homeless to go to. Not now allowing them to congregate on public beaches! Now we have Bonehead that after 2 homeless fires severely threatening valuable property, he wants to house them at our beaches. OH MY F*&\$King GOD!! Well that ought to make people want to go to the beach! Do you really think any homeless will leave after being set up with an ocean front living scenario?? I would never leave that scene! Would you?? Im sure that locals and tourists will LOVE going to the Will Rogers beaches or nearby to see a bunch of drunk, slovenly disorderly people that leave feces on the walkways, engage in drugs, operate stolen bike rings, and have needles all around and have concealed weapons, make lewd and sexual remarks to women and threaten the safety of beachgoers and children, not including the ridiculous amount of trash they leave on the ground and around. Many have mental health issues and needed to be treated. But many are criminals that dont give a damn. I own rental units and when an encampment set up in front immediately almost half the building vacated. My partners and I had to PAY the homeless to move and physically aid them as the police and council representatives did NOTHING! Mark Ridley Thomas office came out with Officer Ramirez and stated specifically we had a big problem! And we asked what they will do to clean it up? They said WE WONT DO ANYTHING. Is this how you want your city of LA to end up??

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Name: Amy Rose

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 11:20 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I do not consent to homeless encampment at Will Rogers State Beach & Park.

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Name: Matthew

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 11:20 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is a horrible idea. 1. It will ruin our beaches 2. It will ruin surrounding neighborhoods 3. It will hurt revenue for the city 4 as we have seen in the past few weeks they try to destroy the neighborhood with starting fires. This is only but a few reasons to not have them live at the beach. People pay taxes to live close to nice clean beaches. Having the homeless moving into the beach parking lots will cause property value to depreciate. And then people will move out away from the beaches and then the palisades will look no better than downtown LA. The village will be gone the parks up temescal canyon will cease to exist. I agree something needs to be done about the homeless crisis in LA but moving them to the beach is not the answer. How about the city use or purchase some of the abandoned building and retrofit them and house the homeless in those. That way they are off the streets.

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren Miura

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 11:23 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose this motion, which poses an imminent risk to the community in the form of increased arson and fire risk, as well as other types of crime and environmental degradation. Our community is able and willing to assist the city in finding appropriate locations to house those currently living on our streets, in our parks and on our beaches. Councilmember Bonin has been unresponsive to our pleas for a humanitarian approach that offers assistance to those experiencing homelessness and safety to all residents of Los Angeles. I kindly demand that you take this request seriously as we are not only putting the lives of the homeless at risk but also the lives of all Angelenos. Los Angeles is the home to people of all walks of life and as a city it is your responsibility to care for the safety of every citizen equally.

Communication from Public

Name: Cindy Wilkinson Kirven

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 11:25 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I acknowledge the severity and urgency of the homeless problem in Los Angeles. However there are also millions more low income and middles class families barely holding on. These families are working two jobs, often at or below minimum wage and they do not have the funds to take “vacations”, nor have boats in the harbors to avoid heatwaves, nor have many places to spend valuable, low cost time together — where do they go? To our public beaches and state parks. I am extremely concerned by this idea of of Mr Bonin’s which may exacerbate the issues of low income families already on the edge or in crisis but not yet homeless. I cannot see the rationale of turning already PACKED lots at the beach — be it Will Rogers, Dockweiler or the other beaches mentioned in Mr Bonin’s Motion #21-035 — into shelters. These and other beaches that are used DAILY by families with young children cannot safely accommodate a site for "safe camping" and "tiny homes” much less share public access & facilities with the many homeless who are mentally ill, often have drug paraphernalia and are often abusive to strangers. And, has anyone also considered, that for example, Will Rogers is the evacuation site for Eastern Malibu and the Palisades in the event of wildfires? I am in disbelief that anyone thinks this is a good idea. I acknowledge that we must work hard to find solutions for the homeless epidemic but I feel this solution is a recipe for disaster, not only for public safety of our lower income families but also traffic safety concerns but also for the safety of ALL the public, particularly children.

Communication from Public

Name: emily green

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 11:27 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not allow homeless encampments on our precious beach/parking lots. Countless fires lately and we cannot afford more in such a special and fragile place. There is plenty of other space to put these tents in the city. This idea is absolute lunacy.

Communication from Public

Name: Sam Heard

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 11:28 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Councilmember Rodriguez, On May 26, a motion (21-0350) to explore feasibility for safe camping at parks and beaches will appear on your meeting agenda. As a proud resident of CD-11 in Mar Vista, I am strongly opposed to Council File 21-0350. My Councilmember Mike Bonin and I agree that the current crisis confronting our unhoused residents is deplorable and untenable. But where we fundamentally disagree is the belief that transforming hyper-utilized parks adjacent to homes and schools into safe camping sites is a practical or effective solution to this community crisis. Although I realize that this proposal falls outside your council district, my hope is that you see the parallels with your own neighborhoods. Please be a voice that stands up for the rights of all kinds of LA neighbors, not just the unhoused. Like the rest of my community, I want solutions to this crisis and help for those who are struggling. But those solutions have to be based on pragmatism and common sense, not blind faith or principle. Here are the facts:

- Mar Vista Park—one of the proposed feasibility sites in this proposal—is home to an on-site preschool serving children as young as 3. Children’s recreation leagues, camps and enrichment programs are held in the park throughout every season of the year. A middle/high school (grades 7-12) with 500+ students is directly across the street from Mar Vista Park and utilizes the park’s recreation facilities for their physical education programs.
- Mar Vista Park shares a physical border with private backyards. Multi- and single-family residences are either adjacent or directly across the street from the park.
- Mar Vista has very limited public green spaces or parks, making Mar Vista Park a critical neighborhood oasis in a dense urban area. The next closest City of Los Angeles park is Stoner Park, 2.3 miles away in a separate West LA neighborhood.
- A recent legal ruling emphasized the critical quality-of-life function that public parks play for all residents of Los Angeles. In his April 20, 2021 ruling in Alliance for Human Rights v. City of Los Angeles, U.S. District Judge David O. Carter wrote, “The homeless have been left no other place to turn to but our beaches, parks, libraries, and sidewalks, and it is pivotal that they no longer rely on spaces that enhance quality of life for all citizens.” Bonin’s proposal to explore the feasibility of public parks as safe camping sites carries significant risks to their surrounding communities, but unknown

rewards to the unhoused neighbors who will still be living outdoors and without permanent housing. If it is imperative to find usable outdoor space for safe camping, then parking lots, undeveloped public land and industrial areas with proximity to transportation and services exist throughout the city. They offer potential solutions, but with markedly less risk. Parks should be the absolute last possible resort when every other feasible option has been exhausted. They are designed for public use, and their land and function is a zero sum game. If a portion of a city park is transformed into a safe camping site, that same land—by design—cannot be used for services and programming that serve the entire community. The city's valuable, scarce public parkland must be protected for its intended purpose—to serve thousands of neighbors, families and children that rely on this public space for community and well-being. Regards, Sam Heard

Communication from Public

Name: Harris Leven

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 11:34 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: It makes no sense to punish 50,000+ people from all over Los Angeles to provide temporary housing for 50 people. For that reason, I urge City Council to reject or remove the portions of Motion 21-0350 that call for the evaluation of putting "tiny homes" or tent encampments, even as emergency and temporary housing for otherwise homeless individuals, on the parking lots or grounds of Dockweiler Beach and Will Rogers State Beach. Those City and/or State beaches, run by the County, serve and provide a respite from the summer heat and recreation to all citizens of the City, not just to residents in closer proximity to those beaches. The numbers are easy to compute. For example, the area of the parking lot at Will Rogers State Beach that the Motion purposes be used has nearly 300 parking spaces. At 1 to 5, or more, people per car (assume 3) times the 60 or more days per years that the parking lots are full and people are being turned away times the 300 parking spaces, approximately 54,000 people will be prevented from using Will Rogers State Beach each Summer-Fall season for as long as the "temporary" housing and the required ancillary buildings and facilities remain in place. Please remove the beach parking lots from consideration as part of the motion. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Colin McCannel
Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 11:35 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I want to voice my strong opposition to creating a Homeless encampment at Will Rogers Beach in Pacific Palisades, or along any beach. The beach and associated parking lots are public resources for everyone to be able utilize and enjoy for recreation. If there is a homeless encampment you are taking away the county's millions of residents right to utilize the space by assigning it to a small number of homeless persons. The city and county need to develop proper solutions, having homeless camps at the beach or beach parking lots are not a solutions. Do not take our beaches away from us. We all pay high property taxes in LA County in part for the priviled of being able to utilize the beaches. If you want to set up homeless ghettos, please do so in areas that are not part of public recreation resources.

Communication from Public

Name: Gary Pokoik

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 11:37 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please vote against establishing homeless encampments along our public beaches. Establishing homeless encampments will destroy our beautiful beaches and endanger the public use of the beaches. Any one who votes to establish homeless encampments will be voted out of office as the citizens of Los Angeles are vehemently opposed to this crazy idea. We will replace any council member that votes for this proposal and if necessary revoke the proposal when a new council is voted in.

Communication from Public

Name: Jane selwyn

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 11:48 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Why would we destroy the parts of LA that are most beautiful, draws tourism and creates a playground for ALL angelenos to house a group of people who show us how grateful they are by repeatedly trying to burn it down. Under the best circumstances PCH is a danger zone, not prone to safe crossing least of all by the unhoused many of whom are mentally unstable and drug addled. This is a VERY BAD idea. I support housing for the homeless but the circumstances on Will Rogers beach dont lend themselves to a Happy ending Find another way

Communication from Public

Name: Julie

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 11:48 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to placing “temporary” housing on beaches and in state park areas. As an environmental educator, I have seen the environmental wreckage caused by allowing encampments in areas that include essential ecosystems. I think social justice and eco justice must intersect. The citizens of the district and those who travel from other districts to enjoy it, and other creatures should have the right to enjoy these spaces-and thrive in these spaces. Housing for mentally ill and unstable populations should be in areas that are not sensitive, high fire risk, or threats to endangered wildlife. There are other, better solutions. But councilman Bonin refuses to listen. Please hear the citizens of your district.

Communication from Public

Name: Jacqueline Calavan

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 11:49 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please vote NO for homeless shelters at WRSB, Dockweiler, and any park in Los Angeles. These locations were created for all not just a few. A friend who works for an agency finding apartments and rooms for the homeless said many homeless refuse these because they don't want to be restricted to rules. If you vote yes, you are allowing a certain segment the right to dictate their desires over the people who visit parks and beaches for safe recreation.

Communication from Public

Name: betsy walton

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 11:49 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am beyond opposed to Councilman's Bonin's proposal to house the homeless at Will Rogers in Pacific Palisades. This is not politics, this is about public safety and finding better solutions for the homeless. Two recent fires were intentionally set by homeless in Pacific Palisades. As you know the Palisades and surrounding area is a severe fire risk. The Parking Lots are needed for the firetrucks for further emergencies. Additionally both parking lots were full over the weekend May 22, 23rd and we aren't even at the peak of the summer season when so many more will want to come and enjoy the ocean. There are much better solutions than turning the Palisades into the crisis situation that has impacted Venice. I understand Bonin is calling this a temporary solution. We DONT need anymore temporary solutions - get busy and do the work you were elected to do. Find a permanent solution that is safe for everyone.

Communication from Public

Name: Holly Curtis

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 11:50 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the homeless encampments at Will Rogers beach.

Communication from Public

Name: Julie Weitz

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 11:58 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to oppose the option to turn Will Rodgers parking lot or other public spaces in the Santa Monica or Palisades communities into temporary or permanent homeless housing. These are public spaces and not meant for housing. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Will Stein

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

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: My wife and I have moved 1 1/2 years ago from Zurich, Switzerland to Pacific Palisades. When we came here we immediately fell in love with the the proximity to canyons and beach, the village and the people of Pacific Palisades. We first rented a house for a year to be sure that this is where we wanted to live. Two months ago we bought a beautiful home. I walk or jog with my dog every morning and afternoon and can't stop appreciating this beautiful place. Over the past 20 years I have traveled to almost every country and i have to say that Pacific Palisades is one of the most beautiful places i have been to and certainly lived in. I understand that we have a grave homeless situation here in Los Angeles, but to make parking lots of some of the worlds most popular beaches into homeless encampments is definitely solution. There has to be a better way. The homeless need shelters and help that is without question. However, the shelters should be in areas with easy access to possible work, public transportation, as well as medical care. The beach is not such place. It is for recreation, sport activities and family outings. Therefore, I strongly oppose the suggestion of homeless encampments in parking lots along the beaches Thank you, Will A. Stein

Communication from Public

Name: KN

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 12:08 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: No homeless encampment at Will Rogers or any parks. It puts the homeless at risk not to mention kids and families. The homeless need housing, lets build them housing, where they are safe, warm and sanitary. No access to restrooms causes huge health issues for the homeless and everyone else, this is just one of the problems - there are numerous. Housing with warm beds, toilets should be an easy solution. Other countries have housing for the homeless, so they don't have the sanitary and health problems, amongst others. We are the richest nation in the world in one of the richest cities in the world, homeless encampments in parks should not even be on the radar.

Communication from Public

Name: Kristina Elejalde

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 12:10 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE DON'T GIVE OUR PUBLIC BEACHES AND PARKS OVER TO HOUSING ENCAMPMENTS. Please remove all beaches and parks, including Dockweiler State Beach, Mar Vista Park, and Westchester Park, from the motion. Acts of homelessness is illegal and inhumane. Beaches and parks are designed for public spaces to be occupied by people and communities to grow and flourish. The definition of park: a large public green area in a town, used for recreation. Those "choosing" to live in park encampments, which is illegal, do not want public housing with rules nor do they want to contribute to society. These folks, takers and users, need professionals (mental health, addiction, etc.) and those down on their luck, seeking a better life, need streamlined housing and vocational systems. The countless waste of energy and funds needs to be redirected into legalities that professionals and systems can work harmoniously together combatting the heart of the issues. Condoning homeless encampment in our parks or anywhere public is simply inhumane and should remain an illegal act.

Communication from Public

Name: Matthew McGinnis

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 12:13 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'd like to voice my opposition to the homeless encampment solution at Will Rogers State Beach. This decision has not been publicized and appears to be done intentionally under cover of darkness. I hope you can make the right decision here and not add to the continued belief that Los Angeles is run by bureaucratic senseless leaders without any capacity for common sense thinking. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Christina Vo

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 12:15 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the encampments at Will Rogers beach. We just had the fire in the Highlands and another near the bluffs towards PCH. This will only get worse as summer approaches. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Emile B Levisetti

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 12:20 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Absolutely opposed to this motion for a feasibility study to house homeless at our beach parking lots. Horrible idea. Universal overwhelming opposition. Astonished at the lack of the city to follow the wishes of the constituents. YES we have a homeless problem that must be solved. But housing them on the most valuable property in all of Southern California is an insult to tax payers. Find other places than our beaches to solve this problem. The Palisades is fighting over a weeks worth of fires now caused by homeless. NO NO NO>

Communication from Public

Name: kent sather

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 12:21 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Let's use existing surplus facilities for the homeless. Surplus schools private and public. Over 12 Catholic schools closed this year in Los Angeles.. Give the homeless garden areas to live and grow on not paved parking lots and salty dry beaches. Other spots All of us everyday pass by vacant areas under major DWP power lines, Create housing and weed /garden farms in those areas . Homeless need medical assistance and care close by putting homeless at the outter areas of Los Angeles is stupid and dangerous for the homeless.Let's use some of the new state funds for homeless to do a creative inventory of effective homeless sites and get off the current current shallow program of keep shoveling the problem to quick fix dangerous solutions..

Communication from Public

Name: Patricia Susann Dillon

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 12:22 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Oppose homeless encampments at public parking lots, especially at beach areas, and public parks. 45 year Santa Monica resident and it is frightening to walk in the area with mentally ill people shouting and attacking people and the thefts are out of hand.

Communication from Public

Name: Felix Sahig

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 12:23 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: You cannot put a large group of homeless in a location that is not near a commercial district. This does a disservice to the homeless and a horrible disservice to the beach community. It seems to me that a really good option is to have a Mayoral Public Order that designates the far portion of every parking lot in a large commercial shopping center/district be allocated to tiny homes. This should include the far portion of stadium and civic center lots as well. Then, have the shopping center landlords receive compensation from the city to provide for hygiene and security services. Thank you, Felix Sahig

Communication from Public

Name: Patricia Susann Dillon

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 12:23 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Opposed to homeless encampments in beach areas and public parks or public parking lots. What about the LA Fairgrounds and the fact that people that are living in tents are turning down Operation Room Key when offered a room?

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Name:

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 12:28 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is a completely press preposterous and irresponsible use of public and community land. Really shameful.

Communication from Public

Name: Gael buzyn

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 12:28 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We oppose the implementation of a homeless encampment on Will Rodgers beach or anywhere in Pacific Palisades. It is inconceivable to have potentially dangerous individuals right next where our children are playing. It is also a safety issue by the proximity of the bushy hillside that many of the transient will most likely visit for drug consumption. This poses a fire hazard as proven by the two latest bush fires occurring in the area. The beach parking lot has to stay clear of any semi-permanent structure for it offers an alternative escape route in case PCH is blocked and is also the firefighters Basecamp when one of those fire occurs. Beaches are for families and people to enjoy nature, peacefulness in all safety. During this pandemic it is one of the last place to escape. There are thousands of similar parking facilities in the county that are away from residential and recreational areas more suited to host temporary shelters. Homelessness has to be dealt with with rehabilitation programs in closed facilities and not by opening temporary shelters scattered all over the city. Those temporary measures are useless to fix the true causes of the vagrants misery.

Communication from Public

Name: Cynthia Davis

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 12:29 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am voicing my opposition to the City Council regarding the placement of homeless people along the beaches. Will Roger's beach is supposed to be enjoyed by the public, not used by the city to house homeless, most of whom are not in their right minds, doing drugs and are dangerous to the community. We are the one's paying the taxes here. We should have a voice.

Communication from Public

Name: Nicholas Mahalec

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 12:31 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: This proposal does not seem like it resolves anything but instead denies the general public access to beachfront parking lots to benefit just a handful of citizens. I would imagine that once someone enters what is arguably the most expensive and beautiful beachfront property in the state, there wouldn't be any incentive to leave. In effect, we should expect these proposed sites to be permanent shelters. We have just had two man-made fires in the past two weeks in the area. We should anticipate these to increase in both frequency and intensity if more people are allowed to sleep overnight in the parking lots and, with it, cook their meals, relax with a cigarette, and so on. If Venice is any example of what is to come, we should expect our beaches and our communities to see a drastic increase in violent crime, arson, and general disrepair as our emergency and proactive service infrastructure is overwhelmed. This proposal doesn't take into account the knock-on effects that will occur should it move forward. The city must take care of its population, homeless or otherwise, but it must do so by making a meaningful effort into permanent housing. The city and the state have not made it easy to build new permanent structures. Push back on Sacramento to greatly ease CEQA requirements (which Newsom has just done), have a fast track approval process through LADBS for low income housing, allow higher density levels for low income housing, and so on. There is no magic bullet on this issue, but out of a list of bad options, this doesn't seem to be on the "better" side of that list. Thank you for taking my comment. I am happy to work with any council members' office should they wish to reach out and discuss this proposal, or any alternatives, further.

Communication from Public

Name: Martha Ann Lockie
Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 12:33 PM
Council File No: 21-0350
Comments for Public Posting: I do not support moving the homeless into Will Rogers State Park/Beach in the Pacific Palisades.

Communication from Public

Name: John

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 12:34 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: What is the reason for this? Why, after the several high-profile, high-cost fires in our area (Pacific Palisades) would this be a smart decision? There are alternatives that are safer, and do not harm our environment or put residents in danger (fire/crime). Pursue alternatives, don't pursue creation of increased danger in an already danger-prone area.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 12:36 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I vote AGAINST THIS PROPOSAL.

Communication from Public

Name: Jacquelyn Bell

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 12:42 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am strongly against a homeless encampment at the beach—namely Will Rogers. In an area so prone to fires, in a time when fires are becoming an ever greater threat to people, homes, businesses and wildlife, and in an area used and enjoyed by Angelenos and tourists worldwide this is the worst solution to a tough problem. Are there not any other places in this vast city that are sitting vacant after a pandemic gutted many commercial spaces previously rented by businesses? Are there not other areas that are currently not loved and used by families, adults and those who pay the hefty taxes required to live in our beloved city? Cmon, give it another thought or two! I've seen empty buildings, parking lots, swaths of concrete nearer areas in which the homeless could actually find work and have access to facilities. Please do not give up one of the most iconic stretches of coastline we have protected for so long.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 12:42 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I think it is a TERRIBLE idea to set up homeless housing on the beach parking lot at Will Rogers State Beach. There are lots of other places to set this up. the beach is for everyone! by doing this access will be limited and people will feel less welcome to enjoy the public beach. have the people been screened for drug use? i go to that beach almost daily to pick up trash and frequently find syringes on the sand! as well as used condoms! do we want more of that on the public beaches that children and families use? be more creative and find other places that families do not utilize frequently! BAD BAD BAD IDEA!

Communication from Public

Name: Charles Simonds

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 12:43 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Please oppose motion 21-0350. It is a bad motion that is likely to punish both the homeless by encouraging encampment with little to no security, social services and access to food and medicine as well as ALL residents of Los Angeles who want to enjoy the beach at Will Rogers. I have not been able to get through via the phone to voice my opposition due to high volume.

Communication from Public

Name: Daniele Salusky
Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 12:43 PM
Council File No: 21-0350
Comments for Public Posting: I oppose homeless on the beach, in the palisades and in will Rogers park. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Mark Friedman

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 12:43 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Please come up with a better solution than creating encampments in public spaces like the beach where children, families, joggers, bikers all go to enjoy their city. It is no place for people to be living even temporarily. The people who are homeless did not lose their home at these locations and have not been displaced from these locations and therefore the idea that they need to be housed in areas reserved for the community use needs to be readdressed. Also the fire danger (note two recent fires), no stores or other services near by along with many other problems (Hi every homeless person in America come to LA and you can live at the beach!). I digress but this idea is just stupid.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 12:48 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Thank you for allowing the hard working tax paying citizens of Los Angeles to comment on this bill and other issues the city council has gotten wrong. The city council needs to reach out to the legal citizens to find out what we want out of our city. YOU WORK FOR US! We want safety, which you have taken away by defunding the police and the DA lied to the people of LA. (he will be recalled)The city council can fix the safety by increasing the police and using commonsense. We want our beaches and parks to be available to the public, notice PUBLIC land for the citizens to enjoy. Not the homeless. This is not a housing issue as my councilperson states it is a mental health, drug and looking for hand out situation. (there are some that have fallen on hard times) these people need to be helped BUT not at the publics expense! This is not a compassionate response to allow people to die on our streets! We want to be able to use our parks, out sidewalks and our beautiful beaches! How dare you mr Bonin TAKE MORE AWAY FROM THE CITIZENS, THE PEOPLE THAT PAY YOUR INFLATED SALARY! We are sick and tired of your road diets, you're not responding to the citizens, the fires, the poor dog that mr Bonin killed and we do not support the use of OUR public land for the homeless it is not the citizens, period.

Communication from Public

Name: Bonnie Stylides
Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 12:50 PM
Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to object to Councilman Bonin's proposal to temporarily "house" the homeless at Will Rogers beach parking lots in Pacific Palisades. This is a public beach that is used by people throughout Los Angeles every day; the parking lots are generally full to capacity, especially on weekends, with the cars of people escaping the heat in other parts of the city. In addition, the Palisades area is at risk for fire -- having had two fires in the past week, both set by homeless already living in this community. Governor Newsom's current budget includes money to buy hotels and motels to create housing for the homeless and to provide mental health services; that is the type of solution that makes sense.

Communication from Public

Name: Joan Sather

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 12:50 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: The potential plan for re-locating the SKid Row homeless residents to Will Rogers beach parking lot & other Westside coastal locations is outrageous, ill-conceived, needlessly expensive, & harmful to the tax-paying citizens of the entire Los Angeles community: -a longterm solution must be found, instead of the "interim" outrageous one now suggested. There is plenty of taxpayer funding, where is the WILL to do the necessary work to find a healthful solution to both the homeless & our tax-paying citizens ? -the community of Venice has already been heavily impacted by homeless encampments. -homeless have already started 2 fires, just in the past several weeks. There are so many reasons that this is a bad idea that I am shocked it is even being proposed You are going to have protests in the streets over this. It is truly awful. Joan Sather Tax paying citizen of Pacific Palisades

Communication from Public

Name: molly

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 12:51 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident and home owner in Santa Monica canyon and I adamantly oppose the motion for homeless camps at will Rogers beach. It is a thoughtless and reckless plan that will inevitably be a disaster for the people who live here and the rest of Los Angeles who comes to these beaches for recreation. Have you seen the daily brush fires?!?!?

Communication from Public

Name: Shirene Miller

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 12:54 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to oppose the placement of a homeless encampment on Will Rogers State Beach in Pacific Palisades. There are no groceries stores, or any other stores for that matter, within walking distance for the homeless. Pacific Coast Highway is dangerous to cross and considering that some of the homeless are mentally ill, they may have poor judgment about when it is safe to cross PCH, which would endanger their lives. Please find a location that is safer for the homeless, and that also provides easy access to groceries and other necessities. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: George Gagner

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 12:54 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: City Council-- Keep it up. Keep ignoring the law, public safety and the correct attitudes of most of the CITIZENS of the City of LA. You will all be voted out. Don't let the big brass doors hit you in the rear on your way out. Do your jobs. Get the homeless off the streets. The rest of us are entitled to use the streets and parks without fear or interference from mentally ill, drug addicts or indigents. Provide counseling, aid, etc. Just do it in a way that respects the rest of us. And, don't you DARE put them at the beach or in parks in tents or tiny houses. LA has precious little recreational space within the main part of the City. Don't let the least worthy usurp them from the rest of us. Finally, Mike Bonin, you are the least able among a group of mediocre at best Council members. You will not be reelected, so pack up your carpetbag now and take yourself and your moronic ideas back to Boston.

Communication from Public

Name: Peter

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 12:59 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly OPPOSE the creation of homeless housing or projects ("tiny homes, "safe camping", or "safe parking site", whether temporary or otherwise) at the parking lot at Will Rogers State Beach at 17000 CA-1 in Pacific Palisades. Further, I strongly OPPOSE the creation of similar homeless housing or projects in the other coastal locations contemplated in the aforementioned motion. Lastly, I strongly believe that the approach of building additional housing can only be part of the solution to the homeless problem. It will only work if it is paired with strict enforcement of the law - drug enforcement, mandatory mental health treatment, supported by strict crime and vagrancy enforcement. If only creating housing is pursued (as it is contemplated) the only possible result is an increase in the number of homeless, not a reduction as desired. Homeless populations from neighboring areas and other cities around the country already view the westside of LA as an accommodative place to live on the streets without rule or restriction and have been coming here for years. This is a tragedy for the homeless as it enables them to live in squalor without treatment for their underlying mental health and drug issues, while destroying the quality of life of the taxpaying citizens, many of which are young families.

Communication from Public

Name: Paulretta Chandler

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 12:59 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I opposed the public beach encampments. Not only is this area a high fire risk, but every year the fire department is forced to use those parking lots as headquarters to fight the many fires OFTEN started by the already over crowded homeless population in Pacific Palisades and Santa Monica. We have actually had 2 fires in the last week started by homeless people. This is irresponsible of our elected officials and if this goes through, they must be recalled and voted out immediately!

Communication from Public

Name: CB

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:00 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I wish to voice my concern about the proposed Will Rogers Beach homeless encampment. Our beautiful beaches and beach communities are no place for a homeless encampment. The senseless and continued destruction of our once great city surely must stop. I have been told that people have offered to donate land in the inland empire for the construction of more bonafide homeless housing but the city has not taken up the offer. Please note my concerns and objections to this proposed encampment.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:00 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I want to point out for the record that Councilperson Martinez's phone has been going to voicemail today and the mailbox is full. The public has been unable to get through to voice their opposition. The tally of opposition calls would be substantially higher. The people are trying to speak and need to be heard. This policy proposal is dangerous. Please consider the voice of the community.

Communication from Public

Name: Deborah Mego

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:00 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to say that I am completely against having a homeless encampment in the parking lot of Will Rogers State Beach. I have been a resident of Santa Monica for 31 years and a home owner for 25 years. I believe it will interfere with the public's ability to access and enjoy the beach, and especially in the summer will incur great losses of parking fees for the city. I believe a better location for a homeless encampment can be found that does not infringe on the rights and safety of the majority of the population.

Communication from Public

Name: Jesse

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:03 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the use of public parks and beaches for government sponsored homeless encampments. As a homeowner and resident of Mar Vista and parents of two young children, we frequent Mar Vista Recreation Park and all its amenities. I cannot fathom feeling safe taking my children there should a large, government sponsored encampment be established. While I recognize the public need to address our homeless issues, there has to be more viable alternatives that will not take away from our public parks and beaches and not make all visitors feel unsafe.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:04 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Whose genius idea is it to foul our finest public properties with homeless encampments and endanger the adjacent citizens? Surely this is lunacy. Why are the homeless entitled to special rights and privileges not available to other members of the public who might want to camp or park their trailer permanently at the beach? Move the homeless to a less crowded inland location unless all of you don't care about ever being reelected again.

Communication from Public

Name: Beth

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:07 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Please help the homeless people instead of shuffling them around without doing anything to help them with their problems. So many should be in a hospital or home receiving counseling and medical help. Their problems were exacerbated when R Reagan closed all the mental facilities and they no longer had a place to live and receive any help. Of course they then lived in the streets There was no place else to go. Putting them in tiny rooms with no help or hope is equally cruel. How are they to ever fight their way out of the hole they are in without hope, help and education.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:09 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Totally opposed to Bonin proposal to turn beach parking into homeless camps.

Communication from Public

Name: margarita laurient

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:09 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Mailbox is full to voice opposition to homeless encampment at Will Rogers Beach. This is not a solution and will only further violence, drugs, and hardship in the community. Community families, and children no longer feel safe with all the recent attacks in the area. Venice, Santa Monica, Century City, Brentwood, and now Pacific Palisades. NO to BEACH ENCAMPMENTS. PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:10 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to Bonin proposal to turn beach parking lots into homeless camps.

Communication from Public

Name: Ted

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:12 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: We request that the Neighborhood/Community Council members that represent us receive the opportunity to speak publicly at the City Council meeting on Motion 21-0350. They were denied that opportunity during the Poverty and Homelessness committee meeting. Our community overwhelmingly OPPOSES the proposal to allow homeless shelters in our Parks and Beaches. Our PUBLIC Beaches & Parks were not intended for shelters. Shelters should be allowed in the many underutilized City-owned properties.

Communication from Public

Name: Craig Weston

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:13 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I appose placing temporary housing for the homeless in the Will Rogers Parking lot in Pacific Palisades. We have had 2 recent fires in the Palisades, the Highlands fire started by a homeless man and the Temescal Bluffs fire potentially started by a homeless person. I feel that this temporary housing poses an extreme fire risk to the Palisades and surrounding areas connected to the Santa Monica Mountains.

Communication from Public

Name: Cort Wagner

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:16 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: The proposal to create temporary housing for the homeless on Temescal Beach parking lot is criminal. We just had our second fire in as many weeks which have ravaged thousands of acres in the Santa Monica mountains, all created by homeless. Last night's fire was within 50 feet of residential structures, children and families. The encampment you are proposing is less than 100 feet from these exact hills, filled with fuel / brush. You are not equipped nor do the laws enforce keeping these homeless within any set boundaries. You are basically operating under criminal negligence with this plan. This temporary bandaid to a much bigger problem could catastrophic damage. I hope you are willing to accept and pay for this as you, as a governing ordinance, will be liable.

Communication from Public

Name: Matthew Reiser
Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:16 PM
Council File No: 21-0350
Comments for Public Posting: My family, friends, neighbors, and I OPPOSE 21-0350.

Communication from Public

Name: Mary Streit

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:16 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: We cannot attempt to help the homeless by destroying the beaches and parks that are available to all residents of Los Angeles. You need only look to the chaos that has engulfed Venice Beach to see the results of settling the homeless in our recreational areas.

Communication from Public

Name: JAMES BRESLO

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:16 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Just because the homeless prefer to camp at the beach does not mean they are entitled to housing at the beach. We would all like to live on the beach, but we cannot because it is expensive prime real estate or preserved for public access. The California Coastal Commission exists to ensure public access to the beach. By allowing homeless camping at the beach and designating beach areas for homeless shelters or housing, you are restricting access by the public to enjoy our beaches. You are also destroying tourism for Los Angeles, which brings in needed money to address things like homelessness. Any housing, temporary or permanent, should be built in lower cost areas of the city not close to public spaces enjoyed by the City's residents. We also need to start enforcing no camping laws. Any court restriction on this applies to the NIGHT only, not DAY. The huge problem we have today is 100 percent caused by lack of enforcement, not lack of affordable housing. There is plenty of affordable housing in low cost areas of the city.

Communication from Public

Name: Jane feil

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:18 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Do not subject families from all over Los Angeles to the homeless problem that exists in LA. We all would like to enjoy the beach and surroundings without being harassed by homeless. Find another place

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:18 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: No Homeless Encampments in Pacific Palisades!

Communication from Public

Name: Emily

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:19 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Terrible idea!! How could it even be considered? These people need mental healthcare and hospital settings not on our beaches! Whose insane idea is this?

Communication from Public

Name: D Groen

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:25 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: This is to voice my opposition to Agenda #16, 21-0350 CD 11, Bonin's solution to homelessness. It seems your office is presenting a 'easy' fix and allowing the homeless to continue to squat on the beaches. Politicians never seem to take economics into account, so let's lay it out for you in simple terms: LA is still hurting from the pandemic (a budget shortfall of at least \$500 million from what I understand) due to the pandemic. By allowing the homeless to camp on our beaches, you are driving away valuable tourism revenue for one of the main reasons people come to Los Angeles. Furthermore, you will force people to relocate to other areas or even states, which will exacerbate the budget shortfall and hopefully cause politicians to reevaluate their inflated salaries when tax revenue is no longer flowing into the coffers. Please reconsider this agenda and objective as it is a very shortsighted solution.

Communication from Public

Name: J Carpenter

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:25 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I OPPOSE the proposal to allow encampments on Beaches and Parks. Our PUBLIC Beaches and Parks were not intended for encampments. This will increase crime, decrease child safety and increase pollution in our public spaces and ocean. Councilman Bonin admitted that he is not in a position to increase services, increase enforcement against 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: Cheryl Marie Pokomo

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:28 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE SAVE EVERYONE'S PUBLIC PARKS AND BEACHES Dear Council President Martinez, I am writing to request that the Neighborhood/Community Council members of CD 11 and CD 5 who represent us receive the opportunity to speak publicly at the City Council meeting on Wednesday May 26 at 10am on the topic of Motion 21-0350. Given the tremendous opposition to the motion, which includes several petitions with more than 30,000 signatures in opposition to using our PUBLIC beaches and parks for sheltering the homeless, it would be appropriate for the city to strongly consider retracting the motion or at the very least amending it to remove all PUBLIC beaches and parks from the motion. The petition to recall Mike Bonin has received thousands of signatures and the momentum is growing. He refuses to listen to the constituents he represents. Everyone I speak with wants him recalled. Our community is able and willing to assist the city in finding appropriate locations with wrap-around services to house those currently living on our streets, in our parks and on our beaches. Councilmember Bonin has been unresponsive to my emails and calls for a humanitarian approach that offers assistance to those experiencing homelessness and safety to all residents of Los Angeles. His proposal will put at risk not only the lives of the homeless but all Angelenos as well. Los Angeles is the home to people of all walks of life and as a city it is your responsibility to care for the safety of every citizen equally including our national parks, which were burned by a homeless man! Any yesterday another brush fire in Pacific Palisades, likely attributed to a homeless person. I respectfully implore you to ALLOW THE VOICE OF THE PUBLIC to be heard. Thank you for your consideration, Cheryl Pokomo

Communication from Public

Name: Randall Charles Pokomo

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:29 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE SAVE EVERYONE'S PUBLIC PARKS AND BEACHES Dear Council President Martinez, I am writing to request that the Neighborhood/Community Council members of CD 11 and CD 5 who represent us receive the opportunity to speak publicly at the City Council meeting on Wednesday May 26 at 10am on the topic of Motion 21-0350. Given the tremendous opposition to the motion, which includes several petitions with more than 30,000 signatures in opposition to using our PUBLIC beaches and parks for sheltering the homeless, it would be appropriate for the city to strongly consider retracting the motion or at the very least amending it to remove all PUBLIC beaches and parks from the motion. The petition to recall Mike Bonin has received thousands of signatures and the momentum is growing. He refuses to listen to the constituents he represents. Everyone I speak with wants him recalled. Our community is able and willing to assist the city in finding appropriate locations with wrap-around services to house those currently living on our streets, in our parks and on our beaches. Councilmember Bonin has been unresponsive to my emails and calls for a humanitarian approach that offers assistance to those experiencing homelessness and safety to all residents of Los Angeles. His proposal will put at risk not only the lives of the homeless but all Angelenos as well. Los Angeles is the home to people of all walks of life and as a city it is your responsibility to care for the safety of every citizen equally including our national parks, which were burned by a homeless man! Any yesterday another brush fire in Pacific Palisades, likely attributed to a homeless person. I respectfully implore you to ALLOW THE VOICE OF THE PUBLIC to be heard. Thank you for your consideration, Randall Pokomo

Communication from Public

Name: NIKKI REAGAN

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:30 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: THIS PLAN TO LOCATE HOMELESS AND BUILD ENCAMPMENTS ON OUR PRECIOUS BEACHES IS OUTRAGEOUS. RESIDENTS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY AND THE WORLD COME TO CALIFORNIA TO SPEND MONEY AND ENJOY OUR BEACHES. MY SUGGESTION IS TO PLACE THEM IN THE DEMOLISHED RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY WHERE THE AIRPORT WAS EXTENDED. CONCRETE PADS ARE ALREADY THERE, AND PLENTY OF ROOM EXISTS.

Communication from Public

Name: Mark Robbins

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:34 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose utilizing Palisades Park as a homeless encampment area. This park is the jewel of Santa Monica. It is where both residents and tourist visit the city, attend restaurants, stay in hotels and purchase clothes and other items and services. Our city relies on tourism and using the prime area for homeless encampments would seriously impact and increase crime and drive away tourists The homeless issue is serious and needs to be addressed, but in a smart way. City money can be used to identify a more advantageous area for such encampments without compromising the City's greatest revenue enhancer.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:37 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Yesterday afternoon my neighborhood almost burned down because a homeless person lighting a fire on the bluffs. We are completely and absolutely opposed to having homeless encampments on Will Rogers beach. This is not the right setting to help them and rehabilitate them back into the workforce and into society.

Communication from Public

Name: Anu P.

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:38 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the use of the parking lot at Will Rogers Beach in Pacific Palisades as a zone to house the homeless. For those of us living in Pacific Palisades the danger of wildfires is real, very real. As we have seen in the past 10 days that an arsonist who was homeless caused massive destruction to our wilderness areas and threatened our homes. Yesterday again there was a fire right across from Will Rogers Beach. It is beyond bizarre that this is even a consideration.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:42 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I and my extended family are deeply against allowing any kind of homeless housing on Will Rogers State Beach. The beach is public land, and has been a source of clean air and recreation for many generations of Angelenos. In addition, how is it OK for you build in it, if we the people - who pay our taxes (and by the way, your salary) cannot? Do NOT presume to take what is not yours. This beach is part of us and our community, and has been for decades. Hands off.

Communication from Public

Name: J Bingham

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:44 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Creating encampments for the homeless on Will Rogers Beach is not a solution to the problem. In an era when residents are fleeing Los Angeles, the last thing that should be done is to sully one of the greatest natural resources that the city has to offer. LA's beaches are a destination and escape for the denizens of the entire city, county, and state, and a huge driver for tourism from across the country and around the world. Camping the city's homeless on the beach is akin to sh**ing where you eat. Don't do it.

Communication from Public

Name: Sara Tady

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:45 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: NO Feasibility study for the parks and beaches. This only allows politicians MORE time to address the crisis. FIX the crisis. FIND a solution - NO more time. This is not a new problem and you have failed the unhoused for years and years. Now you're failing both the unhoused AND the tax payers. Time to bring in a 3rd party from the private sector so they can actually get something done.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:45 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the encampment proposed for Will Rogers Beach. The coastline is a treasure that belongs to all Californians. It cannot be replaced or remade. In this increasingly urban society we are losing our open spaces for people to spend the day. By making it an encampment, we will lose another open space for visitors and families. During the quarantine, my refuge was driving to the beach and walking. It was one of the few "safe" spaces during such a time. We need to keep it a safe space for future generations. Nobody "owns" the beach. By making it an encampment, it will become inaccessible to the majority of county and city residents who drive out to visit, not even mentioning the tourists that visit the pier. I am all for finding a place for the unhoused, but we need to keep the coastline and parks open for the majority of people to use. Even allowing it temporarily would be an injustice and would not lead to any long term impactful change.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:46 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I STRONGLY OPPOSE the Homeless encampment at Will Rogers Beach in Pacific Palisades. Please let us find a better, safer and more human solution for all. Especially with fire season upon us, it is not safe for residents or the homeless there.

Communication from Public

Name: Troy Shevitt

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:47 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: This is one more attempt to push problem down the road. Stop. You need to do the long term goal right now. Housing, medical, counseling, nutrition and not in a parking lot. As the judge said you cannot take away the citizenry rights to their sidewalks, parks, beaches. Many are imported for the mild weather. And California is bearing the brunt of thousands of displaced persons. You cannot continue to expect us to adapt to the needs of citizens who likely do not reside here normally and need so much more than a ten city AGAIN. Shame on you all for not doing your job and now the expansion of this population is truly unmanageable. Treat them with respect and find long term housing and much needed medical care. Registered Voter Troy Shevitt

Communication from Public

Name: scott h

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:47 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: This is in Opposition to the proposal to use beach parking lots for Homeless shelter housing. I think this entirely shirks the responsibility of the city/state to address adequate construction, more humane management of and access to safe and proper shelter facilities, and essentially resigns itself to the idea that homeless will live in tents in public spaces. This might as well be a motion to take over the city sidewalks or the beaches themselves, or to leave the problems such as that of the Venice Boardwalk to actually be the solution as opposed to the problem. For example, how do you imagine that simply moving the tents or housing pods from the boardwalk to the parking lots will create any better situation or solution for either the homeless themselves or the general public as opposed to simply exacerbating and growing the current problem? Taking over public space and access to public parks and beaches, sidewalks, etc. is EXACTLY one of the main problems we are trying to address, not the solution!! You are simply shifting all the same safety and other concerns for the homeless themselves as well as the general public as have arisen in places like the boardwalk and other public space that is supposed to be available as part of the entire culture and history of Los Angeles from the space itself to the parking lot for the space itself!! This then makes the public access untenable. In addition, it will simply funnel the problem to these specific locations and now increase the overall numbers of homeless that will then be even more of a strain on the beaches, boardwalks and general public spaces themselves. You are effectively creating a tent city in a general area that will of course result in overall increased attractiveness and focus on the beach areas by the homeless community, which, again, has historically been one of the problems that addressing homelessness properly has always been intended to resolve. Yes, we may need some temporary answers while the root problems of mental health, employment, inadequate and insensitive shelter facilities and mgmt are addressed. But simply resigning to one of the core problems being a solution instead is not the answer and will only make matters worse. In addition, these stretches of beach parking along PCH are already a strain on the traffic along PCH. Taking away a good amount of that parking will wreak havoc on the already very difficult beach parking access and traffic situation. And in terms

of the Palisades and Santa Monica areas, you are talking about areas that are already HIGH FIRE DANGER zones and have had several serious fires in just the past year that require LAFD and police staging in these very lots!!! What would happen with the next large fire when the lot is full of homeless tent and pod housing ? Put aside the fact that these High Fire danger areas are susceptible to ignition by homeless encampments/activity along the mountainous and brush covered terrain and neighborhoods that butt up against the coast , and that there have been 2 of that very genesis in just the past 10 days!! To assume that somehow focusing tent cities along the coast in those very areas will somehow reduce this problem and take everyone out of the brush and into the parking lots is to be truly and utterly naive, even putting aside loss of the natural staging areas for some of the largest fires we have had in Southern California. This proposal is ill advised, and amounts to at best a "Punt", rather than the aggressive offense that is needed to try and address the underlying problems properly.

Communication from Public

Name: L.R.S.

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:48 PM

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:49 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: May 25, 2021 District 11 Homeowner Nury Martinez Los Angeles City Council President Dear Mrs. Martinez, I am writing to inform you of a very unfortunate event that my son and I experienced a few years ago in the Pacific Palisades Village involving a homeless individual. My hope is you will listen, take this letter to heart, and share it with your colleagues and other elected city council members who vote on Motion 21-0350 calling for temporary housing units for the homeless on L.A. City's parks and beaches. In June of 2016, our eight-year-old son was assaulted by a homeless man in the Pacific Palisades Village. We were walking out of a smoothie store on our way to the recreation center to play baseball. It was a horrific experience for our son and myself. We are grateful our son did not suffer severe bodily injury from the assault. Fortunately, there was no weapon involved. However, our son had to witness his father defend and protect him using measures no child should ever have to witness their father do. We do not promote violence in our family and within minutes our son became a victim and was exposed to two violent acts. To this day it has affected him. Our son has suffered anxiety and emotional stress over this event. He is nervous around homeless individuals and feels their behavior is unpredictable. We have explained that many individuals in these unfortunate positions suffer from mental health issues and have gotten lost in a broken system. They do not know how to help themselves. We teach empathy to all of our children, but they also need to be aware of dangers that lurk in society. As parents, these are difficult tasks. This homeless man, who committed the assault, made his way up the hill via the dirt trails from Will Rogers State Beach to the end of the bluffs in Pacific Palisades. He then took one of the many streets that lead from the bluffs to the village. He had been seen around town for a few days before our incident. He had been witnessed chasing other people and children. Allegedly police had been called and reports had been filed. Unfortunately, nothing had been done to protect the public from this individual and it took our son being assaulted to finally have the man arrested. Once arrested, this individual was found to be mentally incompetent to stand trial. From my understanding, he was then taken away for psychiatric evaluations. He could be on the streets again. I do not know but if he is, I am afraid for others and their

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Los Angeles City Council President

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If you would like to discuss this matter in further detail, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached at 714-655-0427.

Respectfully yours,

Jason Winget

Communication from Public

Name: David Hopkins

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:53 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: A better location for the city sponsored homeless housing project would be the area of the airport runway extension that has 'existing housing pads' instead of revenue producing sites for the city and a black eye for visiting tourists . David

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:53 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: No homeless

Communication from Public

Name: Sally
Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:53 PM
Council File No: 21-0350
Comments for Public Posting: I oppose Agenda #16, 21-0350 CD 11, Bonin's solution to homelessness.

Communication from Public

Name: Tracy Thrower Conyers

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:54 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I could go on and on about the uptick in crime in Westchester since the homeless have been allowed to start camping in our park, but the bigger point I want to make to the ENTIRE COUNCIL is that Venice is in CRISIS. It is and will continue to greatly impact tourism and filming in LA. And now Councilman Bonin wants to expand the problem to Venice's neighboring communities. We need a bigger vision for our homeless issues and we need it yesterday. Motels and parks are little vision solutions that will leave us chasing our tail forever. As we get ready to welcome the world for Super Bowl 2022 and the next Olympics, the time is NOW to bring a BIG solution for this issue. We have a unique opportunity with federal money and we can't spread out the problem across a bunch of little sites across the city. Who is going to step up and be the leader and visionary we need? Please start by opposing Motion 21-0350.

Communication from Public

Name: Thomas

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 01:57 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I can hardly wait to vote everyone out who voted yes for Bonin's insanely stupid proposal! When is the city council going to wake up and realize homeless people are homeless by choice; mental illness and illicit drug use? Are they to be rewarded by building them houses on the beach?!?! This entire mess needs to be taken care by vagrancy laws which are sadly, no longer enforced! We need to let the homeless know, if your going to live on the streets and public places in LA, you're going to have to work for LA. Put them to work! Make them work for the City! Our State has become a joke! It really has!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:00 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Find a permanent solution to housing the homeless in Los Angeles that does not include destroying our public beaches!!! The beaches are here for everyone's enjoyment and bring in tons of revenue for the city. People travel from all over the world to enjoy the LA coastline. Do your job, find permanent housing!!! The homeless situation is only getting worse and there is no "temporary" solution!!!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:01 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: dumbest idea in the history of the world

Communication from Public

Name: Sue G.
Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:02 PM
Council File No: 21-0350
Comments for Public Posting: I am voicing my concern against the homeless encampment at the Will Rogers beach parking lot.

Communication from Public

Name: Susan Pignotti

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:03 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not pass the motion to put homeless at Will Rogers State Beach. Many of these homeless need drug and mental counseling and this is not where they would get this help. Furthermore, it will keep the general public from enjoying a very highly used beautiful beach. It is a fire danger and will waste taxpayers' dollars to put homes or shelters on this very valuable public land.

Communication from Public

Name: Lindsay Wineberg

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:03 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: This is the most insane proposal ever. The palisades and neighboring communities as well as all the others who enjoy the beaches do not want to have a homeless encampment at the beach. If you read the LA Times this weekend you read about needles, rats drugs and even corpses when the clean up crews were working. The county as well as the state has sufficient land to let these people live it doesn't need to be on one of the best beaches in the country. Please do the right thing and not allow this to happen. As we all know temporary does not mean temporary once this occurs it will be years to relocate these people again. Finally this beach is used by kids in the summer do you really want children exposed to these types of people. Along with there poor hygiene drug use and I assume some criminal activity.

Communication from Public

Name: Arnold Porath

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:03 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I live in Santa Monica Canyon. Please note I am very much against allowing any type of dwelling accommodations be made available at Will Rogers State Beach parking lots for any homeless population. Santa Monica has become a wonderful mecca for local residents and tourists from around the world. From experience, we all have seen the horrible affect the homeless population has contributed to many areas of the city at large. Consider what is taking place in Venice. Do not allow Will Rogers State Beach be degraded by allowing a homeless population to live at this pristine location. Thank you, Arnold Porath

Communication from Public

Name: sirilak krailadsiri

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:05 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to voice opposition before the City Council at large votes tomorrow, May 26, on Agenda #16, 21-0350 CD 11, Bonin's solution to homelessness. Thank you, Sirilak

Communication from Public

Name: Paige Kamin

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:08 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose this dangerous motion and I'm would like parks and beaches to be free from homeless.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:09 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to voice opposition before the City Council at large votes tomorrow, May 26, on Agenda #16, 21-0350 CD 11, Bonin's solution to homelessness. Thank you, Rudy

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:10 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:10 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: The entire community should have unfettered access to Los Angeles beaches. While a solution is needed, there are other options that would not have such a significant, negative impact on so many residents and visitors.

Communication from Public

Name: Shirley Peppers
Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:13 PM
Council File No: 21-0350
Comments for Public Posting: Please vote no on this. There are better ways to address this issue.

Communication from Public

Name: Kim Bantle

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:17 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: We are very opposed to putting any kind of homeless shelters at Will Rogers State beach or any other beach in Santa Monica or Pacific Palisades. This is NOT a solution to this problem. Thank you. Kim and Scott Bantle

Communication from Public

Name: Julie Silver

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:18 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: We are willing to work or compromise for a better solution to protect our vulnerable but feel this is a bridge too far. We are opposed.

Communication from Public

Name: Kevin

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:18 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I can't think of a worse place to put a homeless camp. Is there any consideration as to how dangerous PCH is already before even welcoming drug addicts / alcoholics / mentally ill people walking on it to a liquor store across the street 1 block from a public high school. This is a disaster waiting to happen. We need to take care our beaches for our hard working tax paying community before trying to make our homelessness population even more comfortable and complacent. Are we really trying to create an atmosphere that punishes the community that use Will Rogers at the expense of trying to solve the homelessness issue? We are disincentivizing the homelessness community by giving them oceanfront property in a "safe" environment at the expense of the rest of us who want to bring our kids there without stepping on needles amongst filth. Just ask the Brentwood shop owners off San Vicenete next to VA how that situation is going. It's absurd we even have to defend this.

Communication from Public

Name: Fred Rossmeissl
Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:19 PM
Council File No: 21-0350
Comments for Public Posting: My wife Joy Rossmeissl and I respectfully request that the Neighborhood Council & Community Council members that represent us receive the opportunity to speak publicly at the City Council meeting on motion 21-0350. Many were denied that opportunity @ the Poverty and Homelessness committee meeting. Thank you for your consideration. Joy & Fred Rossmeissl

Communication from Public

Name: Mik Frank

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:22 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: We do not believe housing homeless in our parks and beach parking lots are an acceptable solution. All politicians supporting this should be voted out of office. We can not reiterate how strongly we feel about how horrible this would be. Contrary to the duty of our politicians to safeguard our communities. We are amazed that this has come this far but are hopeful this will be the end of this discussion. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:28 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: The very thought of spending our money for a feasibility study is ludicrous. The parks and beaches should not be in the mix to use for any housing, temporary or permanent. The City Council is not doing the job they were elected to do. People must be removed from the public spaces and put on vacant industrial land with services for addiction and mental help, job training and help to permanent low cost housing that should be built using HHH funds. We are not a third world country but we sure look like one.

Communication from Public

Name: ayesha gilarde

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:28 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose housing homeless at Will Rogers Beach. There is a lack of access to necessities (such as groceries) and the dangers of crossing PCH for homeless people who are mentally and have impaired judgment.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:28 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am strongly against encampments at Will Rogers. There are many sites further east, please take them all and give them proper housing and care, they should not affect the life of the Angelinos who pay high property taxes.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:29 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: "I vehemently OPPOSE the homeless encampment at Will Rogers Beach in Pacific Palisades or any other state owned recreational properties especially beaches and parks. The proposal is prejudice toward all citizens of all races and especially inner-city residents. Citizens have the right to go to beaches and parks without the fear of being harassed, seeing trash, and drug use by any social class. The City should be utilizing any number of city-owned buildings to provide beds and services for those otherwise unsheltered. Said properties should be in areas that do not otherwise put a burden or blight upon areas where the comeback of business and the monies they generate would be a boon for the general fund. In other words: 1. Don't allow the complete desecration of our cities sacred outdoor space. 2. Policy should not be PREJUDICE or show favor to a particular social class. 3. This is not a solution but enablement.

Communication from Public

Name: Viktor P.

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:30 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose this motion. The Palisades is a high wildfire danger area and housing transient population at the Will Rogers beach parking lot adds to that danger. This was highlighted by the recent massive wildfire set by an arsonist who was a transient person. Living in the Palisades Highlands we witnessed mass destruction of our surroundings, I also saw the blaze yesterday across from Will Rogers Beach. How is this even a consideration?

Communication from Public

Name: Hossein Hashemi

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:31 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose any plans to temporarily or permanently house any homeless individual or population in the Will Rogers State Beach parking lot. This plan endangers the children, adults, and the elderly who come to enjoy the safety and serenity of the Will Rogers State Beach. Furthermore, this plan is guaranteed to have a severe negative economic impact for the entire region due to the reduced interest of the public (local and visiting) to come to the nearby beaches. Finally, the negative environmental impacts of this plan would last for generations.

Communication from Public

Name: Sonya Bhatia

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:32 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose motion 21-0350 and want the motion amended so that it no longer includes beaches and parks as potential sites for these shelters

Communication from Public

Name: k. waltzer

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:35 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: My husband and myself are against the siting of a homeless emergency shelter in the Will Rogers beach parking. I'm happy to discuss better ideas for the needs of this population. We have a successful task force here that supplies services and housing already to those who come here and wish to be helped, and it works. However, there is a high percentage of the mentally ill and drug addicted that need one on one treatment and need to be under constant medical and rehab supervision. Tiny houses at the beach won't help this large group. Additionally the tiny houses will, take valuable parking spaces for all citizens to use, as well as taking away revenue from the county/city regarding parking fees and movie location rentals. On warm days, heat absorbs and radiates from the asphalt parking lot, becomes a heat island, thus forcing people to leave the area and go into the hillside to seek shade and raise the fire risk with their smoking habits. We would be unable to contain the tent encampment squalor of the meth users and gun owners that would multiply on the perimeter just like at the VA. Not to mention the increased danger of crossing PCH. Families would not feel safe at the beach as the mentally ill are so unpredictable. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Tieira Ryder

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:36 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Mar Vista, district 11 housing advocate in support of Mike Bonin's motion for temporary use of public spaces. I ask that the council also consider the incorrectly zoned Santa Monica airport as more of that airport space belongs to Mar Vista & Venice residents! The working class, seniors, students, and many others on the westside are in need of permanent affordable and supportive housing. Please expand the DPSS so it is in every sub-city and neighborhood, safe parking & LASHA should be an extension of the DPSS. (HACLA, HCIDLA as well)

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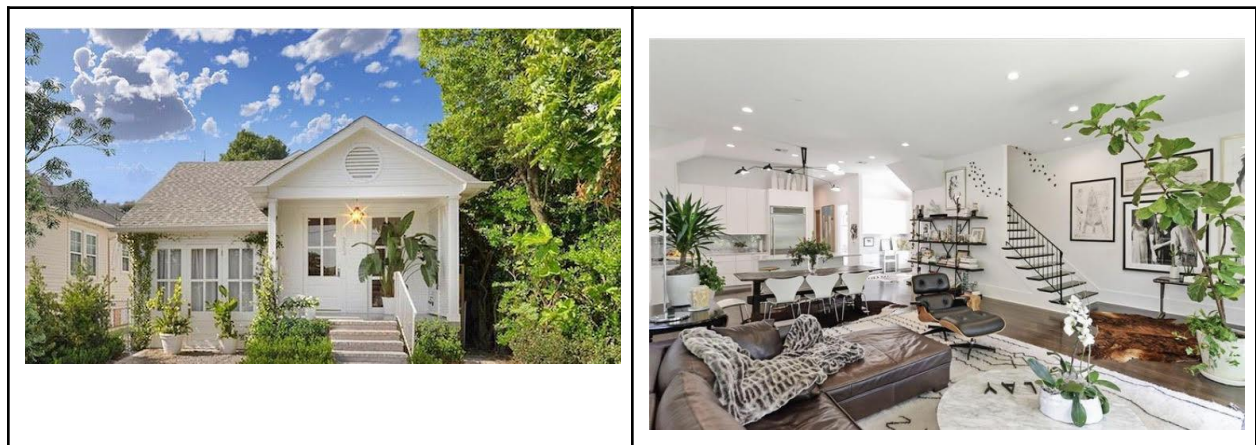
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District 11 Council Member Mike Bonin
Mayor of Los Angeles Eric Garcetti
Mar Vista CC
Venice NC
LDP & Commision
HCID & HCLA

Regarding

- Affordable Housing for district 11 working class residents, seniors, students, those living with disabilities, and others in need of affordable housing.
- District 11's incorrect zoning in relation to the Santa Monica airport, Santa Monica's intentional and continual displacement of working class residents on the westside.

Proposal

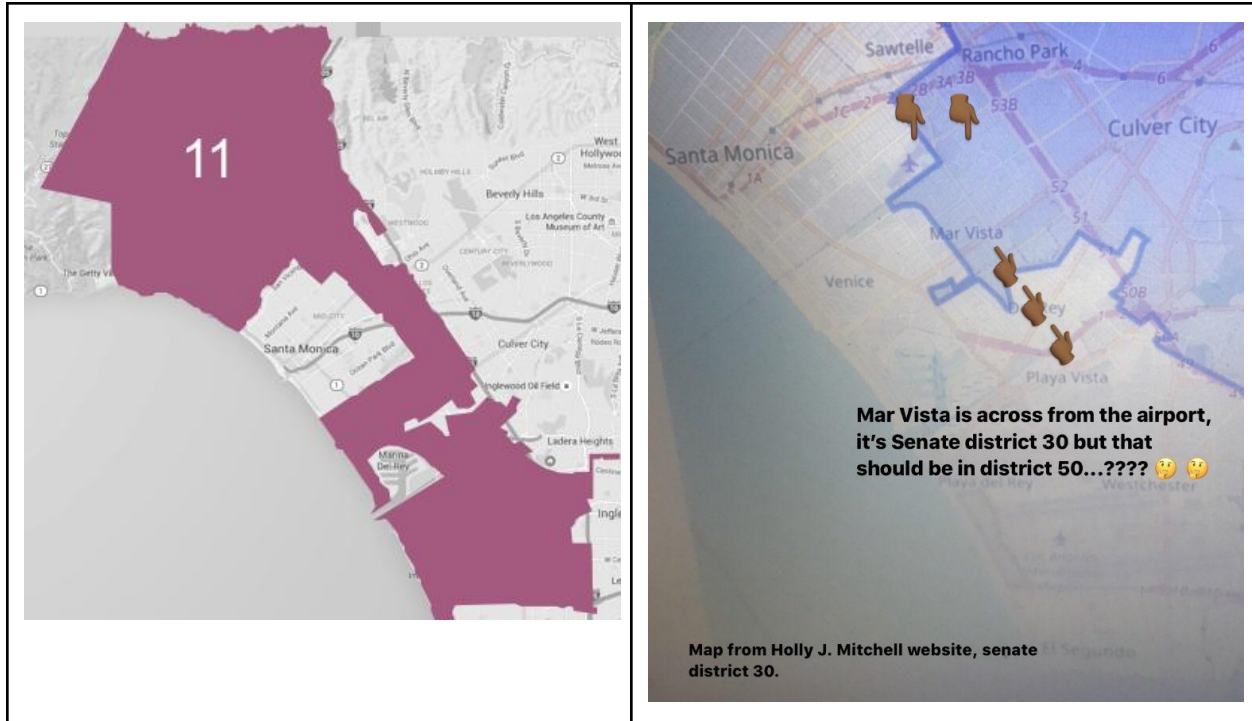
Requesting closure of the Santa Monica airport by January 2022, with an intention to use the open & safe space of the airport as early as June 2021. In June, the goal should be to begin the process (if not sooner) to build affordable housing in the open airport space that includes both affordable rent and homeownership options. The community is being proposed as a walkable, affordable community that includes affordable bungalows, apartments, condos, and townhomes.





Who

The working class, our seniors, our students, our veterans, and those living with disabilities are being denied their right to safe, clean, and affordable housing in the city of Los Angeles. Rent has gone up over 65% in the last 10 years, during that time the increase in the number of unhoused residents grew by over 50%. The working class is being pushed into poverty, WE CANNOT afford \$2,000 a month in rent for a studio apartment with no parking on a median income. *We need affordable housing that is community owned*, likely through a trust, that protects affordability of housing. If you look at the maps below, you can see where **Mar Vista** is shown below on the map, that is where I'm located. I'm in a small area that really goes unseen and we are in desperate need of more affordable housing and open park space. ***We literally have no open park space even though there are many children in the area!*** Santa Monica has taken too much land space from Mar Vista and Venice, both communities run into the open airport space off bundy.



How this project can be funded

1. **The American rescue plan-** states “ the bill provides \$5 billion to provide rental assistance and supportive services, **to develop affordable rental housing**, to help acquire non-congregate shelter to be converted into permanent affordable housing or used in emergency shelter”.
2. Grants and any other state or federal relief.
3. Consider a series as a reality style project in partnership with a T.V network like HGTV. Should be shown in a positive light of creating affordable housing communities.
4. If the location is deemed to be in a tourist area and/or a percentage of residents from the community work in neighboring cities that have high tourist attractions that generate large sums of revenue, a portion of said revenue from tourism would go into the community trust fund.

Opposition/ Needs

1. Correctly rezone council district 11 and assembly district 30 in relation to the Santa Monica airport open land space. ***By ending racist & classist zoning that is negatively impacting residents of the westside, working class residents of Mar Vista and Venice would have access to more open, public land space in order to be used for affordable housing & park space that residents desperately need.*** The tip of Mar Vista where I live that runs into Venice beach should be in Asm. District 26 or 50 and part of Venice & coastal concerns.
2. Santa Monica's refusal to build enough affordable housing has displaced many working class residents on the westside, ***including myself!*** Santa Monica city is currently showing off Belmar Park online, ***a beautiful space that was once home to black residents on the westside before the city displaced them.*** The city shows off this empty park space as many black residents & others are still displaced today! A resident in the city of Santa Monica recently mentioned that one of Santa Monica's affordable housing apartment buildings with over 200 units, is mostly housed ***with White senior residents from Eastern Europe***, so maybe it's a senior building, but can the city provide a list to show the demographics of the inhabited affordable units? I was a tech worker in the city for a period of time and I was not successful in obtaining affordable housing from the city.
3. Overturn Measure LC in Santa Monica which requires a public vote on the use of the Santa Monica airport space if necessary. This may not be necessary if the district is zoned correctly and the land space is returned to LA City. ***No group of people should be able to deny others housing.*** It is a form of housing discrimination that a mostly white, well off population from Santa Monica that has housing, could vote on an issue and possibly deny other residents the right to the same basic need of housing. ***Also, if the assembly repeals article 34, that could?*** potentially take care of MeasureLC. Community members from Mar Vista and Venice need to spread out and we need more open park space. Long term residents in each of those areas should get priority for housing.***
4. **Regarding the FAA;** Request that the city attorney, if necessary, challenge the rule that states no person can live at the airport while it's operating. There is plenty of open space that can be utilized now. (To begin building affordable housing in June 2021; full airport closure by January 2022)

5. Possibility of toxic air space needs that would require a remedy to keep water and air space clean for the community and surrounding neighborhoods.

Affordable Rentals

1. Reasonably priced affordable apartments for lower and middle income earners. The recommended height for apartment buildings is 4-5 stories. Rent would need to match the average wage of the essential worker in mentioned cities. Rent should not take more than 30% of an essential workers income; (if market rate set takes more, renter could potentially get part of rent subsidized)
2. Set an “*affordability market rental rate*” based off of this income bracket (about); \$20,000-\$100,000, but priority should** be given to those that fall within the lower to middle income bracket, as well as workers that have established residency from mentioned cities. (*income bracket \$20,000-\$75,000*) No income *restrictions* once residents are housed.

<https://www.nhlp.org/resources/lihtc-admissions-rents-grievance-procedures/>

For those with limited to no income and/or displaced minors

1. ***Offer portion of the housing for residents with limited or no income, to be partnered with westside chapters of HUD/HCID-LA etc.*** We can set a market rate, but it is understood that some residents may have limited or no income. If we set bachelor apartments at \$600 but a potential renter couldn't afford that market rate we set because they had limited or no income, then the funds from HUD would ***subsidize*** whatever costs the renter couldn't afford. This would likely be for seniors, single parents, students, those living with disabilities, veterans, and/or chronically homeless but self functioning. This project for rental units, let's call it “***District 11 airport***”, could possibly** “***request from HUD the actual market rate cost of a rental unit apartment***” (EX: We set a market rate of \$600, but maybe* a bachelor should** cost \$1,200 in Los Angeles, HUD would cover the difference in the housing projects trust fund. Money to be used for expenses related to rent,

including admin, onsite safety & security if necessary as well as maintenance for rental units.) Rent would also likely be subsidized by renters paying market rate or slightly above market rate for rental units.

2. Consider large home space for displaced minors within the community aka a "group home" to provide stability.

Affordable homeownership

1. Public bank that offers low financing to potential homeowner(s)
2. Set a market rate for the total cost of a home that the homeowner would pay. When it comes to **restorative justice & equity**, the city would offset any cost that went above the actual ***inflation rate of what a home should be for the income bracket listed above.***
3. Home types can be single bungalows or attached/detached townhomes. The homes *could*** function similar to that of homes that are in HOA's. (TBD)
4. There would be resell requirements for said homes to protect affordability.
5. Income limits should be set for the working class, residents in Mar Vista and Venice get priority. **30% of the housing should be offered to African Americans as a restorative, affordable housing initiative that returns homeownership opportunities to black displaced families on the westside, as a right to return.** This would not replace any federal reparation payment. I do believe that restorative justice & equity as a whole should include homes that are not required to follow resell requirements, that can be done as a larger restorative housing program but likely would not be part of this specific proposed project. TBD.
6. Request consideration of **affordable homeownership** for the millennial generation, or a percentage of the core group, as they own less than 18 percent of the real estate in Los Angeles. (EQUITY)

“Equity is defined as “the state, quality or ideal of being just, impartial and fair.” The concept of equity is synonymous with fairness and justice.”

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To our elected officials, I ask that you please consider this request to close the Santa Monica airport in order to begin the process of building affordable housing that belongs to the working class, seniors, students, and others in need of said housing as early as June 2021. We cannot wait 8 more years for the airport space to close as the wealthy in that area occupy too much of the open space in comparison to surrounding cities and they also use the space to drag their cars over in the airport area while we are all in desperate need of housing, housing that we needed 10 years ago! No resident should have to beg for housing that they can afford, no elected official or Gov't should have that type of power that can deny the basic need for housing. *Thank you for taking the time to read this request from a community housing advocate in Mar Vista that has been displaced, I'm looking forward to your response! As a courtesy, I've sent this letter to officials in the city of Santa Monica.*

Best,
Tieira Ryder
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tie.ryder@gmail.com](https://htwws.org/santamonicaairport/tie.ryder@gmail.com)

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<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/livable-city/la-oe-sharp-santa-monica-airport-housing-20190331-story.html>

“Santa Monica’s estimated population of 92,478 residents in 2019 was only a blip above what it was in 1970, when 88,289 people called the city home. This growing imbalance between jobs and housing has created a massive influx of daily commuters into Santa Monica (even well-compensated tech employees) who either can’t find or can’t afford housing near these job centers. Meanwhile, the population in neighboring jurisdictions has swelled, displacing lower-income residents.”

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Communication from Public

Name: Kevin

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:41 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Please consider that it's not just Westside residents that use Will Rogers State Beach; it's used by Angelenos from all neighborhoods - especially in the increasingly hot Summer months. I'm in favor of addressing the current homeless situation compassionately, but there has to be a better location than repurposing a widely used, public beach. Suggest finding better locations that don't impact all tax paying LA residents - especially those that cannot afford air conditioning and need access to our beaches to stay cool and safe during the increasingly hot Summers

Communication from Public

Name: Mary Wilson

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:41 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am vehemently opposed to the homeless encampment being considered for Will Rogers Beach. There are plenty of other low use parking lots in LA which could be considered. Already a health and fire hazard in the community from homeless. Ocean property jeopardizing health and safety of community and beach visitors is lunacy!

Communication from Public

Name: Linda Deacon

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:41 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I unilaterally oppose using ANY public beach parking lots for homeless housing. These parking lots are for general public use, and are completely full during the summer months with visitors coming from the entire greater Los Angeles area. We need to find locations that are NOT in high use by the general public as potential locations for homeless housing.

Communication from Public

Name: Karen Maxwell

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:42 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose Mike Bonins proposal to create homeless tiny housing at various public locations on the Westside as indicated in the file number below. Will Rogers State Beach / 11999 Vista Del Mar / 12001 Vista Del Mar / Dockweiler Beach / 13755 Fiji Way / Fishermans Village / Homeless / Tiny Homes / Safe Camping / Safe Parking / Council District 11

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:44 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: 21-0350 Please reconsider moving homeless into areas that: 1) are not near children/parks/schools etc - my 6 year old plays soccer at Will Rogers camp ground and there already is not enough parking. - my kids go to school 1/2 mile from Will Rogers beach KIDS LIVE HERE. 2) are in areas where they can easily access mental health, sanitation, physical health. 3) have doors/buildings where increased security are around 24/7 for the unhoused and rest of community are safe. 4) please consider separating those who are unhoused who want help from those who are criminals and vagrants who want no help. 5) please consider enforcing laws on unhoused that are enforced on the rest of the population. Most often people don't get help until they hit bottom. People don't hit bottom until they have consequences. People who have become unhoused due to no fault of their own need to be tended to differently with a different set of resources. PROTECT THE COMMUNITY FROM VIOLENT OFFENDERS. PROTECT THE COMMUNITY FROM NEEDLES AND EXCREMENT My husband is not from California and says it's as bad as a third world country over in Venice. He taught English in South America. We help as we can in church. This responsibility is on the city. Have you no shame? Aren't you embarrassed?

Communication from Public

Name: Anthony Hocking

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:46 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: It seems that for hundreds of people, perhaps thousands, attempts to register opposition to this via the phone system has been frustrated by being diverted to a voice mailbox. Evidence of this frustration can be found across many social networks, including Nextdoor, Twitter, facebook and beyond. This inevitably means that the size of the opposition is going to be substantially undercounted. I would propose that this motion is thrown out for an inadequate and poorly run consultation period. It seems like a full mailbox, and a high percentage of people indicating they can't get through indicates a misunderstanding of the level of grassroots opposition. Sincerely, Tony

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I posted a comment on the website link you sent. I tried calling but all the circuits are busy. I will try the number again soon. Thank you for the reminder. I focused my comments on the lack of access to necessities (such as groceries) and the dangers of crossing PCH for homeless people who are mentally and have impaired judgment.
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 Matthew Reiser • The Highlands ⋮

Nothing says Public Service better than "Sorry this mailbox is full". Thanks Nury. So grateful to all our caring Councilmembers WHO IGNORE ORAL/WRITTEN COMMENT FROM THE PUBLIC. (edited)
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Communication from Public

Name: Serge Dubovitsky

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:48 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose Motion 21-0350. This ill-conceived motion has generated unnecessary polarization and hostility which will prevent any kind of constructive action dealing with the homeless situation so much needed in Los Angeles. The motion to even consider using our parks and beaches as homeless shelters makes no sense. We should provide shelter opportunities to the homeless, but parks, beaches, just as schools or kindergartens, are not the place to do it. I live next to Mar Vista Park, which has a growing encampment, and have a first-hand experience. Some residents are peaceful, but a fair number are unruly and aggressive, especially when they are under the influence. It is simply unsafe and counter-productive to mix the homeless population with our children and few recreational activities we have in the city. This is a wrong solution not only for my backyard, but for any backyard in Los Angeles or anywhere else. There is no reason to spend city resources to study this counterproductive and damaging proposal. It has already greatly diminished whatever good will existed to help the homeless and is generating stark hostility and divisions. Please stop this and let's work together on practical solutions that serve the needs of Angelinos. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Linda R Friar

Date Submitted: 05/25/2021 02:48 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: In the last two weeks there have been two brush fires in Pacific Palisades. The first burned extensive acreage, the second was very close to residences. They are the result of the City's policy of allowing non-housed individuals in the hillside areas. For days, LAFD needed the very parking lots proposed for housing for the homeless as a base to fight the larger fire. Individuals in these houses will be free to spend their time in the adjacent areas, which are either high fire risk or high public use. Furthermore, these projects have attracted other homeless, who camp outside of the designated areas. (See Brentwood). It is a reasonable assumption that the City will be raising the risk of fires that are already a serious problem, while at the same time depriving the public of important recreation space. I completely agree with Judge Carter and others, who point out that the parking lot and immediately adjacent public spaces are high use areas and not appropriate for the proposed project. In the case of Will Rogers State Beach, there are no convenient services, and public transportation is minimal. It seems painfully obvious that the proposal is deeply flawed. As a clinical psychologist, I am very disappointed to see that the City continues to be overly focused on "housing". The modal person living on the street is in need of both intensive and extensive treatment, support, and structure. For years, you have been persisting in failed policies. There is very strong feelings against the placing of the proposed housing in public spaces. This plan will not work, and the public is not deceived that your are "finally" doing something useful.