

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nicole Sobhani

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not take away our beautiful Will Rogers State Beach. I live in Palisades and rely on this beach heavily, even before the pandemic. Taking this beautiful safe public space away from us is abusive. Why does Mr. Bonin hate us? Why is he campaigning to inflict such harm upon us? Please do not abuse us and all of those who visit this beach yearly. Please do not turn this neighborhood into failed Venice Beach. I implore you. Think of our children. Think of the rest of us. Think. Please.

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**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** With 65,000 unhoused people in Los Angeles, incremental measures are woefully inadequate . We need large developments that can accomodate a large number of people quickly , such as tiny house villages OR tent encampments with onsite supportive services, OR RV parks, with the city providing mobile units. West side sites for that might include underused areas such as LAX, Bergamot station , and a much larger facility at the Westwood/ Brentwood VA grounds. You should be able to waive feasibility studies and permitting requirements to move quickly and provide relief to the homeless as well as to homeowners and taxpayers , whose personal safety and quality of life have been negatively impacted by encampments in their neighborhoods.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stefanie Cho

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Member of the Homeless/Poverty Committee, I OPPOSE the proposal to allow encampments on Beaches & Parks. Our PUBLIC Beaches & Parks were not intended for encampments. This will increase crime, decrease child safety & increase pollution in our public spaces. Councilman Bonin admitted that he is not in a position to increase services, increase enforcement of criminal behavior, nor address the larger root issues of homelessness such as mental illness, addiction, job training, job placement, etc. Families need more recreational spaces especially with the summer months ahead. We don't need more crime, needles in the sand and fecal matter underfoot by allowing even more encampments instead. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a Mar Vista resident who is 100% opposed to the motion to consider a "safe camping program" at Mar Vista Park. The notion of safe camping does nothing to create permanent housing solutions for the homelessness crisis. Instead of creating solutions, it exacerbates a volatile situation and prolongs the suffering of both the unhoused and housed communities. I live one block from Mar Vista Park. In the last 14 months, there has been a huge influx of homeless/unhoused individuals living at Mar Vista Park. Their presence has created dangerous conditions at the park, including frequent open fires, IV drug use, vermin infestation, and defecation on and around park grounds. Predators are sexually harassing young girls in front of their parents. A homeless man grabbed a 4 year old girl away from her father and tried to abduct her in front of multiple witnesses. Another homeless man smashed a senior citizen's windshield in the parking lot without provocation. We have found used syringes in the grass. A homeless woman screamed obscenities at me and my small children, and threw rocks at us when we were trying to walk home. Another homeless woman was walking around naked from the waist down and urinated on the sidewalk in full view of pedestrians. Several of my neighbors have video footage of homeless individuals breaking into their homes and stealing their property. Stolen bikes are lined up and openly disassembled in front of the tents without regard for the law. We longer visit the park because our children are afraid of getting screamed at or assaulted by mentally ill or intoxicated individuals who have taken over our park. And it is not a matter of simply avoiding our once beloved park - which is the only park in all of Mar Vista. The harassment and criminal activities have infected the homes, businesses, and areas surrounding the park. We can't even use our local post office because of the homeless drug addicts openly shooting up in front of the walkway. Of course, there are unhoused/homeless individuals who are not criminals, drug addicts, or violently mentally ill. But these are the individuals who have dominated our neighborhood and taken over our lives. They have also terrorized the unhoused individuals who are not criminals, drug addicts, or violently mentally ill, who have nowhere safe to go and who desperately need safe permanent shelter. By ignoring the conditions of the unhoused population, the

city has now created additional misery for the housed population. This impacts children, senior citizens, local businesses, tourism, and our economy. Our city deserves better, and the situation is getting worse. Please reject this motion, and work to create effective solutions for all of the impacted people in our city.