

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren rojany
Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 08:16 AM
Council File No: 21-0350
Comments for Public Posting: Putting the homeless on our beaches is not a solution. The garbage , excrement and violence that comes with that are a hazard to the families who visit the beaches, it will shut down the camps that run due to the danger and it will bring more crime to a neighborhood that pays high taxes and has high value housing. Find another solution.

Communication from Public

Name: Steve

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 08:18 PM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am so disappointed in our City Council. I have lived in SM for over 40 years. I moved here from the East Coast to be close to the Ocean. I had a business here for over 20 yrs, and paid those taxes too. We all pay a real premium to live here. Property taxes are exorbitant! But, it WAS worth it. Now, I am thinking of leaving the area. I understand there is a real social problem with the homelessness in LA and the rest of the United States. I think that shelters in areas that will not impact tourist traffic is the answer. Protecting our Beach side communities Is paramount! How can we let our kids go to the beach if there are people sleeping on the sidewalks, using illegal drugs and using the beach as their bathroom. This is a health issue, more than it is a social problem. I am appalled that is the best that you guys can come up with. What tourist will want to come to this area to spend their hard earned dollars and deal with this situation? We are totally moving in the wrong direction with this problem!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Elisabeth

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 08:25 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We relocated our family from overseas to move to the dreamland of Southern California. We settled here post WW11 in 1964. We raised our kids and bought many homes over the years. We had a small business and retired here. Our kids went to school here, and had kids of their own. Our family would come from overseas to visit beautiful Los Angeles. They would go home with memories of how wonderful it was here. Venice Beach, MDR, Culver City, SM were all part of So Cal lifestyle. Now, we are embarrassed of what they would see, if they came to visit. How can this be OK? Our city council is a real disappointment. They need to think of the voters that put them in office. This is absolutely ridiculous!!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/06/2021 10:58 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: How can any type of construction be allowed without an EIR or approval from the coastal commission? What arrangements will be made for Raw sewage for all these tents and RVs? Will they just need to drag their cassette toilets to the ocean? If testing of the ocean water shows high fecal content, what will the council do then?

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 12:06 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilman Bonin Your proposal of creating "temporary homes, camps, and tents" on/at our state beaches for the homeless is not the right solution for this complex issue. This plan makes no sense. You want to actively turn sections of the westside into skid row?? I'm concerned that this proposal will have terrible unintended consequences that will impact our environment and the larger community. There is a strong relationship between homelessness and criminality. This proposal is not acceptable.

Communication from Public

Name: Ari G

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 12:29 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to voice my opposition to the motion sponsored by Councilmembers Mike Bonin and Mark Ridley-Thomas regarding the proposed site for single-occupancy tiny homes and camping at Will Rogers State Beach located on the Pacific Coast Highway in Pacific Palisades. This would represent a public hazard through and through and severely diminish safety and quality of life for current residents. While I understand the challenge for the public to provide housing, effective care, and services for the thousands of homeless people residing in Los Angeles, the proposed plan to provide facilities at Will Rogers State Beach is ill-conceived. On a daily basis, especially on weekends, this location is utilized by thousands of Los Angeles families for safe, clean, and orderly recreation. State beaches such as Will Rogers are a Public Resource, that the hardworking taxpayers of Los Angeles rely upon, especially in the coming summer months. There is no way that this resource can be maintained while homeless individuals potentially with drug addiction and severe mental disorders are residing in the same location, as seen in countless examples throughout the City, County, and State. In addition, this site does not contain the infrastructure nor any support services that the homeless people require. In addition, the PCH immediately adjacent to the property is a major 24/7 traffic artery with very fast-moving vehicles that would lead to severe accidents if the residents mistakenly venture onto the roadway, something that already occasionally occurs. The use of this site as a shelter for the homeless would be a danger to the public, including families and children, as well as the homeless individuals the measure is attempting to support. It would also represent a severe fire hazard, with its adjacent hillsides nearby, something this community already deals with due to uncontrolled homeless encampments in the hillsides and canyons. Please stop further destruction of this coastline (take Venice as an example). Enough is enough.

Communication from Public

Name: Olga L
Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 12:51 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I wholly support this motion. Thank you. Please do the same in other CDs.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 01:09 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to state my opposition to the motion sponsored by Mike Bonin and Mark Ridley-Thomas regarding the proposed site for single-occupancy tiny homes and camping at Will Rogers State Beach located on the Pacific Coast Highway in Pacific Palisades. While I understand both the necessity and challenges regarding providing shelter and services for the thousands of homeless people in LA county, the proposed plan to provide facilities at Will Rogers State Beach is not a viable idea, and could have dire consequences. The site lacks the infrastructure and necessary services, transportation, and sanitation that is required for the homeless population. In addition, Will Rogers is a popular recreation area that families from all across the city enjoy. This proposed project would reduce parking and therefore decrease public access as there is already very limited parking nearby. I am aware that this is a very complex issue however this particular idea is not a viable one and should be dismissed.

Communication from Public

Name: Krishna Thangavelu

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 03:24 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: NO more encampments on parks and beaches in Los Angeles!!! We need better solutions for managing homelessness based on current best practices in government. I strongly oppose Mike Bonin's poorly thought out, expensive, criminally dangerous, and strategically unsustainable proposal and would like to offer some alternatives . My two cents: 1. Saw this information from Palisades resident Victoria Meyers about how Mike Bloomberg addressed the issue successfully in NYC on NextDoor...and apparently Hawaii has a similar approach (detailed below as a quote)...I think we need to see documentation where each homeless person is coming from and see if we can send them home. 2. Keep the parks and beaches available for families throughout Los Angeles to use for safe recreation. Families comes from all over this county to Will Rogers Beach (and other beaches and parks) to enjoy nature together. Why would Bonin and LA City choose these areas to house the homeless? Why do the homeless trump families across the County? 3. Repurpose industrial buildings. This whole "tiny home" concept has ZERO scalability and makes no fiscal sense whatsoever. 4. The Bonin proposal has splendidly and disastrously failed in Venice. Why are we listening to more proposals of the same sort? The pilot FAILED!! I. Mike Bloomberg NYC Proposal, as summarized by Pacific Palisades resident Victoria Meyers: Mike Bloomberg did an excellent job of handling the homeless situation in NYC. He provided excellent facilities where Homeless persons had clean beds w/ some privacy (a minimum of a curtain between 4 beds)/. with full time counselors who tracked all 4 persons 24/7. The facilities included professional counseling, medical check-ops , & drug treatment. When a resident was totally clean, they would dismiss her or him out of the facility, most of which were in upstateNY. As they were dismissed, each person was handed a bus/ plane/ or train ticket to whatever place had been their most permanent home prior to moving to NYC. Each 'graduate' was escorted to their respective bus/ or other terminal, & escorted to their bus, train, etc to ensure they got on the bus/ airline/ Train that took them home. Thereafter whenever any 'graduates' of the Bloomberg system were found in NYC, they were handed another ticket home. Most did not return more than once. Bloomberg's system may sound insensitive, but it was a cost effective way to

deal w/ the Homeless that was also beneficial to them. people living & dying on LA streets is NOT a solution to anything. By sending these people home it's more likely they will reconnect friends & / or family who help them to continue their rehabilitation. Bloomberg started this process of reconnection prior to sending people out of the facility. Los Angeles has so many problems the City cannot afford to keep Homeless fulltime in Institutions. It's very expensive & no one benefits, including the Homeless. NYC had many Homeless shelters within NYC during the Dinkins Administration. It was not a solution. Bloomberg's plan offers a way to give Homeless individuals high quality living & counseling for a limited time, two to three months, then reconnects them with a place they're familiar with/ & if possible, with family members. II. The Pacific Palisade Homeless Task Force has a proven methodology for keeping crime and fire risk at a minimum, by monitoring our hillsides and beaches daily. Any homeless camper is encouraged to avail of social work services or leave. There are only two choices ... get help or leave the geography. The mental ill and drug addicted homeless population must be assessed, receive services and be housed in thoughtful ways. Tiny Homes on our beaches and parks is NOT a viable solution. Repurpose industrial buildings away from schools and residential property. We do NOT want vagrants, criminals, drug addicts, or the dangerous mentally ill roaming our streets. In summary, here are two proposals that represent best practices in government. Let's implement them.

Communication from Public

Name: RONALD N. JACOBI

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 04:41 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is a terrible and destructive proposal which will hurt the community. It is unsafe for the homeless and for the community.

Communication from Public

Name: G. Solares

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 04:45 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Mr. Bonin and Mr. Ridley, There is no doubt that there is a grave homelessness problem in the City of Los Angeles and that the current pandemic has exacerbated the situation even further. While well intentioned, your proposal to allow the homeless to set up camping tents and tiny homes on public beaches at Will Rogers and other beaches throughout the city is sheer folly and nothing short of absurd. Public safety should be one of your top priorities. Allowing encampments on our beaches and the parking lots would place all beach goers at risk. Do you think the homeless will sleep on the pavement when right in front of them is soft sand? This comes with the question of sanitation. Human poop contains a lot of harmful bacteria. A rule in camping is that if you poop in nature, you bury it. With limited toilet facilities, there is an extreme possibility that urination and defecation will take place on the sand and in the water, and expose the public to E. coli (Escherichia coli) contamination. Do you think the rest of your constituents in the city of Los Angeles will feel happy and safe bathing in the ocean or walking barefoot on the beach? In case you haven't noticed, even without homeless encampments we struggle to keep our beaches clean. If you haven't participated in a beach clean up, I urge you to do so. You will be surprised at the amount of trash and debris that you will collect. With encampments, the trash amount will only augment, without any question. Non-profits and school groups are working hard and helping the city to maintain our beaches and oceans clear of trash. Why would you want to reverse that effort? Why would you want to add to the problem? It doesn't make sense. As close to a pristine environment needs to be preserved for the thousands of people who flock to the beaches to recharge, in search of well being and connection to the environment and the natural world. We live in an urban jungle, and the beach is the sanctuary and the playground for so many. Do you really mean to ruin it for thousands and thousands of people and rob them of the pleasure of a safe outing to the beach alone or with their families? And how about the youth and the children who attend field trips and surf and volleyball camps on the beach, do you mean to spoil it for them, too? Your proposal is not a solution to homelessness. This is moving the problem geographically from one area to another and making it worse. Then there is the risk of fires to the nearby

palisades. if you lived here, you would know that brush fires started by makeshift encampments are not rare in Pacific Palisades. LA City Fire Department Station 69 and 23 perform drills on the parking lots at Will Rogers State Beach. And have you thought about how this proposal would expose the city to liability and loss of revenue from public parking, movie sets, and tourism? Well, think about it because we need all the revenue we can get to help stimulate the City's economy. This is such a bad idea, maybe conceived from the heart, but a bad idea nonetheless.

Communication from Public

Name: David Brown

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 07:26 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Strongly oppose Motion 21-0350 which is attached and would instruct the CAO to provide "tiny homes" on Will Rogers State Beach, Dockweiler Beach, and Marina del Rey. The waterfront is an essential asset of Los Angeles community. Approval of "tiny homes" in public spaces will diminish the value of the beaches and materially impair residents and visitors ability to use public resources in a safe, clean, and child-friendly manner. Leaders should find relocation areas for homeless in a humane manner; however, those areas should not be unique public resources like beachfront and should neither be areas that compromise communities that grow and attract tax-paying residents to our communities.

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

MOTION

Addressing our homelessness crisis requires a wide range of solutions, applied urgently and simultaneously, targeting different populations and focusing a variety of resources, across the City of Los Angeles.

In Council District 11, **Permanent Supportive Housing** funded through HHH has been approved or is in the pipeline at 11950 W. Missouri in West LA, 2454 S Barry Ave in West LA, 3233 S. Thatcher Avenue in Venice, 8333 Airport Blvd in Westchester, 720 Rose Avenue in Venice, 2469 Lincoln Boulevard in Venice, and the Veterans Administration Campus at 11301 Wilshire Blvd in Brentwood. More supportive housing is proposed at the Veterans Administration campus in Brentwood, as well as at Venice Boulevard and Pacific Avenue in Venice, and at 12901 Venice Blvd in Mar Vista. Additional supportive housing has opened in recent years at 11976 Culver Boulevard in Del Rey, 11368 Beach Avenue in Del Rey, 11738 Courtleigh Drive in Del Rey, and 700 Main Street in Venice.

Additional unhoused services have been implemented in the District as a means to provide safe spaces for individuals experiencing homelessness as we build out our Citywide housing capacity. **Bridge housing** has been opened at 200 Sunset Avenue in Venice, at the VA campus in Brentwood, and on Mitchell Avenue in Mar Vista. A **Project Roomkey** Hotel is operational at the Cadillac Hotel on Venice Beach. **Project Homekey** properties have been purchased at 9250 Airport Boulevard in Westchester and 3130 Washington Boulevard in Venice/Marina del Rey. **Safe Parking** has opened in Westchester at the Recreation and Parks parking lot at 9045 Lincoln Boulevard, at the CD11 field office at 1645 Corinth Avenue in West LA and on the Veterans Administration campus in Brentwood. Federally-funded **safe camping** for veterans is available at the VA campus in Brentwood. **Emergency shelters** have also periodically operated in West LA, Westchester and Venice.

Despite those projects, homelessness across Southern California, Los Angeles, and the 11th District continues to increase, and much more must be done. Different interventions must be tried, and more locations must be identified.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to evaluate and identify funding for the following potential projects at the following proposed locations:

- A temporary site for single-occupancy tiny homes or safe camping at the county-owned parking lot at Will Rogers State Beach, 17000 CA-1 in Pacific Palisades



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- A temporary site for single-occupancy tiny homes, safe camping or safe parking site at the county-owned Parking Lot #3 at Dockweiler Beach, 11999 Vista Del Mar in Playa del Rey.
- A temporary site specifically for RV safe parking located at the county-owned RV park at Dockweiler Beach, 12001 Vista Del Mar, Playa Del Rey, CA 90293.
- A temporary site for single-occupancy tiny homes or safe camping site at the county-owned parking lot at Fisherman's Village in Marina del Rey, 13755 Fiji Way

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to evaluate and identify funding for a temporary site for single-occupancy tiny homes or safe camping sites at property owned by Culver City for a joint LA-Culver City program.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to identify funding for a lease agreement for a temporary safe camping site at the privately-owned parcel at 5000 Beethoven Avenue in Del Rey, including the provision of services, security and resources where a large tent encampment currently exists.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the Department of Recreation & Parks to evaluate the feasibility of identifying a portion of Westchester Park for a safe camping program, while allowing for the resumption of parks and recreation programs and public use of the rest of the park, and INSTRUCT the CAO to identify funding for safe camping there.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the Department of Recreation & Parks to evaluate the feasibility of identifying a portion of Mar Vista Park for a safe camping program, while allowing for the resumption of parks and recreation programs and public use of the rest of the park, and INSTRUCT the CAO to identify funding for safe camping there.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the CAO work with Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) to identify and fund an airport-owned site the city can use, pending FAA approval, for safe camping, safe parking, or tiny homes.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the CAO to evaluate and identify funding for a temporary shelter, for homeless women in vacant space adjacent to the Council District 11 offices at the West LA Municipal Building at 1645 Corinth Avenue.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the Housing and Community & Investment Department (HCID) to work with Council District 11 and willing potential sellers to purchase additional hotels or motels, subject to additional City Council approval, with additional Project Homekey funds that may become available July 1, 2021.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles to work with Council District 11 and willing property owners to enter into master lease agreements, subject to subsequent City Council approval, for hotel rooms or apartment units to be used for homeless housing.

Presented by:



MIKE BONIN

Councilmember, 11th District

Seconded by:



MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS

Councilmember, 10th District

Communication from Public

Name: Nancy Brennan

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 07:52 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: When one places tiny houses on public parking spaces, such as the Will Rogers Beach parking lot, one removes that space from public use in the already crowded summer parking situation. Having given those spaces as homes, one should not turn around and remove the tiny home occupants. Why knowingly devastate people's lives? Be aware! Do not create a bad situation when it can be seen to have a toxic results.

Communication from Public

Name: Sandra Casillas

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 07:56 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I don't want homeless people squatting in March Vista Park. It makes the park unavailable to the regular people of the community including all the children that live here. In separate communication to you, I have told you that I believe we need to reactivate mental health institutions, and then I have the police sweep all of the homeless people off the street entirely. Then they should sort through them evaluating each person for do they need drug treatment, are they mentally ill etc. Unfortunately most of the people who are homeless at this point are either felons, mentally ill or drug addicts. We should gear our efforts to providing mental health and housing, and drug treatment and housing, and arrest for felons. I voted for both taxes to help the homeless, and I'm willing to spend my tax money on it. I am very disillusioned, because nothing has happened. I want you to get these people off the street. Period.

Communication from Public

Name: Heidi
Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 08:18 AM
Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose Mike Bonin's poorly thought out, unsustainable, and potentially dangerous proposal. Keep the parks and beaches available for families throughout Los Angeles to use for safe, clean and orderly recreation. Families come from all over this country to Will Rogers Beach (and other beaches and parks) to enjoy nature together. Why would Bonin and LA City choose these areas to house the homeless? Our kids go to camps on these beaches. It is their playground. We also already have enough trouble keeping these beaches and ocean clean from trash/litter. State beaches such as Will Rogers are a Public Resource, that the hardworking taxpayers of Los Angeles rely upon, especially in the coming summer months. There is no way that this resource can be maintained while homeless individuals potentially with drug addiction and severe mental disorders are residing in the same location, as seen in countless examples throughout the City, County, and State. In addition, this site does not contain the infrastructure nor any support services that the homeless people require. In addition, the PCH immediately adjacent to the property is a major 24/7 traffic artery with very fast-moving vehicles that would lead to severe accidents if the residents mistakenly venture onto the roadway. The use of this site as a shelter for the homeless would be a danger to the public, including families and children, as well as the homeless individuals the measure is attempting to support. The mental ill and drug addicted homeless population must be assessed, receive services and be housed in thoughtful ways. Tiny Homes on our beaches and parks is NOT a viable solution. Repurpose industrial buildings away from schools and residential property.

Communication from Public

Name: Alex Revy

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 08:31 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose creating a homeless encampment at Will Rogers State Beach parking lot. This is a beautiful area visited by tourists and residents alike. Tents, trailers and drugged out homeless people will ruin it. Los Angeles' beaches are the last place that we should import the problem too.

Communication from Public

Name: Marcela Botero
Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 08:37 AM
Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am against putting homeless encampment at the will rodgers beaches. Please respect people who worked hard to get to the point of being able to afford to leave at the beach. Homeless can go to other NUMEROUS areas in california. The beach is NOT the only option for them. Why to reward people who abuse drugs, slack in life to the point they LIKE to be homeless and do nothing with their lives all day? And in the cases where they have a mental illness, help them in a proper institution. Looks like there is A LOT OF HELP OUT THERE, money rolling like crazy to help people, so put them on a proper place to help them. Not at the beach. Don't support laziness.

Communication from Public

Name: scott king

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 09:05 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to voice my opposition to the motion sponsored by Councilmembers Mike Bonin and Mark Ridley-Thomas regarding the proposed site for single-occupancy tiny homes and camping at Will Rogers State Beach located on the Pacific Coast Highway in Pacific Palisades. Though I understand the enormous challenge for the public to provide housing, effective care, and services for the estimated 65,000 thousand homeless people residing in Los Angeles, the proposed plan to provide facilities at Will Rogers State Beach is ill-conceived. On a daily basis, especially on weekends, this location is utilized by thousands of Los Angeles families for safe, clean, and orderly recreation. State beaches such as Will Rogers are a Public Resource, that the hardworking taxpayers of Los Angeles rely upon, especially in the coming summer months. There is no way that this resource can be maintained while homeless individuals potentially with drug addiction and severe mental disorders are residing in the same location, as seen in countless examples throughout the City, County, and State. In addition, this site does not contain the infrastructure nor any support services that the homeless people require. In addition, the PCH immediately adjacent to the property is a major 24/7 traffic artery with very fast-moving vehicles that would lead to severe accidents if the residents mistakenly venture onto the roadway. The use of this site as a shelter for the homeless would be a danger to the public, including families and children, as well as the homeless individuals the measure is attempting to support.

Communication from Public

Name: Charles E Martinez
Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 09:08 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to voice my opposition to the motion sponsored by Councilmembers Mike Bonin and Mark Ridley-Thomas regarding the proposed site for single-occupancy tiny homes and camping at Will Rogers State Beach located on the Pacific Coast Highway in Pacific Palisades. Though I understand the enormous challenge for the public to provide housing, effective care, and services for the estimated 65,000 thousand homeless people residing in Los Angeles, the proposed plan to provide facilities at Will Rogers State Beach is ill-conceived. On a daily basis, especially on weekends, this location is utilized by thousands of Los Angeles families for safe, clean, and orderly recreation. State beaches such as Will Rogers are a Public Resource, that the hardworking taxpayers of Los Angeles rely upon, especially in the coming summer months. There is no way that this resource can be maintained while homeless individuals potentially with drug addiction and severe mental disorders are residing in the same location, as seen in countless examples throughout the City, County, and State. In addition, this site does not contain the infrastructure nor any support services that the homeless people require. In addition, the PCH immediately adjacent to the property is a major 24/7 traffic artery with very fast-moving vehicles that would lead to severe accidents if the residents mistakenly venture onto the roadway. The use of this site as a shelter for the homeless would be a danger to the public, including families and children, as well as the homeless individuals the measure is attempting to support. Thank you for your kind attention.

Communication from Public

Name: Rose Ferraro

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 09:13 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am a home owner directly across from Mar Vista Park for 15 years. I have raised two children in this area who played at the park, played sports and attended camps at Mar Vista Recreation since they were toddlers I am writing to express my extreme concern and disapproval of the proposal to enable safe camping for the homeless at Mar Vista Recreation. Mar Vista Park is directly across from a school, within two blocks of another school and embedded and surrounded by a community of family homes. Homeless encampments increase crime, fires and public disturbances everywhere. To propose this option as a way to address the rampant homeless issue taking over the westside shows how out of touch with the community our legislators are. We need real solutions that provide safety for our homeowners and taxpayers and community members, not legislator supported encampments at every public under pass, public beach and community park. This is absolutely outrageous.

Communication from Public

Name: Lynn Savory Collar
Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 09:14 AM
Council File No: 21-0350
Comments for Public Posting: Please rethink this idea. The parking lot is a necessary and heavily-utilized resource for all visitors to the beach. Why would it be appropriate to use this space?

Communication from Public

Name: JoAnna Rodriguez
Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 09:22 AM
Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: It is reprehensible that Councilmember Bonin would propose housing the homeless in the parking lot of Will Rogers State Beach. This beach is both an escape for LA city residents and a destination for tourists. To give some of the best real estate in the country to the homeless is nothing short of idiotic. I will rent my house and take a tiny home at the beach any day! If anything, it will act as an incentive for homeless to take over the beach. Tax payers deserve a safe beach that's free of needles, vomit, trash, feces and is SAFE! This beach should be SAFE FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN! I purposely don't go to Venice with my kids because of the erratic behavior of the homeless. PLEASE don't ruin Will Rogers Beach! Give the homeless someplace that isn't a destination for Angelinos and tourists! Don't punish the tax payers because of whatever politics caused this to be presented as an idea in the first place. LEAVE THIS BEACH ALONE!!!!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 09:41 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Respectfully, I think it a vert bad idea to be creating home and camping sites at beach parking lots. As spring and summer approaches, the already extremely limited parking spaces near the beach will be further reduced. This will have tremendous impacts on the surrounding areas and overall ingress and egress along already jammed streets. For example, the proposed site at Will Rogers State Beach is problematic for a variety of reasons: - the already backed up traffic on north- and southbound lanes to be further jammed as there will be materially fewer spaces available for beach visitors. Northbound on PCH requires beach visitors to turn left into the parking lots. In April the backup Northbound already exceeds the left hand turn lane and has caused the third northbound lane to come to a dead stop. This results in cars weaving in and out of the middle lane with each cycle of the stoplight at Temescal. Southbound, the first lane backs up past the Bay Club and close to Sunset. - the increased delays in getting into the parking lots will cause extensive pollution from the idling cars. Has the city done an environmental impact study for these proposed sites? I would argue that such studies are necessary as the loss of parking spaces will surely cause increased pollution. - reducing the parking spaces means reducing the volume of visitors to the local beach establishments (i.e., the snack bars and rental locations). It is unfair to so negatively impact these businesses when other locations -- away from prime tourist/visitor attractions -- could be used. Our city is fighting for visitors from the Inland Empire and other Southern California regions. If we make it more difficult and less desirable to visit LA City beaches, folks from Pomona, Claremont, Upland and beyond will elect to visit Orange County beaches instead. This "temporary" decision could have significant long-term impacts for our city's beaches. - During the spring and summer months, these parking lots are used for youth spring and summer camps, including the Junior Lifeguards and many private exercise clubs. After the year our city's youth have had with the pandemic, giving parents another reason to keep their kids home and away from exercise and in-person social interaction is not just foolish, it is wrong. For these and other reasons, I urge the city to find other alternatives than to further impact our city's beaches.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 09:47 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Homelessness is a great problem and should be addressed (and should have been addressed) urgently. But Will Rogers beach parking and beach parking in general are super busy in the coming Summer months while the beaches are enjoyed by thousands of Los Angeles families. Taking away the beach parking would prevent many of us from enjoying our beaches. Instead, I suggest another large space that I pass every morning. The VA campus in Brentwood, mentioned in the motion for Permanent Supportive Housing, has vast flat, unused areas and sparsely used parking lots. I think the VA would be supportive given that a significant fraction of our homeless population are veterans. Furthermore, I suggest taking advantage of the lands surrounding Los Angeles. For example, the wide open, settled areas along Pearblossom Hwy (CA-138)? Land there must be cheap compared to Los Angeles, and infrastructure exists in the populated areas.

Communication from Public

Name: Fran
Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 10:02 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose Mike Bonin's poorly thought out, expensive, criminally dangerous, and strategically unsustainable proposal! Keep the parks and beaches available for families throughout Los Angeles to use for safe recreation. Families comes from all over this county to Will Rogers Beach (and other beaches and parks) to enjoy nature together. Why would Bonin and LA City choose these areas to house the homeless? Why are the homeless people across the County more important than the residents who pay taxes and elect officials? No more encampments in parks and beaches in Los Angeles! The mental ill and drug addicted homeless population must be assessed, receive services and be housed in thoughtful ways. Any homeless camper should be encouraged to avail of social work services or leave. There are only two choices ... get help or leave the geography. Don't destroy Will Rogers Park!

Communication from Public

Name: Catherine A Corona
Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 10:16 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to voice my opposition to the motion sponsored by Councilmembers Mike Bonin and Mark Ridley-Thomas regarding the proposed site for single-occupancy tiny homes and camping at Will Rogers State Beach located on the Pacific Coast Highway in Pacific Palisades. Though I understand the enormous challenge for the public to provide housing, effective care, and services for the estimated 65,000 thousand homeless people residing in Los Angeles, the proposed plan to provide facilities at Will Rogers State Beach is ill-conceived. On a daily basis, especially on weekends, this location is utilized by thousands of Los Angeles families for safe, clean, and orderly recreation. State beaches such as Will Rogers are a Public Resource, that the hardworking taxpayers of Los Angeles rely upon, especially in the coming summer months. There is no way that this resource can be maintained while homeless individuals potentially with drug addiction and severe mental disorders are residing in the same location, as seen in countless examples throughout the City, County, and State. In addition, this site does not contain the infrastructure nor any support services that the homeless people require. In addition, the PCH immediately adjacent to the property is a major 24/7 traffic artery with very fast-moving vehicles that would lead to severe accidents if the residents mistakenly venture onto the roadway. The use of this site as a shelter for the homeless would be a danger to the public, including families and children, as well as the homeless individuals the measure is attempting to support.

Communication from Public

Name: Randy C. Overbeck

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 10:41 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Unhoused individuals in Los Angeles particularly on the Westside remains unchecked. Those genuinely seeking housing and are willing to comply with policy and procedure should be afforded the opportunity through voucher and City services to secure appropriate shelter and services. Those who do not wish to comply need to be immediately, through legal process, removed and prosecuted for public vagrancy. Ineptness by Bonin and other 'Civic Leaders' by now should know that allowing unhoused individuals who do not wish assistance and are allowed to live on the beach, parks and the sensitive wetlands unchecked only encourages others to do the same. Having worked for the Department of Veteran Affairs for over 30 years, my last years in the Fiduciary Unit, allowed me to work with unhoused veterans directly. There were those that sought VA assistance and program and there were those that chose not too! It was apparent to me that those that sought help and received proper counseling and services, were able to move forward. The City of Los Angeles should not enable those that, because of a LIFE CHOICE, and choose to be where they are be allowed prime beach properties,, parks, etc that is a source of tourism and recreation and brings in millions of dollars a year to become an unhoused playground. I personally know of cases where many unhoused individuals are working full time but, choose to remain unhoused because they don't wish to contribute to the financial responsibilities of paying rent, utilities, etc. In one case, the unhoused individual utilizes the facilities of a church, laundering his clothes and utilizing other aspects of the church utilities but resides in his car on their parking lot! NON-SENSE!! Solution - The City of Los Angeles which maintains an inventory of unused or underutilized properties throughout the city should convert those properties into temporary shelters with temporary housing; enlist support from major corporations and full services. While these properties may not be in an ideal location, it shouldn't be a choice. Unhoused individuals is everyone's responsibility. Those who choose to be unhoused, do not wish to contribute to the community and remain irresponsible should be cited, prosecuted and told to move on!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Monica Antola

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 10:58 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Councilman Mike Bonin's motion is an abomination! He continues to ruin our great City and enough is enough. Taking over the beaches and parks is absolutely not the correct answer. Our crown jewel is our coastline and it needs to be preserved for all to enjoy, residents and tourists alike. We have many areas in California that are not in densely populated areas that can be used to house homeless, provide mental health and addiction services. Venice Beach is the perfect case study showcasing Bonin's efforts going horribly wrong. We are now living in a lawless state and it is unacceptable. There are fires, stabbings, murders, assaults and numerous other criminal activity that young children and others should never have to experience. Hard working taxpayers do not feel safe in their own neighborhoods which is an extremely sad state of affairs. We simply cannot keep this sort of homeless policy moving forward. More and more people are flocking to Los Angeles, particularly District 11 due to the free for all created by our elected officials. IT NEEDS TO STOP NOW! We need to take our City back, enforce laws already on the books and make this City the great destination it once was not the 3rd World country it is turning into, please stop this lunacy!

Communication from Public

Name: Sam Fries

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 11:03 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: A really bad Proposal. I've lived in the sleepy little community of westchester for 32 years. Crime, violence and drugs get worse every year! A big part of this is due to homeless activities. Please talk to the police on the perpetuating aggressive nature of these individuals. Now Bonin wants to make it more permanent and expand it? Just one example; I believe he is building a low income (only) apt building on 83rd and airport next. I encourage your Committee to look at these type of dwellings nation wide. Statistically speaking It breeds more crime, violence and drug abuse right in the middle of a private home area with many children. Our property taxes don't reflect what mike is turning this community into. I've mentioned to mikes office several times to use a few closed military bases for the souls that need help. They are well maintained, and ready for occupants to move in. Building from scratch is extremely costly, however using military bases, can channel funds to other essential programs needed. Please return our community to the way it was. Thank you Sam Fries

Communication from Public

Name: glenda rovello

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 11:07 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council members, I am a long time Santa Monica Canyon/Pacific Palisades resident (25 years). I love our community the people and the place. I walk along the bike path at least once a week, if I didn't work full time I would walk there every day. The beach is the amenity that my neighbors and my family use and enjoy on a regular basis. Now that summer is almost here I look forward to seeing all the children's beach camps set up... a truly joyous scene. I am empathic and do want to help those who are experiencing homelessness however I DOUBT that providing "tiny homes/camps" in this vibrant area is a sound or safe idea! Please do not change the way we use and love the beach.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 11:07 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello. I am very disappointed in the City Council thinking they can use our beaches to house the homeless. We all say no to this inane suggestions. And No to Bonin Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Jackie Lyons

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 11:16 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to homeless settlements in Westchester Recreation Park and on our beaches. The park is the only recreation area we have for our kids and the beach property is too valuable. I agree we need to help the homeless, but homeless settlements should not be placed in our parks and beaches. There are other options such as hotels, motels and office buildings that have been practically empty since Covid began. We need a better solution than the one currently proposed.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrea Bell

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 11:21 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to turning public parks and beaches into homeless centers. This essentially validates that it is okay to camp and live in a public beach or park. In fact it authorizes it. Our children and families have very few safe places to go to enjoy recreation in this busy city. We pay our taxes for this right. It will not be safe in these areas. It is not safe now. This will destroy tourism in our area, negatively impacting jobs and our economy. This does nothing to rectify the underlying issues of lack of treatment for the mentally ill and drug and alcohol addled population living in tents currently. This does nothing to help them find jobs and re-enter society, if it is even possible for them to do. And it delays finding permanent solutions and homes for these people.

Communication from Public

Name: Joanne Fife

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 11:25 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am very opposed to the proposal to house homeless tents in the parking lot at Will Rogers Beach. Doing this will make it impossible for many activities that normally happen on the beaches - - Summer LifeGuard Program for students, as well as many other essential services and programs. And it will negatively impact the entire tourism industry in the greater LA area, negatively impacting the community. I would recommend that some of the vacant tracts of land in the outer lying areas of LA be leased to establish a tent village including essential social services to help those in the tents get the kind of help they need to rise out of their homeless situation..

Communication from Public

Name: Ralph Buoncristiani
Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 11:27 AM
Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilpersons I have become aware of Councilperson Bonin's proposal on homelessness and poverty to the Los Angeles City Council to converting public recreational space such as Will Rogers Park to homeless encampments. I strongly oppose this and do not believe it is a reasonable or long term solution. I am aware of the serious problems we have with people living on our public streets and sidewalks and that it needs to be addressed. Converting our public spaces to encampments is not the solution. This solution will continue to facilitate this lifestyle rather than deter it. Despite what the narrative wishes to promote, homelessness is largely a problem of substance abuse, mental illness and mostly lifestyle choice. This has been encouraged by our current public policies and permissiveness. Elected officials such as yourself have a responsibility to responsible citizens who pay for this city to run. Your proposed housing camps bring with it crime, drug paraphernalia (needles), and public sanitation issues. Merely providing public facilities does nothing to discourage this ongoing behavior. These persons do not follow rules or obey guidelines. Homeless individuals do bear societal responsibilities. Large numbers of homeless prefer to be homeless by choice. Providing camp sites will not solve the problem but will only enlarge the population and attract persons from outside our community. As a solution, I suggest construction of more housing facilities outside of our community with mandatory guidelines. If there is an available bed, street living should be considered a crime. Housing must mandate no tolerance for drugs or alcohol. Mentally ill and addicted persons may not exercise a lifestyle which infringe on my family's safety, life and personal freedoms. Persons who choose to live on the street must be told that is not an acceptable lifestyle alternative in our community. It is wrong when their lifestyle choice prevents me from the safety and security of the standard of living I deserve and have earned. I am paying their way not the converse. Please do not allow further deterioration of our beautiful community with your ill-conceived solutions. Sincerely, Ralph D. Buoncristiani Lori Buoncristiani
245 Toyopa Drive Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Communication from Public

Name: Mario Toti

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 11:27 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: Will Rogers State Beach: First if this is actually happens who is going to be responsible for enforcing the laws at this camp. As any LA resident knows, these camps are complete lawlessness. LAPD can barely respond to normal calls in the city, and we think they are going to be responsive to the outpost at Will Rogers. Second, who cleans up all the trash before it goes into the Pacific Ocean, but mostly likely because of on shore winds it will blow onto PCH. The homeless people do not clean up their trash ! Third, this is one of the most beautiful stretch of beach, bike path, and walkway in LA, and you are going to destroy it because that is what a homeless camp will do. The city of LA is pretty big, and this is the best you can do---really ! This is not my job, but if it was I might want to pay attention to the many other suggestions on these editorials or how about doing a better job, and your two biggest priorities are crime and homelessness, and news flash you are failing miserably. I have no idea why people are leaving the area. If i did such a poor job at work solving the problems in front of me---guess what---i would be homeless. This is not the answer. Do your job. Do a better job or leave office Mario Toti LA resident since 1984

Communication from Public

Name: Karen

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 11:29 AM

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am strongly opposed to the idea of housing the homeless in will Rogers beach parking lot. The beach is a resource for the entire city to enjoy and that will be impossible with a scary homeless population living there. A terrible idea.