

Communication from Public

Name: Arturo Castro Jr

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

Council File No: 21-0350

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in public comment today about concerns with AB 832 - item #39 on the agenda. AB 832 potentially takes away affordable housing requirements and the preservation of rent stabilized housing in CRA project areas. As the City of Los Angeles continues to struggle with a housing and homelessness crisis, we must ensure that the provisions already granted to CRA project areas are in place prior to a transfer in authority. We would like this to be continued until an analysis is done.

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Name: Rebecca Malamed MD

Date Submitted: 04/07/2021 12:40 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My family has suffered the death of a family member who was homeless and suffered with a Serious Mental Illness. She was raped and murdered by another homeless individual. I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed 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. First of all, this poorly thought out plan does NOT address any of the underlying issues of homelessness. Second, there are not adequate facilities at this location to address the needs of homeless individuals. Finally, this plan is dangerous to the Pacific Palisades community as well as to the citizens of Los Angeles in general. Not only do families with small children enjoy this beach on their time off from work but there are also children who spend time at various summer camps that are hosted at this beach location. Overwhelmingly homeless individuals suffer with Serious Mental Illness which is often complicated by drug abuse. Research demonstrates that individuals with Serious Mental Illness, especially when complicated by abuse of illegal drugs, are statistically much more likely to commit violent crimes. There are many excellent solutions to getting patients with serious mental illness off the streets and housed but the city of Los Angeles has not been aggressively supporting these approaches (please see below for solutions that actually work). Poorly conceived plans like this allow the city to avoid responsibility for truly helping the homeless and endanger the local community. Below are the two organizations that do the best work on how to address Serious Mental Illness and homelessness. The most important programs that have been demonstrated to work to get individuals off the street are AOT (Assisted Outpatient Treatment) and Mental Health Courts. Treatment Advocacy Center
<https://www.treatmentadvocacycenter.org/index.php> Mental Illness Policy Org.
<https://mentalillnesspolicy.org/> The two best books on Serious Mental Illness are American Psychosis by E. Fuller Torrey MD and Insane Consequences by DJ Jaffe. These books explain how the homeless problem developed and how these issues can be solved. I encourage you to read these asap and take the actions recommended.
https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00DW70FAI/ref=dp-kindle-redirect?_encoding=UTF8&btkr=1
<https://mentalillnesspolicy.org/insane-consequences.html> I would really appreciate if you would not support this proposed plan which will destroy a valuable Los Angeles resource and will not assist the homeless in any meaningful way. Rebecca Malamed MD

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Name: Laura Gabayan
Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 10:38 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. Its a bad idea and other individuals should not be penalized for this bad idea. I am sure there other ways of supporting the homeless and fixing this problem that do not include ruining other peoples lives.

Communication from Public

Name: Carol Ann Lombardini

Date Submitted: 04/08/2021 12:31 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a long-time resident of the Pacific Palisades area, I write to advise of my opposition to the plan to turn Will Rogers State Beach into a venue for the homeless. This is no solution to the homeless problem. We certainly hope that our elected officials will find places other than public parks and beaches at which to house the homeless. Parks and beaches should be available for their intended use. A solution to the homeless problem requires a task force that will judiciously spend the billions of dollars taxpayers have approved to deal with this issue, not the fragmented and unconnected efforts of the city and various neighborhoods. Thank you. We hope the City will quickly reject this misguided idea.

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: If you open camps and forbid people from camping wherever they please, I am in support. If random encampments will be allowed to continue, there is no point to the organized camps. Drugs, alcohol, weapons, stolen property, will these be allowed in camps? If not, the most problematic homeless individuals will continue to wreak havoc on our community because they will refuse to live in the camps.