

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Selga Sanders

**Date Submitted:** 04/11/2021 05:18 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Our once beautiful city of Venice has been degraded to deplorable conditions due to our Councilmember Mike Bonin allowing this to happen. Residents fear for their lives on a daily basis. Vagrants are moving in from all over the country because the word is out. They can live on the multi-million dollar beach for free, not pay any taxes, burglarize, terrorize. rape and murder our tax paying homeowners and no one will do anything to stop them. Enough is enough! We demand that safety is brought back to our community and the filth is removed.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jan Danziger  
**Date Submitted:** 04/12/2021 02:00 AM  
**Council File No:** 21-0350  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Homeless encampment is threatening our neighborhood safety, as well as a risk of fire.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lynn

**Date Submitted:** 04/12/2021 03:48 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** NO to temporary homeless housing/encampment at will Rogers beach. NO. There are no services for the homeless there, no easy transportation, and the proximity to PCH is DANGEROUS for the homeless and for drivers. NO

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**Name:** Isabel  
**Date Submitted:** 04/12/2021 05:27 AM  
**Council File No:** 21-0350  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly oppose this bill

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sunil Navale

**Date Submitted:** 04/12/2021 05:53 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Very strong opposition to the proposed homeless shelter at Will Rogers beach in Pacific Palisades. Bad idea. If the homeless shelter is approved, we will work actively to defeat the entire city council. Keep in mind that the homeless will not vote or contribute for your re-election but we will

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**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/12/2021 06:27 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose the settlement of homeless at or near public parks and the beach for several reasons. 1. This poses a fire risk. A large fire was started due to a homeless encampment under the freeway just recently. Did we already forget this? Areas with vegetation and trash are at even greater risk. This location puts many homes and businesses in danger. It is also very expensive for the city when we have large fires and we are heading into another drought season. 2. Beaches are for public use. The presence of many people using drugs, the crime associated with drug use/dealing, drug paraphernalia around, people defecating in public, etc do not allow safe use of the beaches and/or parks by families and children or the elderly. All need safe environments to be able to enjoy the limited outdoor space we have. 3. The presence of many homeless near major roadways - Sunset, Temescal, PCH leads to an unsafe driving environment. These roads are the major thoroughfares for people to travel to/from or through the area. Having people milling around the roads is clearly just unsafe for both the pedestrians as well as those driving. This will also exacerbate an already difficult traffic situation. Homeless people need help but we have locations that would be better served to help them. Example: The old County Hospital. This structure still exists and could be utilized for housing the homeless. It is also located at the medical center and possibly could provide not only housing but also a shower, flush toilet and medical care for those who need or want it. And maybe even laundry services! There are also many large open spaces near this area where buildings could be built, with the monies already earmarked or even new monies, to help the homeless. There is no reason that large spaces, similar to old VA hospitals with wards where multiple beds could be placed, with curtains for privacy, a closet for them to store their belongings, etc. There could be flush toilets and showers on each floor, access to laundry, and even medical care available to those who want it. The barrier has always been drug use. But if a safe place to use drugs and dispose of needles/syringes could be made in the building, those doing drugs may want to come. And, if they were not allowed to live on the streets, they would have to go. But a bed, closet, flush toilet, shower, safe place to do drugs and medical care is far better for them as well. Many want to believe that those doing drugs want to stop. And there are some who do.

And services to help that could be provided. But the truth is many do not want to stop. And we need to find a place for them. It's better for the community and for the homeless to provide cost effective solutions and safe environments for all to live.

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Vehemently oppose this insane idea!

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**Name:** Whitney Derksen  
**Date Submitted:** 04/12/2021 06:54 AM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** This is outrageous and a family park!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Belinda  
**Date Submitted:** 04/12/2021 07:14 AM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Homelessness is a health and safety issue!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Deborah Conrad

**Date Submitted:** 04/12/2021 07:16 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly oppose the proposal to use the Will Rogers parking lot for housing. The beach is a shared resource that is enjoyed by all Los Angelenos and many visitors to our city. Permitting housing there will limit parking and discourage visitation. Homelessness is a serious issue for our city but the myriad issues presented by this proposed solution significantly outweigh the benefits.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Steve Bradbury

**Date Submitted:** 04/12/2021 08:01 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** This is insanity. With all the open spaces within the city and county boundaries, this motion chooses to locate homeless within the finite space of the beaches? For years I wanted to live by the beach but could not afford it. I could not simply "decide" to live in a coastal community. But now it seems if I'm homeless, I have that right and it will now be codified into law. Why limit this to the beach? OK, I now want to live on the sidewalk in front of the councilman's house in Pacific Palisades. I'll pitch my tent and bring all my worldly belongings. Maybe if a few of my friends join me, the city can put micro housing on the (theoretical) empty lot across the street. Or the city can use its powers of eminent domain to force the sale of a house on the same block. I'm sure the residents of PP would be thrilled with that solution. So why should the residents of Venice be thrilled with this solution? Perhaps because we don't make as many campaign contributions to the councilman's coffers? Or perhaps it's simply easier to dump all the homeless in Venice because this community has historically been more compassionate. Either way, this insanity has to end.

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**Name:** Lionel Sauvage  
**Date Submitted:** 04/12/2021 08:46 AM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** As a resident of Pacific Palisades I never use the Beach Parking lots, but those give access to the beach to thousands of Los Angeles city and county resident. The homeless population should be temporarily located on vacant lots in the periphery of town, not in places that are regularly used by tax paying residents.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Please!

**Date Submitted:** 04/12/2021 08:50 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I STRONGLY OPPOSE Bonin's proposal to install temporary housing for the homeless at Will Rogers State Beach Parking Lot - or any beach or beach parking lot. Let's keep the beaches safe and clean for all the TOURISTS who visit and all the people who live in Los Angeles. Let's not degrade yet another public area.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Richard LaForge

**Date Submitted:** 04/12/2021 08:50 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** This is a disappointing proposal to a real problem that has been mismanaged at every level. Homeless should not be allowed to shelter in our parking lots or on our beaches. Aside from all the additional issues this will create, it's not treating the root of the problem. As a resident of the palisades with young children who go to the beach, this is a big NO THANK YOU to whoever put this together and pushed it up this far.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/12/2021 09:01 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose Bonin proposal to utilize parks and beaches for homeless encampments in Pacific Palisades and our neighboring communities. The beaches are enjoyed by all Angelenos. Venice has proven to be a failure. We need to keep our beaches safe and clean for families and visitors. There has been uptick in crime, defecation and needles found in the sand. This is not an appropriate location. The homeless need services and an infrastructure. Please do better for the community and for the homeless. This is not an effective plan.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nancy

**Date Submitted:** 04/12/2021 09:04 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The health of civic life depends on access to safe public spaces for all citizens. Installing homeless shelters on our beaches will effectively prohibit access to those beaches for those of us who are not homeless. And, of course, if implemented, consider the need for security guards & law-enforcement personnel to monitor the doings on the beaches---as well as clean-up crews day & night. I strongly oppose Bonin's proposal. It is not a solution, just an invitation for more problems.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sarah Yoo

**Date Submitted:** 04/12/2021 09:05 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am opposed to this idea that does not have a concrete plan in place to assist the homeless (mental health assistance, drug rehab, etc). Creating a space for the homeless right next to residential areas full of children, schools, and a park regularly frequented by young children seems like a counterintuitive plan. Homelessness needs to be addressed but this is definitely not the solution.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dana DuFour

**Date Submitted:** 04/12/2021 09:22 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Stop prioritizing the rights of homeless, dangerous, drug addicted and mentally ill people over the rights of law abiding and tax paying citizens. Our streets aren't safe for residents and this must be taken more seriously and prioritized by our leaders. get the homeless encampments cleaned up and move the people illegally living on the streets, get them to a place that is safer for them and for our neighborhoods. Take one look at the area around the 'bridge home' on Main and you'll see the horrible impact that homeless shelters have on our community. It looks like a third world country and it is a complete failure of local government. Do your jobs, enforce the laws, and protect the innocent families and people who live in this area from the dangerous criminals who are flocking to Venice. It is not compassionate to allow this continue - it is criminally negligent and must be stopped. I want to be able to walk around my neighborhood without fearing for my life, and it is truly insane to see how the local government isn't interested in protecting local citizens. DO something to stop these daily violent crime alerts, encampment fires. Save Venice!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** julie glass

**Date Submitted:** 04/12/2021 09:23 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** We strongly oppose Bonin's idea to use Westchester Park and the Playa del Rey Beaches as shelters for the homeless. These are public properties that should be for public use and not used to house the homeless. Westchester Park will soon become the Echo Park nightmare. The homeless staying there are drug addicts Bonin is enabling. Residents cannot let children play in the park with the felons and needles laying around. I've seen people masturbating in the park. It's dirty and there is a serious sanitation problem. I know I speak for several Westchester residents in saying we strongly oppose using Westchester Park and Playa del Rey beaches as homeless shelters/living areas.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** David Kimball

**Date Submitted:** 04/12/2021 09:26 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not use our parks and beaches to allow the unhoused to set up camps or tents. This is not the purpose of these properties and it does nothing to enhance the lives of our families and residents that use established resources. Please come up with a plan that truly helps the unhoused in an accountable way and also safely protects the integrity of our neighborhoods and beloved resources.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mike Tanner

**Date Submitted:** 04/12/2021 09:58 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm opposed to housing the homeless in any beach, park or other publicly used space.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cynthia Ogle

**Date Submitted:** 04/12/2021 10:00 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please stop this proposal from becoming a reality! It is NOT the solution! This "temporary" fix is not addressing the underlying problems of mental illness and drug addiction! STOP and THINK! I have seen many people on-line propose solutions that seem to be much more humane and compassionate and address these problems head-on. We are all in this together and I am confident we can come up with a better plan! Thank you for your time! Cynthia Ogle

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sarah Grose

**Date Submitted:** 04/12/2021 10:05 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** To Whom it May Concern, I would like to express my concerns regarding the proposal to house members of the homeless population at Will Rogers Beach. We live on the hillside above Sunset at Paseo Miramar. We have growing homeless encampments on the hillside next to us and abutting Palisades Drive and have thus had heightened concern about a potentially devastating wildfire. With an increased population at the beach, I have no doubt you will see further encroachment into the surrounding hills and that the risk for such events will grow. We have had additional issues on our hillside (represented by the Paseo Miramar Homeowners Association) with homeless persons squatting in empty homes and breaking and entering in inhabited homes. As I am frequently home alone with children ages 5,7, and 9, I am concerned that greater numbers of homeless people will begin to wander the hills and potentially enter homes. In a relatively quiet residential area this is a frightening prospect as there is not any general foot traffic to call for help should such an instance arise. I am also concerned that I will no longer feel safe walking on the beach or playing with my children at Will Rogers. We avoid the beach close to the Santa Monica Pier and in Venice for this reason. I have been accosted on Will Rogers Beach by a homeless man publicly masturbating, and I am afraid that if there were further encampments I would not feel safe sending my children to beach camp, bringing them there to surf or boogey board, using the adjacent restrooms, or walking solo during daylight hours. I don't think that LA's lifeguards are equipped to deal with a potentially mentally unstable population while also ensuring safe access to the ocean, and I feel that this measure would impact local children and families in an outsize way, lessening their access to safe outdoor spaces. Best, Sarah Grose  
718-864-6883

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 04/12/2021 10:28 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** NO on using public beach parking lot areas to shelter the unhoused. 1. Not enough space to provide vital 24 hour services this population needs and deserves. 2. Severely impacts the general public that have come to rely on public (state, county & city) land for affordable family (emphasize family) recreation.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mike Davis

**Date Submitted:** 04/12/2021 10:37 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** As a lifelong resident of West Los Angeles, this is an absolute shame. For the council to consider using beachfront, water front, and public parks which are public assets for the ENTIRE public and devote these to the exclusive use of a small minority group is unconscionable and a theft of our public resources. Irrespective of my personal opinion on the massive failures of government with respects to the homeless situation, the hijacking of public assets for an illegal use of a small group should never be allowed. Parks are meant to be safe spaces for local children. Beach front parking is a revenue generating asset for the use of the public beach. Find a better solution where space is more ample, where you are not endangering children or destroying revenue generating assets. The city and county are huge, look inland.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** pooja

**Date Submitted:** 04/12/2021 10:56 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** This is the worst of a bunch of horrible ideas from our public officials. You have failed miserably for the actual residents of this city ie the renters and homeowners. They have to suffer through the violence and filth that is encompassing the entire west side. There are no rules, regulations, or laws that are being followed by the homeless. Two sets of laws, one for the housed and absolutely none for the homeless. They are free to destroy public and private property. They can choose to follow the laws or not but nothing will happen to them. It's beyond ridiculous. Get rid of Mike Bonin and Mark Ridley Thomas and all the rest of them.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Larry Schoenberg

**Date Submitted:** 04/12/2021 11:06 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** A long-term solution with respect to what is called homelessness is to establish campuses throughout the country as part of a joint federal-state program. Each "campus" (similar to a University) would contain dormitory type housing, a medical unit, job-training resources, cafeterias and other relevant "departments". The State of California could provide a model for such a facility.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** HR  
**Date Submitted:** 04/12/2021 11:13 AM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am NOT in support of housing at the Will Rogers Beach parking lot

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Marta Kane

**Date Submitted:** 04/12/2021 11:21 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing regarding Mike Bonin's proposal to allow homeless encampments on our public beaches and parking lots. I live at the mobile home park, Tahitian Terrace, in Pacific Palisades. My daughters live in the park next door, Palisades Bowl. One of my daughters is handicapped. We bought homes here because we were looking for a safe community. We are now seeing a difference in our small, and mostly elderly, community. Crime is increasing and, although our parks are private, homeless people are wandering in and settling in. I even had a man expose himself while I was walking my dog near my home. He was drug addled and had wandered into our park from the beach. I am afraid. My neighbors are afraid. To now plan to bring the homeless population onto our beautiful beaches, meant for public enjoyment...mostly hundreds of families with children...gives me the strong impression that Mr. Bonin and the City Council, doesn't understand what brings our city and the world's visitors to Los Angeles. This will become what Venice has become...a free for all, with only the homeless enjoying our beaches. I see the debris and filth, and sidewalks used as toilets, line the areas where the homeless are encamped. Mike Bonin would do well to study New York's Mayor Bloomberg's plan to help the homeless population of that city. I understand that homelessness, especially during this time of pandemic, needs to be addressed, but without a defined plan, there will only be chaos. Having been partly raised in an orphanage, I too, always have had the shadow of fear hanging over my head of being on the streets, alone and with no one to help me in times of crisis. However, I was eventually adopted by people who knew how to help me deal with my difficult first years and found organized and loving ways to give me a life of hope and a future. To help one child is not the same as helping hundreds of our homeless population, but there must be boundaries created. Our neighborhoods must not be sacrificed in the process of trying to find solutions to this problem. There is also the problem of beach parking. The people of Los Angeles should have the right to park in the lots assigned to our local beaches. Presently, there is not enough beach parking. I can't imagine how the local neighborhoods would be able to absorb the lack of parking if the lots were not available. There must be better answers than what the City Council is proposing for our homeless

population. Large, unincorporated areas not close to neighborhoods and public areas. Our population should have the right to go to our beaches and parks and not have to navigate through tent towns, some populated with violent and abusive individuals. Thank you, Marta Kane

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael Davis

**Date Submitted:** 04/12/2021 11:22 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Councilmembers, I staunchly oppose the temporary expansion of safe camping areas to the proposed sites in the Westside of Los Angeles put forth by Councilmember Bonin. The proposed areas are amenities to the community paid for and maintained by the tax paying public. There are various other city or county owned sites or properties that could be leased for the purpose of temporary safe camping areas for those experiencing homelessness. While the public continues to fund services and housing through various propositions, etc. the problem has only worsened in Los Angeles. Once safe and clean areas are now covered in trash and law abiding citizens do not feel comfortable walking through their own neighborhoods. In the past three weeks a transient stabbed an elderly person to death, an encampment resident ran over another resident with their car near the VA, and a citizen in Beverly Grove was stabbed to death in their own backyard. Enough is enough with the out of control lawlessness that's plaguing this once great city. Instead of using our great parks and beaches, which would certainly exacerbate and expand the problem, the City needs to use these funds to explore larger sites away from residential areas that can accommodate more of the 65,000 people experiencing homelessness. There needs to be a better solution with wrap around services to get people back on their feet. Affordable housing and enforcing laws are only part of the solution. What has happened in Venice and other parts of the City is a shameful and unsafe. Please use the funds you've been given by tax payers to clean this City up and not further degrade the quality of life in Los Angeles. Best, Mike Davis

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andrew Marton  
**Date Submitted:** 04/12/2021 12:04 PM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Homelessness is a legitimate social problem but this half baked idea is not the solution. In fact, aside from moving tent encampments into Mar Vista Park - there is absolutely no related joint plan to evaluate and assess the needs of the people occupying these tent encampments or to help these individuals get back on their feet and out of the encampment. And unless there's a complete package - you know nothing will happen. The problem will just fester at the park. Here's some of my other concerns: 1. Tent encampments will continue to grow around Mar Vista Park, outside the park, under freeway overpasses, sidewalks, parking lots and other areas around Mar Vista. There is absolutely NO guarantee that moving these tent encampments into Mar Vista Park will eliminate or lower the number of encampments on the street. There will be no improvement. Just look to the Venice Beach for a glimpse as to what will happen here. (Another Bonin disaster.) 2. The tent encampments will be a permanent fixture in Mar Vista Park. Bonin is essentially creating the same situation that developed organically in Echo Park. Why create this mess that will only cause more pain for everyone involved in years to come. 3. There will be no restrictions against alcohol and drug use in a public space in the tent encampment at the park - in fact there will be no way to monitor drug and illegal alcohol use in public - Bonin is against it - and expect more fires like what happened at the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve near the Playa del Rey oil field on March 23 or under our freeway overpasses. 4. Bonin will be creating a lawless crime zone right in the middle of our residential neighborhoods. Local law enforcement is already taxed and LAPD can take up to an hour to show up - if they even show up - for a tent encampment related complaint. Their current position is not to respond - especially if you are complaining about non-violent petty crimes like porch thieves and bicycle thefts. 5. Health and safety concerns. Mar Vista park is a local gem used by families all around LA. Families with children, picnickers, softball teams, soccer teams, skaters and people with dogs all come to the park for fun, exercise and birthdays and celebrations. But Bonin's encampment plan puts all of us at risk. It doesn't matter that trash bins, showers and toilets will be there. We have all seen the mess by Venice Blvd under the 405 overpass. It makes no difference. 6. There will be NO curfew

for the tent encampment at Mar Vista. There will be NO rules of conduct for the tent encampment even though everyone else in the park must follow park rules when they are visiting the park. Simply look at Venice Beach and it is clear this plan is misguided and will harm this community.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mariana

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

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I totally oppose the motion to erect temporary housing for homeless on the Roger Williams beach--or any beach. It would bring here crime and uttermost filth, like on Venice Beach. We who worked all our lives to live here, and the many East side families who live far away from the beach but drive here on week ends and school breaks, will be robbed of our rights to enjoy clean air, a swim in the ocean, quality time with family. Housing for the homeless should be erected inland, on inexpensive state-owned land.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Serge Dubovitsky  
**Date Submitted:** 04/12/2021 12:30 PM  
**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councils Bonin and Ridley-Thomas, we do need to provide homeless people with alternatives to living off the streets, but we should not fall into the trap of striving to make these alternative enticing enough for people to choose them. If I were down and out, I would strongly prefer to live in a tent encampment with my friends on the beach or by the lake in Echo Park vs a shelter or even a hotel room. Heck, many people pay to spend their vacations in a tent on the beach! But it shouldn't be my choice. We need to provide minimum temporary arrangements in locations that minimize the impact on your housed constituents and provide minimum safe conditions for temporarily homeless: beds in shelters, tent encampments in industrial zones, etc. This should be coupled with return to enforcement of no tents on the streets during daytime and so on. Therefore, I strongly oppose your proposal of turning over our prime areas to homeless. It will lead nowhere. These great locations will quickly fill up, your generosity will attract even more people to LA homeless scene and will be back where we started. Actually will be worse off. We've spent last five years heaping tons of money on various ill-conceived homeless projects trying to solve homeless people's problems . We need to go back to basics of treating people as human beings with a will. Provide alternatives acceptable to the public, enforce existing laws, i.e. set boundaries on what's permitted, and let people figure out their affairs. This approach will not eliminate homelessness in LA, but it is the only approach that will reduce it.