

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michele Cooley-Strickland

**Date Submitted:** 05/11/2021 10:33 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Homelessness and Poverty Committee,  
Deinstitutionalization (elimination of state psychiatric hospitals) devastated the health and well-being of vulnerable populations. We ALL want and need to help the unhoused, but it requires a comprehensive solution that addresses the mental, physical, and substance use issues that are often at the forefront. As proposed, the current plan includes insufficient measures to provide safety and security in public parks, beaches, and wetlands -- as well as services that address influential factors such as addiction and mental illness. Admittedly, the latter issues are in the County's domain, but this complex problem requires a City/County/State comprehensive plan. Transitional services like education, counseling, job training and placement are also needed to get vulnerable people with unstable or non-existent housing back to housing stability and overall well-being. PLEASE DO NOT VOTE ALLOW ENCAMPMENTS FOR THE UNHOUSED TO BE ERECTED OR SUSTAINED IN PUBLIC PARKS, BEACH AREAS, OR WETLANDS. INSTEAD, PLEASE PROVIDE SAFE, SECURE, AND CLEAN RESIDENCES WITH FOOD AVAILABILITY IN AREAS WHERE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION CONCERNS ARE ADDRESSED, AND PROVIDE TRANSITIONAL SERVICES (EDUCATION, COUNSELING, JOB TRAINING/PLACEMENT) TO HELP THE UNHOUSED GAIN HOUSING STABILITY AND OVERALL WELL-BEING.  
Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/11/2021 10:48 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Building tiny homes for homeless is a solution from a tiny thought process. Quite frankly this idea is putting lipstick on a pig. We must do better for the homeless, for taxpayers, property owners, renters, and visitors. Tiny beachfront homes incentivize homelessness, and wont stop crime, trash, or drug issues. Do you know what goes on inside homeless tents and shelters? Ask the locals, it's not good. Example, a neighbor recently posted on Nextdoor that she followed a naked woman walking up the street, the woman got to a tent on Glencoe and male voice yelled get back in your cage. (The police were called per the post) I have heard of multiple reports of alleged drug making activities and thermal imaging drone footage supporting these allegations. What this entitled fairytale idea will do is drive away the current homeowners, tourists, and businesses. The mentally ill and drug addicted are incapable of making appropriate decisions for themselves. We need to change the laws to account for this, involve the ACLU from the outset, do whatever it takes to ensure proper oversight, but we need to impose proper care for oneself as it is far too inhumane to allow people to live, sleep, and defecate and even die on our sidewalks. Current shelters aren't great. I once tried to help a young homeless woman, she said she didnt want to be helped. She would often take off her clothes walk around and scream at all hours of the day and night. I called PD, they were helpful, but couldn't help her, I reported her case to the city portal a number of times, yet every day she was still there sometimes walking into traffic. I found a shelter who would take her, she refused, told me they are too dangerous, that she was fine. It was exasperating. What we are currently doing doesnt work. Hotel rooms, tiny homes, temporary shelters dont work. Use the mens central jail as an intake and processing center, it has everything you need just needs some modifications, such as the removal of prison bars for most but not all rooms. The city should have acquired St.Vincents for this purpose. We need to treat each class of homeless differently. The lawless that want freedom can no longer live where they choose, they need to go to an unpopulated area, build facilities, but if you want to live wild and not contribute to a functioning society, they you have to go to a camp ground on the Ca/Nv border. Stop building multimillion dollar facilities near the beach for few, buy property in Palmdale,

or Lancaster where you get more for your money. This problem is an enormous undertaking, one that requires changes at the county, state and federal levels. We need to address healthcare issues, for example a family shouldn't have to mortgage their home to get a family member into rehab a second time (or more if necessary) or then forgo help for their loved one because they cannot afford it. Contact the President-the fact that major cities across the U.S. budget for, and are allowed to send their homeless to our state via one-way bus fare is despicable and needs to end. The way we handle mental health is a tragedy. We pretend the mentally ill can care for themselves just fine, that they are able to acquire or hold down a job, that they have access to medical care. Do they even know the consequences of their actions? The consequences of self medicating? How we are treating the homeless is inhumane. As a native Angeleno and a property owner, it pains me to think I may have no alternative but to leave if you sanction tiny houses. I already live in fear and am practically a prisoner in my own home. I cannot walk my dog, go to the store, get gas where or when I choose as a result of the homeless. Everything has to be calculated. Now you want to sanction their deplorable condition with a permanent shelter that will become deplorable in no time and wont stop crime. We can do better. There needs to be large scale processing and treatment centers built. Separate the lawless, the down on your luck homeless, the drug addicts who must get treatment, and the mentally ill who must als get treatment. Those who choose to be lawless or not recieve treatment must leave and go live in a designated area in an unpopulated area or face arrest. It may seem harsh, but drive around Venice watch people passed out in parks, on sidewalks, on bus benches, on my very own porch. We all see people do drugs in the alley ways or right out in the open. This is no way for them or for homeowners to live. I'm perpetually saddened to see the inhumane treatment of homeless people. Change the laws, reform healthcare, and build or acquire property to deal with thousands at a time. Tiny beach front homes for so few won't solve anything, it will increase the current issues ten fold and negatively impact the environment, tourism, and local business. Think bigger, solve for more, and finally get to the root issues. Come on L.A. we are better than this. This isn't a tiny problem.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cheryl M Pokomo

**Date Submitted:** 05/12/2021 12:55 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a resident of Pacific Palisades and hope you will vote "NO" on Councilman Bonin's motion CF #21-0350 to let the homeless live indefinitely on LA's parks and beaches, as opposed to actually addressing the root causes of homelessness, protecting public safety by fixing legislation to empower law enforcement, creating rehab and wellness treatment centers for the addicted and mentally ill, and keeping criminals in jail. Thank you for your consideration, Cheryl Pokomo

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Steve Bradbury

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

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** This is insanity. I strenuously object to using any public spaces including Dockweiler Beach in Playa del Rey and Fisherman's Village in Marina del Rey for ANY homeless solution, regardless of how temporary. Why would you consider placing homeless people, many of whom have mental health and / or drug addiction problems, in ANY area with young children and families nearby. This decision will materially impact all residents quality of life which is already under assault by the homeless. One only has to look at the area surrounding the Bridge housing project in Venice to see how the crime rate has soared including dramatic increases in robberies, assault with deadly weapons, auto theft, burglaries, aggravated assaults, etc. DO NOT approve this measure!!!!!!!!!!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stephanie Dahlberg

**Date Submitted:** 05/12/2021 06:34 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** "I OPPOSE the proposal to allow encampments on Beaches & Parks. Our PUBLIC Beaches & Parks were not intended for encampments, and not even under the guise as temporary housing. We all know that will not be the case and these homeless people will never leave. This will increase crime, decrease child safety & increase pollution in our public spaces & ocean. It is not good for the community and it certainly not humane to treat these individuals in such a manner. They need intervention and support. Councilman Bonin admitted that he is not in a position to increase services, increase enforcement for criminal behavior, nor address the larger root issues of homelessness such as mental illness, addiction, job training, job placement, etc. Encampments could be allowed and should be considered in the many underutilized City owned properties." As the parent of an adolescent girl who, with two of her friends, was stalked and harassed on May 10th by a homeless man at Starbucks in the Pacific Palisades Village and then chased down the street to CVS where they hid and called for help from the store manager, this is a terrifying proposition. The police wouldn't even respond to the initial incident. Who will protect the children when an entire "tiny village" of mentally unstable and/or drug addicted homeless begin to populate the beach and surrounding areas? This is a bad plan destined for failure on all levels and for everyone involved. Regards,  
Stephanie Dahlberg

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/12/2021 06:36 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmembers: The Brentwood community represents 33,000 residents and 3 business districts covering 15 square miles of the City of Los Angeles. As a resident of Brentwood, I oppose the use of public beaches and parks for the use of homeless housing and oppose 21-0350 unless amended to remove them from any feasibility studies. Public spaces were developed and codified for the recreation and enjoyment of all residents and should not be subject to the extensive environmental, sanitation and safety issues related to placing homeless shelters in those locations. Respectfully submitted,

## Communication from Public

**Name:** David Howard

**Date Submitted:** 05/12/2021 08:24 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I adamantly oppose Mike Bonin's plan to set up emergency shelters on LA County beach parking lots anywhere and specifically at Will Rogers State Beach. It's time to respect and listen to the tax payers of Los Angeles. Bonin has failed over and over and quite frankly has allowed the homeless crises (along with Garcetti) to spiral out of control. We have become a dangerous third world city that has become an international embarrassment. Most important temporary housing is failed policy. We must provide safe access to our beaches and parks for the enjoyment of everyone. Don't be part of the problem and have blood on your hands when violent crime and terrible things happen because of this terrible idea and nonsensical solution. Please save our city. There is not much left to protect. Sincerely, David Howard

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/12/2021 08:26 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I cannot see the rationale of turning already PACKED lots at the beach — be it Will Rogers, Dockweiler or the other beaches mentioned in Mr Bonin's Motion #21-035 — into shelters. These and other beaches that are used DAILY by families with young children cannot safely accommodate a site for "safe camping" and "tiny homes" much less share public access & facilities with the many homeless who are mentally ill, often have drug paraphernalia and are often abusive to strangers. And, has anyone also considered, that for example, Will Rogers is the evacuation site for Eastern Malibu and the Palisades in the event of wildfires? I am in disbelief that anyone thinks this is a good idea. I acknowledge that we must work hard to find solutions for the homeless epidemic but I feel this solution is a recipe for disaster, not only for public safety of our lower income families but also traffic safety concerns but also for the safety of ALL the public, particularly children.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/12/2021 08:26 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** So many small businesses are suffering to stay alive. The pandemic caused enough loss.... These homeless encampments are deterring tourists and locals from coming down to the beach. How can these businesses survive. Bonin is putting the homeless before the small businesses. What has happened to our community? They cannot allow homeless on our beaches and our parks. I have lived in venice for 16 years.... What once was a community that had a heartbeat is now dying. Our rents/ mortgages reflect where we choose to live. It is unfair. I want the homeless to have a fair shot but the beaches and the parks are not an option.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** A. Peralta

**Date Submitted:** 05/12/2021 08:29 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Absolutely no encampments near or on beaches or public parks. Use the extensive open, unimproved tracts of land across the City and County of LA, where it is more cost effective and does not do economic damage to the local community. Beach encampments and related crime reduce tourism, hurt local businesses, reduce the value of real property, and decrease the taxes generated from local businesses and property taxes. It does not serve the local, tax paying citizens. A local citizen was murdered (John DeCindis) by a transient and the increase in local homeless and accompanying lawlessness. Crime in the area is up nearly 180% in the last year. Enough.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nancy

**Date Submitted:** 05/12/2021 08:33 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** 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 & ocean. 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. Encampments could be allowed in the many underutilized City owned properties.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brian G.

**Date Submitted:** 05/12/2021 08:35 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I was recently assaulted by a mentally ill homeless man in Venice, right off the boardwalk. He came at me while I was riding past on my bicycle. Enough is enough. The situation is completely out of hand and all efforts taken to date have been in direct opposition to the needs of the residents, homeowners, and business owners in the area. My wife and I no longer take our friends and family to the Venice Boardwalk. This is a shame, and I hope it changes soon.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/12/2021 08:41 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please don't allow homeless village in Santa Monica

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elena Guzov

**Date Submitted:** 05/12/2021 08:42 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please keep the park safe and healthy for the community

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/12/2021 08:45 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** We oppose the emergency shelters / homeless encampments that are proposed for our beaches and parks. This will absolutely increase fires and crime in these areas while taking away valued resources for all citizens. Venice didn't work and is dangerous and out of control. San Vicente VA in Brentwood is a disaster. Please stop this effort now. There are other, more productive solutions to this multi -tiered crisis, and I'm happy to discuss further. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** S. Wetch

**Date Submitted:** 05/12/2021 08:45 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is abhorrent, immoral, unfair, irresponsible, destructive to society as well as unsafe to provide housing for vagrants/homeless by taxpayers especially in areas that are frequented by responsible citizens. Most of the homeless by government reports have addictions and/or mental health issues. The State is spending 12\$B/yr on such housing and not requiring mental health and/or addiction treatment nor with any metrics or mechanisms to improve the individual lives. This is cruel and insane to all, the responsible taxpayers having their neighborhoods destroyed and to the vagrant/homeless who have real needs for treatment. A specific example is the proposed parking lot as referenced in the council file as: "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". As a homeowner in the area, we have heard this maybe near beach tower 15 near the easterly most part of the parking area. This is the key area where the youth in the community can boogie board and learn surfing as well as have team volleyball practices and games. In this area, there is one of the very few beaches in which the slope angle of the beach is very flat. This prohibits the waves from building up and thus is the ideal area for the very little guys to start learning boogie boarding and surfing. I take our 3, 5, and 6 year old grandchildren to that lot and beach area near tower 15 several times a week from Spring through Fall. They are learning to enjoy the waves there regularly. It would be unsafe, unclean and just plain physically not possible to use the lot and the beach if this so called 'temporary site' (which would end up not being so temporary) were allowed. We do not want our children and grandchildren exposed to drug users and people who are not only potentially dangerous, but distracting to an otherwise pleasant setting. This is plain wrong and irresponsible of the Council to even consider such misuse of public space, which is paid for not only through taxes but daily parking fees by responsible citizens, who need some safe, clean spaces to recreate at the ocean. Why can't any vagrant/homeless help be done more inland in lower cost areas and certainly why cannot any housing be tied to mandatory substance abuse rehabilitation meaning withdrawal and mental health treatment? That would be responsible. We are paying for all of this insanity. Be responsible leaders or resign

such that mature, responsible leadership can emerge. Do not let our society devolve into complete chaos and upheaval. Sincerely,  
Responsible tax-paying citizen.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Melissa Kolsky  
**Date Submitted:** 05/12/2021 08:46 PM  
**Council File No:** 21-0350  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly oppose Mike Bonin's proposal to use Will Rogers Beach parking lot for a homeless encampment or emergency shelter.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Aaron Temin

**Date Submitted:** 05/12/2021 08:47 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I live in Brentwood and I am in favor of the motion as written, including looking into the use of public beaches and parks and all city properties. Please vote YES. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Louis Leal

**Date Submitted:** 05/12/2021 08:51 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** This homeless issue is nothing new to LA nor Venice where I live. However, since our past councilman the late Rosenthal and now Mr. Bonin I've only been told for 16 years that this is "temporary" and will be resolved. That is not the truth, it has only progressively got worse over this time duration. And in the past 5 years it has accelerated in my little town. Venice is only 3.5 square miles but it shoulders a disproportional amount of social services from several location of the Venice Family Clinic, several locations of The St. Joseph center, 30+ HUD housing projects and countless other social programs from Bread and Roses, Harvest Home, SPY etc. There is a lot going on here and its all good work but we can not, let me repeat CAN NOT have our streets act as homes for people. We can not relax our policing in order to enable this way of life. Our streets are disgusting, dirty, unsafe and it has basically come to a place of disorder. Unacceptable as a citizen of my small little town. My public officials have to do something, its been way too long, we've been patient for 16 years with our council people not doing anything but telling us to be patient then stuffing more social programs into our small 3.5 square mile town. If you have to do something... DO IT SOMEWHERE ELSE! We've had enough here in VENICE. Call me if you'd like to discuss further. Oh by the way. I use to run the charity program at Pardee Properties and oversaw \$1.3 million of donation money since 2009 go to all of these social programs to get homeless pregnant women off the street, young teens to find there way home and general case work to be down by the FourSquare church to help with this very difficult problem but in now way do I want to give up my rights nor those of my fellow tax paying neighbors to destroy our home.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/12/2021 11:18 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** We strongly oppose establishing homeless encampments at our beaches and parks for all of the glaringly obvious reasons. Homelessness is a tragedy that requires a multitude of resources committed to ensuring a permanent solution. Simply parking these people in a temporary location is a waste of resources, and creates additional problems by introducing mentally unstable, potentially violent, and unhealthy inhabitants into stable family communities. This is a mental health crisis that requires medical intervention as well as social services to address and support those that are homeless due to a multitude of issues including joblessness, domestic abuse, addiction, and mental illness. It isn't a "one size fits all" problem. Housing is simply one component. There needs to be a comprehensive evaluation of these individuals to place them with the proper resources including: Job training and placement Medical treatment Mental health treatment Addiction and detox support and rehab Relocating domestic violence victims to shelters. It is heartbreaking to see our fellow citizens sleeping in the streets without proper shelter. However, spending limited resources to purchase temporary housing structures and parking them at our beaches and parks is NOT the solution and does not address the root of the problem. It's simply a band aid at best. Rather paying to place them in temporary existing housing like motels while they are being evaluated and directed to the proper social services to address their needs, is a far better use of monies, and will hopefully lead to a more permanent solution through job placement, drug rehabilitation, mental health support etc. I believe everyone wants to find a solution and would be committed to a comprehensive plan that targets the causes of, and solutions to, the growing homeless population. And the state of California cannot be a National Homeless Center and be burdened with the expense of caring for all of the homeless from other states that are dumped on our doorstep! A bus ticket back to their home state is far cheaper than incorporating them into our already enormous California homeless population and expecting CA taxpayers alone to foot the bill. Please abandon this proposal to place these Homeless shelters at Will Rogers Beach and other parks and recreational locations. It's simply a bad idea, and does absolutely nothing to address the real challenges confronting the homeless. Are they just supposed to sit in these little huts all day?

Not likely. They will migrate into the adjoining communities creating a host of potential problems, especially safety concerns for young school age children. Please put forth a more sustainable and productive plan. Respectfully Jan and Jeff Scruton Pacific Palisades

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Linda Snyder Malkes

**Date Submitted:** 05/12/2021 11:29 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am opposed to the homeless having encampments in city parks & being able to legally live on our streets. Many are on drugs & are mentally ill. They need to get help in hospitals & rehab facilities. It is not safe for our community to let them live freely on public places. They are a danger to themselves & the public. Gabe Connell would be alive if the police didn't let homeless sleep on the streets in their cars & alleys. They need professional help.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/12/2021 11:37 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I do not support using the public beaches and parks for the development of homeless encampments. This problem has been around for years and years. We have supported millions and billions of dollars to help the homeless. Whenever homeless becomes the main publicity topic, government pushes housing and a solution, when nothing has been done for years. It is a complex problem, so let's take each segment of homeless people and prepare a solution for each group. All government tries to do is build shelters to show the public they are doing something. Each segment of homeless people requires a different approach, i.e. mentally ill, chronically homeless, drug abusers, jobless etc. Let's develop a master plan, not just put bandaids on which punish the citizens. Again, I do not support taking away our parks and beaches to house homeless people. Bonin should focus on the master plan and then perhaps I could support some of his initiatives.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Steven M Abraham

**Date Submitted:** 05/12/2021 11:39 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Like hundreds if not thousands of other local residents and those that enjoy our public beaches, I strongly oppose creating homeless encampments in our around our precious public beach parking lots. It's hard to imagine the rationale given the likely danger (mental illness, violence, drugs, etc etc). Obviously we'd like to find better solutions for the homeless than camping out on our sidewalks in random places. But put the communities for the homeless in locations that can be carefully monitored and where necessary services (healthcare, food, hygiene etc) can be provided without putting the community at risk and taking away a vital natural resource that 10s of thousands of our residents use every week. Please use common sense. Steven Abraham, Palisades Highlands

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Anna

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 12:11 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Stop allowing homeless to live in public places. Stop spreading dirt and diseases.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Eva Greene

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 12:22 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Beaches hold a unique and valued place in the hearts and minds of residents and visitors from throughout Los Angeles. Venice isn't just for the residents. It's visited from mostly minority communities from Los Angeles County and Inland. It is their recreation and solace from the difficulties of daily life. Mike Bonin & Sheila Keulh specifically along with the other city council members and county supervisors want to consider ruining all beaches in L.A. City by allowing the homeless and their open drug use and crimes against beachgoers and taxpayers to proliferate at all L.A. City beaches! They're willing to place more taxpaying residents and minorities who come for their recreation in harms way with homeless violence that follows all encampments and shelters. They're willing to place minority visitors with children and families from across the city in harms way because the homeless will have free rein over all L.A. City beaches. The violence by homeless is real, and it is out of control and it attracts gangs and more crime. If this isn't the height of racism I don't know what is! Is the county asking for the use of the following beaches for homeless? What is Malibu doing- its in L.A. County isn't it? What are they asking of them and the use of their beaches for the homeless? What is Santa Monica doing- its in L.A. County isn't it? What are they asking of them and the use of their beaches for the homeless? What is Hermosa Beach doing- its in L.A. County isn't it? What are they asking of them and the use of their beaches for the homeless? What is Manhattan Beach doing- its in L.A. County isn't it? What are they asking of them and the use of their beaches for the homeless? What is Redondo Beach doing- its in L.A. County isn't it? What are they asking of them and the use of their beaches for the homeless? What is the Palos Verdes Peninsula doing- its in L.A. County isn't it? What are they asking of them and the use of their beaches for the homeless? Will you be asking all of them to give up their beaches and allow the homeless and their violence against others to proliferate? - no you won't because those areas are not visited by minorities like the L.A. City beaches and especially like Venice Beach is.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Roxanne Tanemori  
**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 12:39 AM  
**Council File No:** 21-0350  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please see the attachment comment letter.

May 13, 2021

Honorable City Council and Homelessness and Poverty Committee Members:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Council File Motion 21-0350 and the use any Council District 11 public beaches or parks for temporary 'tiny homes', camping, and RV/residential housing/parking, or emergency shelters, including at Will Rogers State Beach, Dockweiler Beach, Fisherman's Village in Marina del Rey, and any portions of City or County parks/recreation centers, including in Mar Vista and Westchester:

1) This motion to explore feasibility and identify funding sources to implement temporary housing/shelter on public parks and beaches, while well-intentioned, does not create viable or sustainable solutions to address the spectrum of urgent needs to serve our City and region's population who are experiencing homelessness. Creating shelters/housing on public open space areas that are not designed for habitation is a violation of the public's trust in good governance.

2) This motion fails to provide any protection for our communities from the significant negative impacts to public safety, our shoreline environment, and public access to California Coastal Act protected recreational areas. These public parking lots and parks lack the critically needed infrastructure to support a shelter/housing use; residents have no confidence such sites would be managed or staffed to protect surrounding neighborhoods from the negative impacts of encampments that have been allowed to remain and create devastating impacts to numerous communities in Los Angeles and sadly maintain the status quo for many individuals who are experiencing homelessness. The broken promises made by the City regarding the new bridge housing project in Venice is just one example of why residents lack trust.

3) This motion fails to acknowledge the significant level of support services addressing addiction, mental health, public safety, economic recovery, affordable and permanent housing, and employment that must be robustly, consistently, and simultaneously provided to meaningfully tackle the region's multi-faceted homelessness crisis. These services should not be provided in and directly adjacent to public recreation areas that have been set aside as vital and necessary open spaces for the use and enjoyment of the whole community.

4) More specifically, the three proposed public beach parking lots were developed with a specific purpose to provide public access to public recreation areas regulated under the California Coastal Act of 1976. This motion to establish shelter/housing on beach lots meets the Coastal Act definition of "Development". Chapter 3 Coastal Act policies serve as the standard of review for a broad array of permanent and temporary development proposed in the Coastal Zone – and serve as the foundation for any local agency's Local Coastal Plan (inclusive of its Land Use Plan and Implementation Plan).

As such, the City's interest in developing beach parking lots for shelter/housing does not in any way supersede or in any way affect the applicability of the provisions of the California Coastal Act which provide for protection of coastal resources and coastal access (See various Coastal Act policies set forth Chapter 3 addressing Public Access and Development).

5) The Coastal Commission has consistently held that the loss of on-site parking is a substantial concern and considered an adverse impact to public access when public parking spaces that are used for beach access are burdened by additional demand or limited or removed in an form. This mandate to protect the public's access to the beach has been raised and enforced in all types of Coastal Zone development

including the most minor of projects, such as the removal of one existing parking space for development of a state law permitted Accessory Dwelling Unit on a residential parcel.

In comparison, it is hard to imagine how development that proposes to take three beach parking lots offline – three lots that represents many hundreds of parking spaces that are absolutely integral to providing and facilitating public access to the coast and associated recreational activities for countless beach goers all over the region – would be consistent with Coastal Act policies in any form.

**6) This motion must be modified to strictly limit the evaluation and identification of funding sources to implement temporary housing/shelter exclusively on non-recreation/open space properties.** Such properties could include LAWA-owned property near LAX or publicly-held land such as the West Los Angeles Municipal Building parcel cited in this motion. Additional direction to City staff should be given to include further evaluation of the City's Industrial Element and industrial zoned areas for alternative locations and include the results of Councilmembers de Leon's Motion for Council File 21-0063.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Tanemori".

Roxanne Tanemori  
Pacific Palisades resident

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 12:41 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am completely against homeless housing at Will Rogers beach. Families from all over come to the beach to enjoy the surf and sand. It is a vacation spot. It will become unsafe and dangerous. Drugs, needles, garbage and unsanitary will be major concerns without the necessary police and people to oversee this absurd idea. What idiots think this is a good idea! Shame on them!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Karen G Rosin

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 12:58 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I do not support Mike Bonin's motion for homeless encampments in our parks and beaches. I am pasting a copy of what I agree with below ---PLEASE NOTE: Please do not assume that I am a robot or that my comments should be ignored simply because I am using the same language as other like-minded residents and stakeholders of Venice! I urge you to make every effort to clean up homeless encampments and enforce existing laws to protect the safety of neighborhoods around Los Angeles and the residents of those sites. I agree with the following: A. Abate and Correct Unsafe and Unhealthy Conditions in Homeless Encampments That the Los Angeles City Council and Mayor Eric Garcetti to immediately direct the Los Angeles City Bureau of Sanitation ("LA Sanitation") to undertake site clean-ups, trash collection, and sanitizing of all homeless encampments located in the neighborhoods on the Westside of Los Angeles, in order to abate, correct, and remove hazardous, unsafe, unhealthy, and unsanitary conditions, including without limitation all combustible materials such as propane tanks, at all homeless encampments forthwith. B. Enforcement of Crimes in or Near Homeless Encampments That the Los Angeles City Council and Mayor Eric Garcetti direct the Los Angeles Police Department and other relevant law enforcement agencies to enforce all existing, enforceable laws prohibiting the sale and distribution of illegal drugs, human trafficking, and other serious crimes taking place in or near homeless encampments on the Westside of Los Angeles. C. Enforce Laws Prohibiting Blockage of Public Right of Way That the Los Angeles City Council and Mayor Eric Garcetti direct the Los Angeles Police Department and the Department of Public Works' Bureau of Engineering Street Services Division, as well as the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and the Department of Veterans Affairs to direct the Veterans Affairs Police Department and other relevant law enforcement agencies to enforce all existing, enforceable laws prohibiting the blockage of the public right of way on the Westside of Los Angeles, including all applicable provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). D. Increase Funding to Support Additional Safe Parking Programs That additional funding and resources, from all available sources, be allocated to implement more Safe Parking Programs and to support existing, reputable safe parking

programs, including those operated by organizations such as Safe  
Parking LA, throughout the Westside of Los Angeles. Karen  
Rosin \_\_\_\_\_

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Allegra Clegg

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 04:20 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am strongly against the "temporary" housing for the homeless at the beach. I have voted for every measure to build housing etc. over the last decade and that you have mismanaged these monies is not my problem. I would be fired from my job if I did it the way you and the other politicians do your jobs. This is not the solution to solve the homeless problem It is time to clean up the city and as a democrat to stop blaming Regan. We have been the majority party for the past 50 years. Get your act together. Clean up the city, don't allow the tents and trash that are on every freeway exit. Do your jobs. I object to brining the homeless to the beaches! This is where tourists come, this is where our young children spend their summers - this is not the right decision - it is wrong!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 05:10 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I vote no I don't think this is a safe solution

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Scott Zuber

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 05:44 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not take our parks and open spaces to use a homeless camps. The neighborhoods need these to remain as they are in order to maintain proper health and safety of the population. Please create other alternatives- like a centralized care facility at the LA Fairgrounds - to better analyze and care for the needs of the mentally ill, the drug addicted, the financially needy or the electively homeless that blared to be reminded bed from our streets for the health and safety of the city.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dennis Edward White

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 05:55 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a longtime tax paying resident of Los Angeles, I wish to go on record as opposing the allowance of encampments at beaches and parks which are maintained by the hard working, tax paying citizens of the city. The citizens of Los Angeles should not be compromised in any way by the failure of bureaucrats to intelligently address the homeless problem, of which the public has given financial support. The citizens and tax payers of the city have approved substantial funding for housing via bonds, have accepted the city's allowance of encampments on public streets all over the city, and pay for public and social services for the homeless with taxes. Is it too much to ask that the beaches and parks be set aside for tax payers and tourists who bring revenue for the city? If this is allowed, citizens will have recourse at the next election! Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dennis Edward White

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 05:56 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

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## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 09:10 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose the creation of homeless housing in beach adjacent parking lots. Who wouldn't want to have a 100 sq ft private space on the beach for free? People pay tens of thousands each year to have such a space at Bel Air Bay Club. Why not create such spaces, auction them off on a yearly basis, and use the proceeds multiple apartments for homeless?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cynthia Ogle

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 09:10 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** "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 & ocean. 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. Encampments could be allowed in the many underutilized City owned properties." Thank you for listening. Cynthia Ogle

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elizabeth Mary evans

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 09:14 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** 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 & ocean. 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. Encampments could be allowed in the many underutilized City owned properties."

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lyon Kassab

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 09:18 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Housing homeless people on the beach where our children play is just not the right thing to do from a safety perspective. In addition, Will Rogers beach is located far from the services that the homeless population may need. I am for taking care of the homeless population but vehemently against housing them on the beach due to the vicinity of children. The homeless require services that the suggested location lacks. A better alternative is the VA hospital where there exists plenty of space and services to provide safety and support.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cathy

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 09:20 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Mike Bonin's idea of homeless encampments in beach parking lots and in our public parks will do nothing to solve the homeless problem and will, in fact, only make the situation worse. Not only is it just a temporary stop-gap measure but will degrade our public beaches and parks. What has happened to the billions of dollars that were supposedly being used to build inexpensive homeless shelters/apartments? I read that due to corruption, lawsuits, attorney fees, etc. it was costing over \$700,000 per apartment -- ridiculous and pathetic! Do not let Bonin take over our parks and beaches!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kim Van Duzer  
**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 09:22 AM  
**Council File No:** 21-0350  
**Comments for Public Posting:** 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 & ocean.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Pat Cornog

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 09:25 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Sanctioned encampments in public parks and other public areas should not be allowed. This makes Mar Vista Park, Westchester Park, Dockweiler Beach, etc unavailable to the local residents paying taxes to support such places that are supposed to be for children and other public enjoyment. Most unhoused persons do not want to be working and contributing members of society. They want to live without supporting themselves by legal means. Even if shelter beds were available, they don't want to abide by the rules of places like that. The public endangerment of these vagrant encampments throughout the city are a drain on the resources of law abiding taxpayers, and create a serious hygiene and safety situation for all of us.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michelle Zweig  
**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 09:25 AM  
**Council File No:** 21-0350  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I strenuously object to this motion to further populate our beaches, parks, beach parking lot with homeless encampments. We have learned in Venice over the last 3 years with the Venice Brifhe Home, this will lead to more crime and filth and fires. This cannot be allowed.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** RL

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 09:26 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Council Members: I strongly advise you and the Mayor to OPPOSE using the beaches, beach parking lots, and public parks\* for shelter/housing of the "unhoused". I am confident there is vacant land that the city/county owns in less populated and underutilized areas that the City/County should focus on, which would serve the purpose of that which is needed. What's been done so far is NOT working. Take a look at Venice, do you think that is something to be proud of? Is that success to you?! Beach parking lots and parks are not an appropriate place for homeless shelter, or for the addicted and those struggling with mental health issues. Placing people who have no capacity to make good decisions for themselves next to a fast moving through-fare (that has no barriers!) is insane and irresponsible. Surely a recipe for DISASTER. Not only are you endangering their lives, but the lives of drivers who could potentially be compromised due to a terrible decision made by the LACC. Not to mention the fire hazard it would create being next to the SM mountains. Beach parking lots should be maintained for use of the people who come from all over the world to experience the beaches of Southern California, and for local residents to rest and relax. The addicted, mentally struggling, homeless people need services, not another tent, approved tent city or little homes community. Enough is enough. The unnecessary stress put upon the housed residents of LA is unacceptable. Things need to change. Now. RL

## Communication from Public

**Name:** norma maloney

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 09:28 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** The current proposal put forth by Mike Bonin is absolutely NOT a SOLUTION to helping the homeless population and will endanger not only the true homeless citizens by encouraging more mentally unstable and substance abuse along with violence to all . The state beaches and parks are in danger by this proposal should it be passed . Venice beach is a horrific example of what Bonin's policies have done to a community , it's residents, businesses and the tourists who used to come visit and spend money there . This is not an answer to the problem and will create more problems moving forward . DO the right thing and vote no on this and work hard to find a much more humane and safe solution to the current problem of homelessness here in California . Mental health help along with job training, counseling and drug rehab is where the money should be going. SAY NO to this proposal and save our public lands for the public and our visitors

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Matthew  
**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 09:29 AM  
**Council File No:** 21-0350  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly oppose Council File 21-0350. No homeless encampments at our beaches.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stacey Rosser

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 09:42 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** 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 & ocean. 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. Encampments could be allowed in the many underutilized City owned properties."

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Beth karmin  
**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 09:42 AM  
**Council File No:** 21-0350  
**Comments for Public Posting:** We ask that 500 acres of city owned land around LAX be immediately repurposed to create a FEMA style campus to house the homeless with full wrap around services Under no circumstances should parks and beaches be utilized for anything other than safe and clean recreation for the public All encampments on street sparks and beaches should be cleared

## Communication from Public

**Name:** R. Rockwell

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 09:44 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose the creation of a permanent homeless camp in the Mar Vista Park. This is a small highly used park. It is used by people who live in apartments along Venice Blvd and south of Venice Blvd. in addition to people who live in the walking distance of the park. The current homeless tents back up to single family homes backyards! Marking this permanent endangers our children and families. This is not appropriate place to house homeless people. May I remind you of the problem in the parking lot of the Mar Vista Post Office that was reported by ABC News Los Angeles, where there were syringes, and human waste was found in the parking lot and the adjacent sidewalks! VOTE NO to housing the homeless in the Mar Vista Park! Thank you for your time, R. Rockwell Los Angeles, CA 90066

## Communication from Public

**Name:** J Morphesis

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 09:49 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Synthia Given

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 09:51 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** my family and 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 & ocean. 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. Encampments could be allowed in the many underutilized City owned properties."

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Heather L Lucas

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 09:53 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** 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 & ocean. The entire county of LA uses our beautiful beaches and that should not be taken away. 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. once they are in the beaches it will be so difficult to ever have them removed resulting in loss to businesses and property values along the beach just like in Venice. Encampments could be allowed in the many underutilized City owned properties that do not have an ocean view."

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 09:54 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Housing the homeless at the beach will only make this public health problem worse. We should not be housing them in areas that are heavily populated. Drawing them to these areas will decrease the quality of life for Californians who use the beach as well as the locals. And Unfortunately many of the homeless are mentally ill and putting them in close proximity to children is a risk we should not be taking.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 09:58 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** This plan is problematic for a number of reasons including but not limited to: taking away a popular beach that used by the public from all over Los Angeles. It also negatively impacts tourists which are a vital revenue source for the city and state. It would negatively impact the beach and ocean that is already suffering from environmental stresses. The Palisades is a high fire area that abuts a large swath of land that includes parks and wilderness preserve area which is at high risk for fire and could have catastrophic effects. Fires from homeless have tripled in the last three years alone. Finally the ruling demanding fast housing for the homeless specially stated that the parks and public space must be preserved for said public - taking away clean and safe access to the beach goes against the heart of the ruling and would be ruinous for the environmental concerns of the area and against the greater public good.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 10:01 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** "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 & ocean. 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. Encampments could be allowed in the many underutilized City owned properties."

## Communication from Public

**Name:** G Hosos

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 10:02 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Mike Bonin made many promises about the bridge housing. The same ones he is making now about this proposal. He has irreversibly destroyed the area around that project and has managed to destroy all of Venice which is now crime ridden and taken over by homeless. We are prisoners in our own homes and it is not a safe place to be any longer. You can choose to support him even though he has openly criticized many of you over your policies. Or you could do what the majority of constituents want and not allow this madness to continue. Bonin thinks he can continue to walk all over us. We are done. Where will you stand when this is over and more importantly, when you're up for re-election.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Damon Juha  
**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 10:06 AM  
**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Our community is vehemently opposed to the idea of taking one of our most precious, heavily used amenities (i.e., the public beach and public beach parking lot) and using it for governmental purposes to house temporarily or otherwise the homeless. Not only will it be an unlawful taking, (1) it will deprive our children, families and various other taxpayers the ability to use the beach as there will be overcrowding, sanitary issues, drug use, open fires, trash, etc., - a resource that we should be preserving for all residents of Los Angeles, (2) it will reduce property values in one of the most heavily taxed areas of Los Angeles decreasing available revenue to the city, and (3) it will cause significant safety issues as people will meander into PCH and will cause standing traffic onto PCH and Temescal Canyon (both of which are heavily traveled at very high speeds). We understand the need to remedy a significant homeless situation, but condemning one of the most pristine amenities is not a solution; particularly without considering the massive net detriment to the community, the fiscal implications, the environment and traffic patterns. There are other options that should be explored (partnerships with the federal government - using the VA, etc.) - alternatives that do not destroy the most pristine area of Los Angeles that is used by millions and which would be precluded by this action.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 10:07 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** The logic to construct homeless encampments at beach and parks is misguided. These are locations that are frequented by tourists, children, families etc. These are beautiful sought out areas. I would love to hear the logic behind the idea of placing homeless encampments at these beaches and parks. This will ruin these areas. Put these encampments in less desired areas away from highly frequented and beautiful locations. To do otherwise has no basis in logic or reason.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Crestwood Hills Association  
**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 10:11 AM  
**Council File No:** 21-0350  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Re: 21-0350 Oppose Unless Amended to Remove Public Parks and Beaches Dear Councilmembers: The Brentwood community represents 33,000 residents and 3 business districts covering 15 square miles of the City of Los Angeles. As a resident of Brentwood, I oppose the use of public beaches and parks for the use of homeless housing and oppose 21-0350 unless amended to remove them from any feasibility studies. Public spaces were developed and codified for the recreation and enjoyment of all residents and should not be subject to the extensive environmental, sanitation and safety issues related to placing homeless shelters in those locations. Respectfully submitted, Crestwood Hills Association Board of Directors

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jessica Copenhaver

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 10:14 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** 1. On motion CF# 21-0350, we ask that the 500 acres of City owned land around LAX be immediately repurposed to create a FEMA style campus to house the homeless in CD-11, with full wrap around services (physical, dental and mental healthcare including addiction treatment, job training and permanent housing support). 2. Under NO circumstances should CD-11 parks and beaches be utilized for anything other the safe and clean recreation of the public. The urban poor deserve safe access to playgrounds, beaches, the ocean and the natural environment. Residents living in apartments, who especially benefit from these natural resources, are being disproportionately harmed by the current lawless surrounding legal and illegal homeless encampments. 3. At the earliest possible time, all encampments on streets, parks and beaches of CD-11 be cleared and all unhoused offered housing at this new campus. We are facing a domestic refugee crisis that may not be able to be solved by the City of LA, LA County or the CA state government. Federal resources should be called upon for support in resolving the humanitarian crisis facing the housed and homeless alike. The Army Corp of Engineers is capable of building barracks, campuses etc. away from residential neighborhoods. The National Guard can be called on to clear encampments, house homeless at these campuses and restored order to our communities. As a rules based society, we owe it to one another to enforce laws that provide quality of life for millions of Angelenos. Our communities are under siege. Continuing to surrender our precious public spaces to a handful of homeless individuals equates to government sponsored terrorism.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sarah Lavia

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 10:15 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council, As a concerned citizen living adjacent to Will Rogers State Beach, I beg of you to consider the following requests of myself and all of my fellow local residents: 1. On motion CF# 21-0350, we ask that the 500 acres of City owned land around LAX be immediately repurposed to create a FEMA style campus to house the homeless in CD-11, with full wrap around services. 2. Under NO circumstances should CD-11 parks and beaches be utilized for anything other the safe and clean recreation of the public. 3. At the earliest possible time, all encampments on streets, parks and beaches of CD-11 be cleared and all unhoused offered housing at this new campus. We fear for our neighborhoods, our children, and all Los Angeles residents that deserve access to our beautiful beaches. Thank you, Sarah Lavia

## Communication from Public

**Name:** SenorVenice

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 10:19 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** As an 18 year resident of Venice, I strongly oppose Mike Bonin's proposals presented here today. This councilman has done enough damage to our community.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** caroly honda

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 10:32 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** ABSOLUTELY NO CAMPING IN OUR PARKS OR BEACHES. THESE ARE PUBLIC SPACES THAT NEED TO REMAIN PARKS AND BEACHES. Look around, there is too much violence and crime attached to the encampments . Use county properties that are not in neighborhoods.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 10:38 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** To establish homeless encampments at Mar Vista Park would be unfair to and unsafe for the community. Where are families and children supposed to exercise and play sports? Where will toddlers play on jungle gyms and slides? Lower income families would be particularly impacted as they often live in apartments with no back yards. Mar Vista Park will be trashed and with Bonin's motion to stop mandated cleanups of homeless encampments, the park will be riddled with trash, disease and fires. (Let us not forget the outbreak of hepatitis in downtown Los Angeles homeless encampments just a few years ago or the very recent fires in Venice that burned a dog alive and set fire to someone's home.) Drugs will be sold and used in plain sight in the park and syringes will be strewn throughout the park for children to discover. Not a bicycle, stroller or kid's wagon will be safe from homeless thieves. Take a look at the homeless encampment on Venice Blvd and Grandview Ave or under the freeway pass on Centinela and Pico. On any given day you can see hundreds of bicycles and bike parts as the homeless, change out the parts so that the bicycles cannot be identified by the victims from whom they were stolen. Today's LA Times (5/13/21) was filled with articles about how much surplus money and charitable donations the City and the State have. Mayor Garcetti's Fund for Los Angeles has 60 million dollars and the state has a surplus of \$75.7 billion, \$38 billion of "which is discretionary general fund play money." LA Times 5/13/21, B1. Why isn't this money being earmarked to solve the homeless problem? The homeless need mental health services and facilities and drug rehabilitation programs where their addiction and mental health needs can be humanely addressed instead of leaving them on streets, beaches and parks where they are dying of overdoses of fentanyl, methamphetamine and heroin or any cocktail of addictive drugs.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 10:45 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Venice cannot house all or the majority of Los Angeles's homeless. The area already has a number of housing projects which have open beds, and have drawn more homeless to migrate to the area - many out of state which is undeniable because the laws are so lax. This all started pre-pandemic, as Mike Bonin has voted against requiring mental health and drug treatment, against cleanups (voluntary doesn't work), against police funding (advocating to defund), against moving homeless away from private property and beaches, against removing RVs that line the streets. He only advocates for long-term permanent housing which takes too long and too much money to build. It's become a free for all as we "wait" for buildings to be built. Residents were promised that Bridge would be a 'benefit' to the community with regular cleaning and police patrol. It has been the exact opposite. This is Mayor Garcetti and Mike Bonin's signature project. A proof of concept. It has been nothing but a failure. The homeless population has exploded. Crime has increased over 100% as well as all other crimes. Daily fires. Open-air drug use. It's been a test to show that the people in charge are not able to manage this issue. Placing homeless in motels (taking away from low income traveler options as well as hospitality revenue the city needs) and in beach communities which are used by all Angelenos and Californians, is placing other's needs above tax-paying residents who also want to use these spaces. Funds from HHH have been mismanaged and yet more are being asked. It's difficult for residents to accept being asked for money when there's so much being thrown to donors - and we don't see people hard on their luck trying to get by. It's people living like they are recreational camping, using drugs, and using the area as if it's their property only and not shared space. The convention center has been vacant for over a year - why not use that until it's needed? Downtown LA has 50% vacancies for the luxury buildings the city approved to be built. Put them there. East LA is full of empty warehouses - convert those. Why is Bonin proposing only the west side to house everyone. He needs to be investigated as his motives are questionable.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 11:10 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Where there are camps there is an uptick in crime and filth. The residents of Playa del Rey do not want a shelter or the illegal RV parking on Jefferson. We have a known homeless meth dealer in the area and no one seems to care. Thanks Mike Bonin, get ready to lose your job.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 11:13 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please don't turn the beach or Mar Vista Park into city sanctioned homeless camps. Mar Vista Park is heavily used by residents of the area and with homeless encampments, it will be totally unusable and unsafe. There are enough homeless encampments in our area - Venice Blvd under the 405 is horrible, dirty, and very close to residential areas. Look for an alternate place to house the homeless. Our Mar Vista Neighborhood has declined noticeably in the past few years due largely to the homeless encampments.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/13/2021 11:21 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Regarding Item # 5 -- As a long time Mar Vista resident, I have seen our community deteriorate. Our park has become somewhat unsafe already with the current homeless - items that were not mentioned in public comment were the attempted child abductions in front of the parents, sexual assaults and aggravated assaults by the homeless. Parks are for the community, NOT JUST for the homeless, especially not monitored or requiring rules and regulations. Rules and regulations are required at every site, why not a homeless encampment ? Why does Bonin and his supporters believe that homeless encampments should not be held accountable for damage, behavior, etc..... Why do we in the community who work hard and pay ample taxes have to continue to pay the price and still have to follow the rules ? Mar Vista Park and the beaches need to be removed from the feasibility study (stop wasting money on these sites) - LAX open land is a prime option. San Diego has taken it's homeless off the streets and set them up in the convention center - monitored, housed, fed, hygiene options, medical care including much needed psychiatric care. This action has been very successful in San Diego. Why can't we do this in LA ? Street/Park/Beach homelessness is NOT THE ANSWER -- putting a roof over these peoples heads is the best solution. FEMA should be coming in to help with this crisis - because it is a CRISIS ! BE AWARE that not all homeless are from California - many are literally put on trains and shipped here from different states for the warmer weather - which makes California the dumping site of those other states ie: Nevada, New Mexico, Arizona, etc... who do not want - ie: drug addicts, mentally ill, etc.... - they want their streets clean. Why can't we get funding from these states for housing their homeless ? The Police are our First Responders in an Emergency. Why not fund them ? We need them ! Also - People may not be aware that putting a homeless encampment at a park prevents LAPD from coming in to help in an emergency -- the parks belong to the Parks and Recreations Department - and they do not have the resources to continuously police the parks. Unless Parks and Recs calls for Police back up, the police cannot get involved (community criticism seems to not be aware of this). We are asking our Police to do virtually everything - that is unfair - unless you fund them and give our police what they need ! To Protect and to Serve !

Perfect example of a park NOT WORKING as a non policed homeless site is Westchester Park - Crime/Assaults, etc have increased 80% ! Please consider protecting our ONLY GREEN PARK/AREA in Mar Vista (our park) - our beaches, etc..... - call FEMA and get the help our city and state needs to deal with this homelessness crisis - this state has the highest homelessness in the country and they are not all from here !

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Megan Hall

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**Comments for Public Posting:** 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 & ocean. 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. Encampments could be allowed in the many underutilized City owned properties.