

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Danielle Shilling

**Date Submitted:** 05/19/2021 11:54 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose Mike Bonin's proposal to set up safe camping for the homeless at Mar Vista Park. The crime in our area has increased and this will only exacerbate the break ins and issues surrounding the homeless encampments. My household has 3 registered voters and will vote against this measure and any elected official who supports it. Thank you, Danielle Shilling Lovett Mar Vista resident since 1997

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Del Rey Residents Association  
**Date Submitted:** 05/19/2021 03:46 PM  
**Council File No:** 21-0350  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Attached is a file with the Del Rey Residents Association, DRRA, Community Impact Statement Against Motion 21-0350



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[www.delreyhome.org](http://www.delreyhome.org)

May 4, 2021

VIA E-MAIL  
Mayor Eric Garcetti  
Los Angeles City Council (15 members)

Re: Council File 21-0350

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

Our Land Use & Planning Committee designates four types of locations where it would be inappropriate and detrimental to our community to establish a permanent or temporary camping site for unhoused people. Whereas these facilities may be a necessary step towards improving or solving this tremendous problem in our society, they should not be located in:

- 1) areas where the presence of these added residents could pose a danger or nuisance to adjacent residential neighborhoods;
- 2) places that would prevent the community from safely using and enjoying recreational amenities meant for the general public;
- 3) environmentally or ecologically sensitive locations;
- 4) sites that do not have essential infrastructure to support the added population and land use.

The location of 5000 Beethoven meets three out of four of these disqualifying criteria. (No. 2 does not apply because this land is privately owned.)

The ecologically sensitive nature of this location (known as “Bird Island”) is well documented and represented in many discussions pertaining to this property in the recent past. It should be clear that there is no supporting infrastructure serving this site including ingress and egress, utilities, nearby service facilities, or transportation.

However, the nuisance criterion is the one we must emphasize based on the experiences of the neighbors adjacent to 5000 Beethoven.

The homeless occupants at this site are more than just a public nuisance; they are a danger to the residents in the 136 homes just east of it (bound by Ballona Creek, Centinela Avenue, and the 90 Freeway).

The roads in and out of this location are closed to the public and marked by “No Trespassing” signs. Yet this law is never enforced when homeless use these roads and cut through the fences to gain access to the camping site.

The 5000 Beethoven property is littered with discarded propane tanks, a graveyard of bicycle parts, trash that attracts vermin that can transmit disease. The neighboring residents and their children unwillingly come into contact with individuals who are unsafe, confrontational, belligerent, or dropping trash. Water taps are opened and left that way, leading to property damage. The nearby 50-year-old neighborhood of 136 homes is strewn with drug paraphernalia. Crime has increased dramatically.

Why are those residents’ rights subordinate to those of homeless individuals breaking laws and norms of community living?

Finally, the greatest danger to the largest number of people - the fires. There have been multiple large fires in homeless encampments along the 90 Freeway, and one of the four fires in March was on the 5000 Beethoven property. So far, Del Rey has been fortunate, and the fires have been stopped before homes were burned, but two other fires in March destroyed more than four acres of the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve, which is partly in Del Rey.

Although there may be a shortage of appropriate locations in Del Rey and perhaps in Council District 11, our position is that “safe” facilities for the homeless should be located exclusively in places that have:

- 1) existing paved or gravel-covered lots, whether publicly owned or leased from private landowners;
- 2) existing buildings with sanitary facilities; or those that can be modified to provide appropriate and safe living conditions, without the need for cooking or heating fires;
- 3) supporting infrastructure and nearby commercial facilities.

This photograph shows the current encampment on Bird Island (5000 Beethoven).



Relief from the current circumstances is critical. It is urgent that the City Council reject the proposal to allow safe camping at 5000 Beethoven Street.

Our land use committee prepared and approved this letter on April 20, 2021, and our board of directors voted to approve it at our board meeting on May 3, 2021.

Very truly yours,

*Maureen Madison*

Maureen Madison, President

Cc: Army Corps of Engineers  
Caltrans  
California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
State Senator Ben Allen  
State Assemblymember Autumn Burke  
County Supervisor Holly Mitchell  
Mark S. Armbruster  
David J. Nagel  
Del Rey Neighborhood Council board

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brentwood Community Council

**Date Submitted:** 05/20/2021 10:44 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Re: Request for Public Comment during Full City Council Hearing on Motion 21-0350 Council President Martinez: On May 13, 2021, the City's Homelessness and Poverty Committee agenda'd 21-0350 for a vote. During the hearing, Councilmember Ridley-Thomas closed public comment before directly impacted Neighborhood or Community Councils had an opportunity to speak on the Motion. There is no procedural limit to the amount of public comment a City Commission or Committee may hear. With only 50 minutes dedicated to public comment, more than 80 callers waiting to comment at the end of the 50 minute period, plus multiple interruptions by Councilmember Ridley-Thomas during the limited time period set aside for public comment, impacted stakeholders were not provided fair access to public comment. Moreover, there is a rumour circulating that there was some deliberate effort made to select callers who were either not residents of CD-11 and/or were known to be favorable to Motion 21-0350. We hope these rumors are false and that these rumours can be dispelled at the next meeting. If the rumors are indeed true, it is a very sad comment on the state of affairs. We request that you open Council proceedings for 21-0350 to public comment, including comment from impacted Neighborhood and Community Councils in CD11, including Pacific Palisades, Westchester-Playa Del Rey and Mar Vista. Among many other concerns, CD11 residents believe there is absolutely no value to spending sums of money and devoting/wasting time to studying the feasibility of programs that are objectionable on their face. Respectfully submitted, Michelle Bisnoff Chair, Brentwood Community Council



*Representing 32,000 Residents, 3 Business Districts and 14 Resident Associations*

May 19, 2021

VIA EMAIL - [councilmember.martinez@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.martinez@lacity.org)

Council President Nury Martinez  
City of Los Angeles  
200 North Spring Street - Suite 470  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

**Re: Public Comment Requested for Council Motion 21-0350 Agenda**

Council President Martinez:

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Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Bisnoff  
Chair, Brentwood Community Council

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Annika Meller

**Date Submitted:** 05/20/2021 01:08 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, I strongly oppose putting the homeless camp at Will Rogers because I am a mother and this will ruin the beach I take my kids to as well as making the area unsafe. Please learn from what has happened to similar areas on the west side and don't repeat the same mistakes again. Thank you in advance Annika Meller

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Westside Regional Alliance of Councils  
**Date Submitted:** 05/21/2021 03:07 PM  
**Council File No:** 21-0350  
**Comments for Public Posting:** In regard to CF 21-0350, the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) -- a coalition of all 14 neighborhood and community councils on the Westside of Los Angeles -- strongly advises the members of Los Angeles City Council and the Mayor that WRAC opposes the use of beaches, beach parking lots and public parks\* for housing of the unhoused. \*The parks are subject to approval of the stakeholders and neighborhood council in the area of the parks. Please see the attached WRAC position letter.



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Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council  
Brentwood Community Council  
Del Rey Neighborhood Council  
Mar Vista Community Council  
Neighborhood Council of Westchester-Playa  
North Westwood Neighborhood Council  
Pacific Palisades Community Council

Palms Neighborhood Council  
South Robertson Neighborhoods Council  
Venice Neighborhood Council  
West LA-Sawtelle Neighborhood Council  
Westside Neighborhood Council  
Westwood Community Council  
Westwood Neighborhood Council

May 18, 2021

Hon. Nury Martinez, CD 6, Council President; Hon. Bob Blumenfield, CD 3; Hon. Mike Bonin, CD 11; Hon. Joe Buscaino, CD 15; Hon. Gilbert A. Cedillo, CD 1; Hon. Kevin de León, CD 14; Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson, CD 8; Hon. Paul Koretz, CD 5; Hon. Paul Krekorian, CD 2; Hon. John Lee, CD 12; Hon. Mitch O'Farrell, CD 13; Hon. Curren D. Price, CD 9; Hon. Nithya Raman, CD 4; Hon. Mark Ridley-Thomas, CD 10; Hon. Monica Rodriguez, CD 7

*Via email to each addressee and submission to the Council File public comment portal*

**Re: CF 21-0350: Oppose Use of Beaches, Beach Parking Lots and Parks to House the Unhoused**

Dear Council President Martinez and Members of the Los Angeles City Council:

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) is an alliance of all fourteen Neighborhood and Community Councils on the Westside of Angeles, located in CDs 5 and 11 and portions of CDs 4 and 10.

Many Westside Neighborhood and Community Councils have expressed concern that the beaches and parks are open space and should not be given up and taken away from the general public. Therefore, WRAC has passed, by a majority of voting Councils in our alliance, the following motion opposing the use of beaches, beach parking lots and parks to house the unhoused:

***In reference to Council File 21-0350, the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) strongly advises the members of the Los Angeles City Council and the Mayor that WRAC opposes using the beaches, beach parking lots, and public parks\* for housing of the unhoused.***

***\* The parks are subject to approval of the stakeholders and neighborhood council in the area of the parks.***

The language of the motion has been approved by the following WRAC Member Councils: Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, West LA-Sawtelle Neighborhood Council, Westside Neighborhood Council and Westwood Neighborhood Council. Modified versions that maintain the spirit of the above motion have been passed by Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, Brentwood Community Council, Mar Vista Community Council, Neighborhood Council Westchester/Playa and Pacific Palisades Community Council. The WRAC motion was passed by all Member Councils that considered it to date.

Please contact me with any questions regarding the above motion.

Sincerely,

*Christina Spitz*

Christina Spitz, Vice-Chair  
Westside Regional Alliance of Councils  
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Westside Regional Alliance of Councils  
May 19, 2021  
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*cc (via email):*

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County: Hon. Janice Hahn, Supervisor, CSD 4; Hon. Sheila Kuehl, Supervisor, CSD 3; Hon. Holly Mitchell, CSD 2;  
Gary Jones, Director, Dept. of Beaches & Harbors  
State: Hon. Ben Allen, Senator, SD 26; Hon. Sydney Kamlager, Senator, SD 30; Hon. Richard Bloom,  
Assemblymember, AD 50; John Ainsworth, Executive Director, California Coastal Commission; Jerry West,  
Superintendent, Angeles District, Dept. of Parks & Recreation

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Marne R Treves  
**Date Submitted:** 05/22/2021 04:34 PM  
**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I live directly behind the Mar Vista Park homeless (unhoused) encampment at 3418 Craigview Avenue, LA 90066. I've owned my home since 1986 and I grew up in the neighborhood on Kingsland Street since 1959. I went to Mar Vista Park as a child as did my children who are in their 30's currently. I teach at Mar Vista Elementary School. My live in this wonderful neighborhood has been terribly impacted since the onset of the homeless settlers behind my home. I never thought is would expand as it has, growing from one tent to multiples. The trash, noise, screaming, fighting, safety, fires, drug use, human waste, smells, smoke and robberies has grown exponentially within the last 3 years. I call the police and the fire department and get absolutely no resolutions. I contact the MV Recreation Center constantly. Just this morning I awoke to the smell and smoke of campfires and could see flames just a few yards away from my fence. I cannot use my backyard without hearing the constant fighting and and smell/breathe the smoke from their fires. I live in fear of my garage and home catching fire. The dry pine trees are right above their fires and overhang my fence and home. The birds and squirrels bring the food scraps from the trash piles behind my fence, into my yard. I find drug paraphernalia, food wrappers, and food waste daily, that has either been thrown over or brought over by the animals. I have birdbaths and water fountains that are dirtied by the extra garbage and smoke. Sadly, the city has failed in protecting my rights as a homeowner in my own neighborhood. I need to be able to safely use my own residence and park as was intended. The community needs their rights to safely use their only park green space available and which was built for the Mar Vista community. I need the city to work with the county to get REAL treatment for the mentally ill and substance abusers of the homeless, regain the authority to force people into treatment and actually enforce the laws on the criminals who have joined the encampments. All of the people living in these encampments need proper shelter and safe living arrangements as much as anyone does. But not at the expense of others who have rightfully and responsibly made their home in the Mar Vista community. Thank you, Marne Treves

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Monica Lacy

**Date Submitted:** 05/24/2021 01:04 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not defile our main public treasure: our public beach. There are other more feasible options for meeting our homeless crisis without bringing disease, crime and filth to our coastline. PCH is dangerous. And above all else: we need to meet their mental illness and addiction needs, not just give them another spot to "live." Please. I can't safely go to Santa Monica anymore, without several "too close for comfort" encounters with homeless men that leave me feeling unsafe. We can do better! No to Bonin's bonehead idea. Please.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Emily Sullivan  
**Date Submitted:** 05/24/2021 01:06 PM  
**Council File No:** 21-0350  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose this measure.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/24/2021 01:08 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose this measure strongly with all the bones in my body regarding the Will Rogers homeless encampment. Thank you for fighting for the residents and our children.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jeanne Dooley

**Date Submitted:** 05/24/2021 01:09 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am opposed to this measure. I feel the plight of the homeless but moving them to beachfront property seems like a senseless way to handle the problem.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Carly F  
**Date Submitted:** 05/24/2021 01:15 PM  
**Council File No:** 21-0350  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose this measure.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dan White  
**Date Submitted:** 05/24/2021 01:27 PM  
**Council File No:** 21-0350  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly oppose the proposed homeless city at Will Roger's Beach.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alicia White

**Date Submitted:** 05/24/2021 01:29 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** There are many more places, far away from brush and flammable debris, that can house these tiny houses. I wonder who on Earth would propose putting homeless on the beaches near the flammable cliffs of Pacific Palisades. Imagine the law suits the city would endure when our community goes up in flames. This city is surrounded by desert. The same homeless city can be thoughtfully placed in a less dangerous place. Use your brains!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kim Millimaki  
**Date Submitted:** 05/24/2021 01:35 PM  
**Council File No:** 21-0350  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose this proposal!!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** S. Handley

**Date Submitted:** 05/24/2021 04:45 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0350

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Council President Martinez, I am writing you to request that the Neighborhood/Community Council members of CD 11 and CD 5, that represent us, receive the opportunity to speak publicly at the City Council meeting on Wednesday May 26 at 10am on the topic of Motion 21-0350. Given the obvious outpour of opposition to the motion including several petitions that add up to more than 30,000 signatures in opposition to using beaches and parks for sheltering people experiencing homelessness, it would be appropriate for the city to acknowledge that the WRAC has opposed the motion strongly consider retracting the motion or at the very least amending it to remove all beaches and parks from the motion. Our community is able and willing to assist the city in finding appropriate locations to house those currently living on our streets, in our parks and on our beaches. Council member Bonin has been unresponsive to our pleas for a humanitarian approach that offers assistance to those experiencing homelessness and safety to all residents of Los Angeles. I kindly demand that you take this request seriously as we are not only putting the lives of the homeless at risk but also the lives of all Angelenos. Los Angeles is the home to people of all walks of life and as a city it is your responsibility to care for the safety of every citizen equally. Thank you for taking this matter seriously.  
S.Handley