

Fwd: Case FILE 21-0350

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Izabella Hovhanisian <izabella.hovhanisian@lacity.org>
To: City Clerk Council and Public Services <clerk.cps@lacity.org>

Wed, Apr 7, 2021 at 12:34 PM

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From: **Janet Rotner** <janetr90@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Apr 7, 2021 at 12:33 PM
Subject: Case FILE 21-0350
To: <CityClerk@lacity.org>

Dear City Clerk,

I understand the LA City Council is holding a hearing tomorrow on the above referenced Case File 21-0350. I would like to submit the email below, that I sent to my councilman, Mike Bonin for the above referenced proposal to Will Rogers State Beach homeless encampment.

Janet Rotner

:From: Janet Rotner <janetr90@gmail.com>

Subject: Proposed homeless encampment
Date: April 4, 2021 at 10:26:27 PM PDT
To: mike.bonin@lacity.org

Dear Mr. Bonin,

I reside in the Alphabet streets in the Palisades and heard about your proposal to City Council for the homeless encampment at Will Rogers State Beach. I know you are getting feedback from residents of the Palisades because the encampment would be "in our backyard", and no one wants to live around that situation. However, I feel this is more than just a wealthy community complaining about having a homeless encampment near them. People come from all over the Greater Los Angeles area to spend time on this beautiful beach. Why would the city agree to having people live at the beach, when it is a recreational area?

Not only is any sort of encampment in the parking lot an infringement to the availability of parking, the proximity to the beach, is a safety issue as well. In the case of the homeless, many of whom are drug addicted or mentally unstable, it poses a danger for those enjoying the beach with their families. You are well aware of the recent spate of attacks in Santa Monica, where people are being assaulted with knives, or knocked down by unstable people who appear to be homeless by their dress and manner. And, just today or yesterday, someone at the homeless encampment on San Vicente was murdered.

Wouldn't it be better to put homeless people in a setting where they can be monitored to ensure the safety of those who are in the encampment and not mentally unstable? The beach with all the freedom to behave in whatever manner they choose and threaten the security of children is not the appropriate solution to housing. If tent housing is one of the solutions, wouldn't a large parking lot or warehouse space be a better solution? Will Rogers State Beach is a recreational space with rules and regulations—not even dogs are allowed, so this proposal seems like a disaster waiting to happen.

Sincerely,
Janet Rotner
1148 Hartzell St.

Fwd: Will Rogers Beach - Homeless proposal

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Mon, Apr 12, 2021 at 7:40 AM

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From: **David Nrsimhananda Shapiro** <nrsimhananda@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Apr 11, 2021 at 8:01 AM
Subject: Will Rogers Beach - Homeless proposal
To: <Cityclerk@lacity.org>

The idea of housing homeless in the Will Rogers Beach is insanity. Do you realize the danger that exists in the homeless population? Needles, sex offenders, drug addicts, mentally ill people are in much higher proportion than the rest of the population. They are unregulated, unregistered, and unsupervised. Yet, our children are playing just a few feet away from them who get to "live on the beach" for free. Moreover, you want the same demographics to live on residential streets. Are you crazy? What the hell do we pay taxes for, spend billions on taking care of homeless, just to get them mingling with ourselves and our children out of our front doors and at the beach. You're fired.

Fwd: Safe Parking

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To: City Clerk Council and Public Services <clerk.cps@lacity.org>

Wed, Apr 7, 2021 at 8:07 AM

Sender's email:

amywilliams108@yahoo.com

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From: **'Amy Williams' via Clerk - CityClerk** <cityclerk@lacity.org>
Date: Tue, Apr 6, 2021 at 6:39 PM
Subject: Safe Parking
To: <CityClerk@lacity.org>

Regarding Bonin proposal:

So glad you have the courage to speak out.

"I'm 72, owned two homes in Colorado and 3 small yachts 30-36', in Marina Del Rey. Two years ago I bought a nice RV after living on my sailboat became inconvenient because of health. I love the RV. I've maintained it nicely both inside and out. For the pandemic, I was able to park in Lot #2 in Marina Del Rey. This is a huge lot, barely used. In October, the sheriff's department started issuing tickets for overnight parking without any warning. Therefore I move back and forth from the parking lot to an overnight space. \$\$\$ in gas drains my social security. I want to travel more but it has not been practical with Covid.

While parking here I observed really nice, clean people as well as those who were dirty and inconsiderate. Safe parking can be healthy by requiring compliance to cleanliness rules, with parking allowed only in certain spaces. Garbage cans provided and quiet hours enforced - not too hard.

People have become so snobbish that they have lost their compassion. So I request, please continue with your good efforts and kindly remind people that we are all on this planet together. Help each other. Otherwise you (we) could wind up homeless ourselves. "There, but for the grace of God, go I." AB 891 coming soon! I want to help, being both a boat owner and an Rv resident.

Thank you,
Amy 310-598-9733

Fwd: Oppose Council File #21-0350

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To: City Clerk Council and Public Services <clerk.cps@lacity.org>

Tue, Apr 13, 2021 at 10:11 AM

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From: **Grace Fritzing** <grace@fritzingers.com>

Date: Tue, Apr 13, 2021 at 10:00 AM

Subject: Oppose Council File #21-0350

To: CityClerk@lacity.org <CityClerk@lacity.org>

Dear City Clerk,

My family and I strongly oppose Council File #21-0350.

Using our beaches and public areas are NOT the solution for the homeless. It does not give them the services that they need as well as being unsanitary and unsafe as well.

Please add this to your Communication from Public.

Grace

Fwd: Oppose Will Rogers State Beach Parking Lot for Homeless Camp

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To: City Clerk Council and Public Services <clerk.cps@lacity.org>

Mon, Apr 12, 2021 at 9:57 AM

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From: **Joanne Rotella** <jorotella@hotmail.com>
Date: Mon, Apr 12, 2021 at 9:44 AM
Subject: Oppose Will Rogers State Beach Parking Lot for Homeless Camp
To: CityClerk@lacity.org <CityClerk@lacity.org>

Dear Ms. Wolcott -

I strongly oppose using any beach area parking lot as an encampment for the homeless.

We do need proper shelters for our homeless brothers and sisters, but the beach is NOT the place. We already have transients from all over the country flocking to Los Angeles and the beach area, and this will make it worse.

Families, tourists and other residents use the beaches and parking lots, and it is a fact that these camps are unsafe. Sadly, many become hives of unsafe behavior, violence and they are unsanitary.

There are plenty of empty buildings and parking lots - city-owned and otherwise - that could be used for this purpose and more easily serviced and monitored.

And these need to have sanitary conditions, staffing to oversee the activity and provide services as needed.

Thank you.

Joanne Rotella
415-407-6778 (mobile)

Fwd: Homelessness and Tiny Housing

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Thu, Apr 8, 2021 at 4:27 PM

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From: **JOSEPH CORREIA** <engco165@msn.com>
Date: Thu, Apr 8, 2021 at 4:03 PM
Subject: Homelessness and Tiny Housing
To: davidcard22@gmail.com <davidcard22@gmail.com>
Cc: cityclerk@lacity.org <cityclerk@lacity.org>

Dear Mr. Card,

I have watched the homeless population grow exponentially throughout the state of California over the last decade and it is beyond the control of our state, counties or cities. The city or county have had little to no effect in resolving this horrific problem. The homeless population easily move from one city to another where they won't be hassled by police officers or community enforcement officers. This needs to be a federal issue where monies are allocated by the government of the United States-not continually taxing home owners with obvious negative results.

The City and County of Los Angeles can house thousands of individuals but more and more keep arriving. Being homeless in southern California with its temperate weather along with the generous social services of our state only attracts more and more homeless. One temporary idea would be to use the Los Angeles Convention Center.

Washington DC has directed the City of San Diego to open their convention center to house parentless immigrant children.

One wonders were the billions of dollars raised from taxes has gone. Our homeless numbers keep increasing not decreasing.

It is past time for the Federal government to step in and direct resources and money to handle the crisis permanently. The homeless community can be compared to refugees. There needs to be a dedicated location to house, feed and to provide basic necessities for these thousands of individuals. They will need mental health workers, substance abuse clinicians and advocates to give the homeless a helping hand back up to return to

being productive citizens.

The Federal government can do this by repurposing closed military installations or on other federal property that has been shuttered.

Laws need to be passed making it illegal to live on the street. No one should be exposed to the elements, filth, danger etc. that comes with being homeless. And no one in society should have to suffer the collateral damage caused by people living on the street.

There are fixes to this problem if government truly wants to end homelessness. Let's see if they really do.

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Fri, Apr 9, 2021 at 3:20 PM

Sender's email: nakidd@aol.com

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From: 'Nina Kidd' via Clerk - CityClerk <cityclerk@lacity.org>
Date: Fri, Apr 9, 2021 at 2:49 PM
Subject: File # 21-0350
To: cityclerk@lacity.org <cityclerk@lacity.org>

Last night CD 11 Councilman Bonin presented to a Zoom open meeting of the Pacific Palisades Community Council of some 440 attendees his suggestion (or motion) to provide shelter(s) on Will Rodgers State Beach for homeless citizens. As someone who supposedly is familiar with the nationally respected PP Task Force on Homelessness and its success in bringing over 140 persons from the streets and hillsides of Pacific Palisades into shelter (the vast number of them still housed and many now self-sufficient) since 2016, he attempted to shame us to "do our share" and approve a very flawed plan for "temporary" shelters in a beach parking lot next to 6-lanes of traffic on PCH.

Not only does the plan take parking spaces from the many LA residents who use this beach park (it is under the auspices of the City of LA and is administered as a park with those amenities), his plan would bring already vulnerable persons into danger with no safe way to cross the highway nearby (people do it anyway and there have been a number of pedestrian deaths on this stretch of highway),

CURFEW -- The beach curfew which was debated several years ago and remains in place (12 a.m. to 5 a.m. daily) is already a challenge to enforce by our beach patrol (LAPD). The reason for the curfew is to eliminate establishment of tent communities on the beach, difficult to dislodge and dangerous both to campers and beachgoers. This new plan would at the least put homeless persons at risk of physical harm on the beach, campfires that could spread to the bluffs where the LAPD now enforces a no trespassing ordinance and over the past few years has worked with the PPTFH to clean up longstanding encampments, and even in a "tiny home" they would be at risk of assault and thievery.

"DEFUND THE POLICE" -- Our police force is already overtaxed trying to attend to PacPal homeless persons and enforce the beach curfew. Now our city has seen fit to reduce the LAPD budget by \$150,000,000. Councilman Bonin told us that food would be provided to the 200 or so homeless residents in the parking lot. They need access to transportation to medical facilities, AA meetings, clothes, and whatever else they need to work on rejoining society. Bonin was very vague about how all this could be provided. Not only the homeless who agree to this mode of shelter would be in danger, but also the LAPD who would be placed at unnecessary risk.

OPEN AIR HOSPITAL -- Finally, most homeless people are in need of special care, both medical and psychological. This beach parking lot plan would mean those services must be brought to them with great expense and unreliability. The idea that while 2/3 of them say they want to be housed, this solution in some ways is riskier than their going it alone.

DO NOT GO AHEAD WITH THIS PLAN!, for the sake of the homeless people on our streets as well as residents from across the city who depend on our beach for family recreation, youth camps and surf schools that use Will Rodgers Beach.

Thank you,

Nina Kidd
Pacific Palisades.

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Wed, Apr 14, 2021 at 11:10 AM

Sender's email: lmconline@yahoo.com

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From: **'Lisa Conaty' via Clerk - CityClerk** <cityclerk@lacity.org>
Date: Wed, Apr 14, 2021 at 11:08 AM
Subject: Council File No: 21-0350
To: CityClerk@lacity.org <CityClerk@lacity.org>

1. I am a resident of Los Angeles, 90045 of over 20+ years. I, over the last few years have been in fear of walking my dog early morning and in the evenings in my own neighborhood due to the neighborhood being overrun with the homeless living just around the corners. They walk the neighborhood casing homes, stealing personal property, mail and with their mental illness, drug use and sales, dangerous behavior, it's just very unsettling anymore.

2. I ABSOLUTELY OPPOSE the use of Los Angeles public parks and beaches for housing the homeless. You want to take them from the neighborhoods to put them into even more public and taxpayers spaces. SHAME ON YOU!! These are spaces that are used by families and schools and recreation in the communities that should be kept clean and open for these purposes. If you move the homeless into these spaces, where are families supposed to go to enjoy family time and water sports, where are the educational classes (like microbiology and horticulture) going to go to do their research, what about the fundraising walks/runs that use these spaces, where do they go?

3. We are hardworking residents who pay taxes to keep these spaces clean and safe, not riddled with trash, drugs, needles, reckless & dangerous behavior with those who show no accountability! I demand other options be presented to house the homeless as far away from these spaces as possible, we have put up with this situation long enough in our neighborhood.

4. We voted in our representatives to act and handle this situation years ago and have been continually let down by their lack of affirmative action and allowing these homeless groups to grow bigger every day in every area in Los Angeles.

5. I WILL VOTE NO on Motion 21-0350 5. PLEASE listen to your taxpayers.