

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Subsections (a) and (e) of Section 56.45 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to prohibit targeted picketing at a private residence.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Section 56.45(a) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to add two definitions as follows:

(10) **“Residential dwelling”** means any permanent building being used by one or more occupants for nontransient residential uses.

(11) **“Targeted”** means picketing activity that is targeted at a particular Residential dwelling and occurs in front of the Residential dwelling or proceeds on a course or route in front of or around that particular Residential dwelling.

Sec. 2. Section 56.45(e) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

(e) **Targeted residential picketing prohibited.** No person shall engage in Targeted picketing activity at or within 300 feet of the Targeted Residential dwelling. This subsection does not and shall not be interpreted to preclude picketing in a residential area that is not Targeted at a particular Residential dwelling.

Any person who is aggrieved by an act prohibited by this subsection may bring an action for damages, injunctive and/or declaratory relief, as appropriate, in a court of competent jurisdiction against any person who has violated, has conspired to violate, or proposes to violate the provisions of this subsection. Any aggrieved person who prevails in such an action shall be entitled to recover from the violator those damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and such other relief as determined by the court. In addition to all other damages or relief, the court may award to the aggrieved person a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation of this subsection. The remedies provided by this subsection are in addition to any other legal or equitable remedies the aggrieved person may have and are not intended to be exclusive.

Sec. 3. **URGENCY CLAUSE.** The City Council finds and declares that this ordinance is required for the immediate protection of the public peace, health, and safety for the following reasons: demonstrators have increasingly picketed at the homes of elected officials, including at the homes of members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, members of the Los Angeles City Council, and Mayor Garcetti. Demonstrators have also picketed at the homes of non-elected government officials and employees, including at the home of the Director of the County Department of Public Health, Barbara Ferrer. More recently, the threat of intimidation and violence directed at personal residences has become more concrete and imminent. At a Santa

Monica rally on Sunday, August 29, 2021, an anti-vaccine activist shared with his crowd of supporters the home addresses of all Council members and urged his followers to show up at the homes of public officials supporting vaccination legislation. He exhorted his followers to "...show up at their house[s]. We need to intimidate these people." He called on the public to engage in a civil war and "...to get their guns and sharpen their knives." There is, therefore, an urgent need to protect public officials and their staff from threatened intimidation and possible violence at their residences. For this reason, the ordinance shall become effective upon publication pursuant to Los Angeles Charter Section 253.

Sec. 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, **by a vote of not less than three-fourths** of all its members.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

Ordinance Passed _____

Approved _____