

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elynor C  
**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2021 01:30 PM  
**Council File No:** 21-1300-S1  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Item #22 Enough is enough. Regulate public space and make it encampments and obstruction of sidewalks and roads illegal— as it already is under federal ADA laws.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sarah Rubinstein

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2021 10:45 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1300-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a voting resident of council district 5, and I strongly oppose this motion and this potential ballot measure. We will never effectively address the unsheltered homeless crisis in LA with failed strategies of criminalization and policies that displace unhoused people from one neighborhood and to another. Creating barriers through fines and criminal penalties and disconnecting people from the places where there are already receiving services only makes it harder for unhoused people to exit the streets into permanent housing and causes deep harm and trauma. We don't need a ballot measure like this to support our unhoused neighbors and address the challenges of encampments. The City can do this by fully funding and implementing the city's Street Engagement Strategy. Additionally, we can address the public health needs of people living in encampments with public health infrastructure - like hygiene stations, portapotties, storage, and regular and consistent sanitation services. We can have clear and passable sidewalks without displacing and harming our most vulnerable neighbors. Please vote NO on this harmful motion that goes against best practices and everything that we know truly supports our unhoused neighbors get off the streets and into homes.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kraig Metzinger

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2021 03:52 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1300-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Allowing people to remain in encampments untreated and unhoused is inhumane. We cannot wait for permanent housing. The homeless crisis in LA requires emergency action. Please support and pass CF 21-1300-S1.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael Maynard

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2021 03:49 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1300-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Enough is enough. Current plan is NOT working, and homeless in tents is inhuman and not addressing to solving the problems. Current approach is not working for the homeless and making our city much more dangerous. They need help, and the public needs protection. Best solution is to round them all up, get them off the streets, and get them drug treatment, counseling, and support. All money so far has been wasted. This is the most human of all homeless and citizens of LA. Do the right thing.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Zella Knight

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2021 04:09 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1300-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Zella Knight, I am the President of Residents United Network - Los Angeles and I am writing in strong opposition to item #22. As a person with the lived experience of being unhoused and having myself and my family go through the undue hardship because of ill decision and othe strategic deficit, I ask vehemently that you oppose this item #22. We will never be able to effectively address the unsheltered homeless crisis in LA with the failed strategies of criminalization and policies that sweep unhoused people away from one neighborhood and into another. As a resident of affordable housing/ a person with lived experience, we know that creating barriers through fines and criminal penalties and disconnecting people from the places where there are already receiving services only make it harder for unhoused people to exit the streets into permanent housing. We don't need a ballot measure criminalizing our unhoused neighbors to address the challenges of encampments. What we need in investment in alternatives like affordable housing. Further, we can address the public health needs of people living in encampments with public health infrastructure - like hygiene stations, portapotties, storage, and regular and consistent sanitation services. We can have clear and passable sidewalks without displacing and harming our most vulnerable neighbors. This ballot measure grossly claims that it will "end encampments." Now more than ever we must focus on the people living in those encampments and what it will take to end their homelessness: services and housing. Investing in affordable and Permanent Supportive housing infrastructure will do this. This ballot measure, however, will only move us farther away from this goal.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rachel Kassenbrock

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2021 04:34 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1300-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Rachel Kassenbrock, commenting on behalf of LA Family Housing. I am writing in strong opposition to item #22. As service providers working on the frontlines of our city's homelessness crisis, we see first-hand every day how effective street-based engagement is in ending homelessness in people's lives. We build trust with people living in encampments and gradually connect them with the housing and supportive services that will end homelessness in their lives. Based on this experience, we know that creating barriers to housing and services through fines and criminal penalties, and disconnecting people from the places where they are already receiving services only make it harder for unhoused people to exit the streets into permanent housing. We don't need a ballot measure to support our unhoused neighbors and address the challenges of encampments. The City already has the foundation in place to do this by fully funding and implementing the city's Street Engagement Strategy, which Council approved in September. Now, we have an exciting opportunity to build on it, and achieve meaningful strides in the fight to end homelessness. This ballot measure claims that it will "end encampments." Now, more than ever, we must focus on the people in those encampments, and provide access to what will end homelessness in their lives: connections to supportive services and housing resources. A fully funded and implemented Street Engagement Strategy will help do this. This ballot measure, however, will only move us farther away from this goal. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elliott Prather

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2021 04:37 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1300-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** My family and I are in support of CF#21-1300-S1. We believe the approval of this measure is critical to the ongoing effort to provide a solution for the overwhelming homelessness problem in our city, one that threatens the health and livelihood of all involved. One of the primary responsibilities of government is to ensure the safety of it's citizens. The motion that would place the measure on the June 2022 ballot to end street camping in Los Angeles should be approved.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Matthew

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2021 04:44 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1300-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the motion to provide the Mayor emergency powers to deal with the homeless crisis.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Southern California Association of NonProfit Housing

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2021 04:58 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1300-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Council Members The Southern California Association of Nonprofit Housing (SCANPH), representing dozens of affordable housing developers throughout the City of Los Angeles, wishes to comment on a motion being heard on November 23, 2021 (21-1300-S1) to explore a ballot measure banning homeless encampments in all public areas of the City. The proposed measure would expand strategies of criminalization and encampment sweeping, which have proven to be repeatedly costly failures. SCANPH sees this measure as an attack on the unhoused community and unequivocally stands against the criminalization of homelessness and poverty. Now more than ever, it is important that we prioritize a de-criminalized Street Engagement Strategy and permanent supportive housing over temporary shelters. Despite the work of various City and County authorities in recent years, there is no doubt that the situation for our unhoused neighbors in Los Angeles has become dire. In 2020, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority tallied 66,436 people experiencing homelessness county-wide during its annual point-in-time count. Despite this figure being a 12% increase from the previous year, there is consensus that the total could be much higher in reality, as many slip into and out of homelessness at other points throughout the year. With some 550,000 households in Los Angeles County classified as severely rent burdened, the end seems nowhere in sight. Due to this crisis of unaffordability, a lackluster social safety net, and the under production of permanent affordable and supportive housing, our city is now in crisis: it is estimated that nearly 4 unhoused people die on the streets of this county every day. This utterly shameful statistic is not a reflection of any wrongdoing in the unhoused community. Rather, our society is collectively responsible for letting our most vulnerable fall through the cracks until they suffer the ultimate consequence for our inaction. The criminalization of homelessness through this potential measure and the current revision of Section 41.18 will only contribute to this loss of life. Sweeps, citations, and imprisonment disrupt unhoused communities, separate unhoused people from essential belongings, and exacerbate an already precarious situation. It is possible to solve our public health crisis and have clear and passable sidewalks without displacing and harming our most

vulnerable neighbors. The City can do this by fully funding and meaningfully implementing the Council's Street Engagement Strategy approved over two months ago. The reason that repeated sweeps and criminalization do not work is because the number of people falling into homelessness yearly remains too great for our current systems to overcome. Despite Proposition HHH funding as well as other efforts from County and City officials making 2020 a record year for housing individuals experiencing homelessness, new communities continue to crop up on our sidewalks as a result of our city's crisis of affordability. Criminalization may temporarily make this problem less visible, but it cannot and will not stem this tide. Now more than ever, it is essential that we focus our limited resources on social services and the production of permanent supportive and affordable housing. We must take bold, decisive action to continue creating long-term solutions, rather than attempting to make the problem of homelessness disappear through criminalization. While we appreciate the measure's desire to cut through red tape, creating barriers to services through fines and criminal penalties will only make it harder for our unhoused neighbors to get into permanent housing. Our organization implores you to abandon this measure, and continue pushing forward more humane actions. Sincerely,  
Francisco Martinez Policy Director Southern California Association of NonProfit Housing (SCANPH)

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November 22, 2021

Los Angeles City Council  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: SCANPH Opposition to June 2022 Anti-Homeless-Encampment Ballot Measure (Item # 22, City Council Meeting on November 23, 2021)**

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**SCANPH opposes this motion for a few reasons. The primary reason is that it is punitive to our homeless neighbors and does not solve the problem of homelessness. The motion only attempts to hide the problem from sight. Secondly, this motion diminishes and overlooks the work that nonprofit builders of affordable housing do. Specifically, HHH is a success, on its way to accomplishing its construction goals as directed by the voters of Los Angeles. More units are needed, yes, which is why more funding is needed. And lastly, we oppose this motion because it offers no solution to this crisis. Instead of offering a plan it attempts to sweep aside our neighbors who are suffering in the streets.**

Despite the work of various City and County authorities in recent years, there is no doubt that the situation for our unhoused neighbors in Los Angeles has become dire. In 2020, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority tallied 66,436 people experiencing homelessness county-wide during its annual point-in-time count, a 12% increase from the previous year. On top of this, some 550,000 households in Los Angeles County are classified as severely rent burdened.

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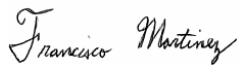
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Even if this motion passes, it will fail. It will fail to get people in safe dependable housing, and it will force our unhoused neighbors to live lives of greater uncertainty, only slightly removed from the public's view. **Criminalization may temporarily make this problem less visible but it will not solve it. The solution is to make sure that all Angelenos have a safe affordable home, not to punish those who suffer this daily indignity. As a city we need to build more permanent supportive and affordable housing. That is the smart and humane path forward.**

We agree with the motion that we need faster and less bureaucratic action, which is why we advocate for more funding for affordable housing and a faster path to construction through the City's bureaucracy. Creating barriers to services through fines and criminal penalties, as this motion does, will only make it harder for our unhoused neighbors to get into permanent housing. Our organization encourages you to drop this measure and focus on real housing solutions.

**It's simple: What does it solve to ban people from sleeping and camping in public areas when they have *nowhere else to go*?**

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**Name:** Randy Overbeck

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2021 05:15 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1300-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** In response to the upcoming encampment proposal, We fully support a law that limits and/or restricts encampments in ALL public spaces; Parks, School Zones, sidewalks and streets. While the unhoused crisis is exponentially growing, the ineptness of State and City Government to find a viable solution is unacceptable. It is time for reasonable and rational approaches to the unhoused problem! Ignoring this crisis and pretending that it can't be resolved is a recipe for disaster as we've witnessed. Los Angeles should be at the forefront with cutting edge solutions and ideas not bogged down in a quagmire of indecision and complacency!

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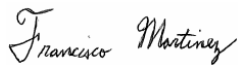
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**Name:** Akio Katano

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2021 05:34 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1300-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I can only describe the proposed measure as disgusting, reflective of a sick mind and a deep hatred of other people. It puts the lie to any claim of “compassion” or “street outreach strategy” in 41.18. I would encourage the council to consider what sort of legacy they would like to leave behind - 5 unhoused people die every day in Los Angeles, and it is clear that Lee and Buscaino would gladly see that number double or triple if it would let them keep poverty out of the sight of the rich.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Zeke Sandoval

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2021 06:00 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1300-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Homelessness is not an individual failure. People fall into homelessness due to policy failures – chiefly, a lack of affordable housing across LA. To that end, the component of this proposal that streamlines housing construction and siting is laudable. As a provider and developer of both interim and permanent housing, PATH deals firsthand with the costly and time-consuming delays of the current permitting system, including with a project in Council District 15. The longer it takes to build housing, the longer our unhoused neighbors wait in regulatory limbo – in shelters or on sidewalks. We are only able to place individuals in housing, though, after we establish trust and meet individual needs. A rushed and aggressive approach to housing placement will only break that trust in the homelessness response system, making it harder to find and convince our unhoused neighbors that this City truly has their needs in mind. We urge the Council to narrow this proposal. Focus on streamlining housing. Build the capacity, both interim and permanent, across the City to meet individuals' needs. We are confident we can end homelessness if we extend an open hand, without threatening a proverbial fist.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lisa Toth

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2021 06:55 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1300-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Our apt was broken into on Sat Oct 9th. The officers who showed up as well as my boyfriend and myself, believe this was done by the "Un-Housed" due to the fact that besides MANY of our personal items that were stolen, they also took the time to take a shower as well as take ALL of our toiletries from our bathroom. We are literally surrounded by encampments from the end of Culver at the beach, to the 90 Fwy & Culver as well as the enormous ever growing encampment on Jefferson. We have a known "Un-Housed" person on Culver who pitches a tent nightly and by her being so exposed on the sidewalk, allows others to follow suit and tent up near her or inside the park immediately behind her. Per the lead SLO "She is allowed to be on the sidewalk . Unfortunately they are unable to force anyone to take services. I realize the community does not want her there, but she is not committing a crime and I have worked with outreach in the past for years on her and she is now service resistant." What is to be done with those that refuse services? Per a homeless advocate, they're to be "Moved Along". Moved along WHERE? This is just shuffling the problem from 1 location to another. I have never in my life wanted to live somewhere, more than I have Playa Del Rey, but over the last 2 years, I have never felt so un-safe in my life! I carry mace now, as I leave for work at 5:30am. My stomach is in knots when I have to walk to my car. Then once in my car, I'm worried that my catalytic converter has been stolen. I/WE beg you to please enforce the laws and let us have our community back!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Eric Ares

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2021 12:13 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1300-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Eric Ares and I am writing on behalf of the Home For Good, an initiative of the United Way of Greater LA. We are strongly opposed to item #22 and the proposed ballot measure to "end encampments." We urge the council to swiftly and strongly vote down this motion and instead get back to the work of addressing the service and housing needs of our unsheltered neighbors. We will never be able to effectively address the unsheltered homeless crisis in LA with the failed strategies of criminalization and policies that sweep unhoused people away from one neighborhood and into another. This is a clickbait public policy for a Mayoral candidate who wants to look "tough on homelessness" without centering the actual needs of people who are unhoused. We can do better. The Council can right now move to 1) fully fund and implement the city's Street Engagement Strategy; (2) get all the Homekey sites opened up and buy more sites; (3) connect all PRK residents into housing before it closes, and (4) approve all the Emergency Housing Voucher applications the city hasn't approved yet. Additionally, we can address the public health needs of all residents and have clear and passable sidewalks without displacing or harming our most vulnerable neighbors. We can do this with public health infrastructure that center the needs of unsheltered people - like hygiene stations, portapotties, storage, and regular and consistent sanitation services. This ballot measure grossly claims that it will "end encampments." Now more than ever we must focus on the people living in those encampments and what it will take to end their homelessness: services and housing. A fully funded and implemented Street Engagement Strategy will help do this. This ballot measure, however, will only move us farther away from this goal.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Teresa Eilers

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2021 12:31 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1300-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Teresa Eilers with Union Station Homeless Services and I am writing in strong opposition to item #22. Union Station Homeless Services is the lead homeless service provider in LA County's San Gabriel Valley, and we also provide services and manage housing in North East LA. As a homeless service provider, we know first hand that criminalization does not solve homelessness. Criminalization tactics make it harder for us to follow-up with our clients and help them get into housing. If the goal is to solve homelessness, this ballot measure to "prohibit homeless encampments in all public areas", will do the opposite. We don't need a ballot measure to support our unhoused neighbors and address the challenges of encampments. The City can do this by fully funding and implementing the city's Street Engagement Strategy, which Council approved over 2 months ago. Additionally, we can address the public health needs of people living in encampments with public health infrastructure - like hygiene stations, porta-potties, storage, and regular and consistent sanitation services. We can have clear and passable sidewalks without displacing and harming our most vulnerable neighbors. This ballot measure grossly claims that it will "end encampments." Now more than ever we must focus on the people living in those encampments and what it will take to end their homelessness: services and housing. A fully funded and implemented Street Engagement Strategy will help do this. This ballot measure, however, will only move us farther away from this goal. Thanks for your consideration, Teresa Eilers

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2021 12:56 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1300-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing in support of Councilman Buscaino's Safer and Cleaner LA Ballot Measure motion. We cannot wait any longer. Homelessness in Los Angeles is an emergency. Councilman Buscaino understands this and is providing sensible solutions. He knows that we need to respond rapidly for the safety of residents and the unhoused. We cannot afford \$700,000 units for every one of the 60,000+ unhoused people in Los Angeles. We need to respond quickly for their safety and well being as well as the housed residents of LA. This motion MUST be approved now to get it on the ballot for the June 2022 election. We cannot afford to delay.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** shekhar j joshi  
**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2021 12:59 PM  
**Council File No:** 21-1300-S1  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly support this ballot measure.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rebecca Azad

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2021 08:20 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1300-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge you to support CF#21-1300-S1. I believe approving this measure is important to the ongoing effort to provide a solution for the homeless problem which is threatening the safety of all the residents of our city. As representatives of the citizens of this city, it is your responsibility to keep us safe from crime and provide basic sanitation of our public areas. The motion that would place the measure on the June 2022 ballot to end street camping in Los Angeles should be approved. Please support this proposal and let the residents decide.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2021 08:38 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1300-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Criminalizing homelessness makes it harder for our unhoused brethren to get off the street and into housing. Criminal records make our neighbors ineligible for the housing assistance they need and makes landlords less likely to rent apartments to them. I know you want to make it easier for all in need to access services, shelter and housing. I know you'll do the right thing.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Serge Dubovitsky

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2021 09:04 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1300-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly support CF#21-1300-S1. We need practical solutions that combine opportunity with responsibility NOW. I am willing to pay additional taxes to build needed temporary housing and services to provide people with an opportunity to get off the streets, but only if it's coupled with the responsibility of the homeless people to use this opportunity to improve their lot and return public spaces to all Angelinos.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** David Hunter

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2021 09:23 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1300-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Why are you unable to create shelter services that people living on the street want to accept?! Seems like an admission of abject failure at one of the problems you are being paid to solve. "We'll build a shelter system, and if it doesn't work, we'll just arrest people UNTIL it works!!!!" That's like a policy idea a 14-year old boy comes up with, right before he explains how Hitler could have won World War II.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sue Kohl

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2021 09:38 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1300-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing in support of this measure that would amend the Los Angeles Municipal Code to prohibit homeless encampments in all public areas, and related matters. Our city has become dangerous so many areas for all of us, especially children. The encampments must be removed from public areas! Thanks very much. Sue Kohl

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2021 10:58 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1300-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge you to vote to approve the motion to put the measure on the June 2022 ballot that would require offers of emergency or permanent housing, prohibit encampments in public areas, and give the Mayor emergency powers to break through bureaucratic barriers. I live in Venice in council district 11. I live indoors, but within a densely populated encampment located between two shelters. I got to know my neighbors on the streets as they arrived during the Covid lock down. Traumatizing conditions on the boardwalk left many with few options; the suffering was widespread. Those capable of making the choice to go to indoors participated in Encampment to Home. I still see many of those folks. The individuals that did not are those with deeper trauma, addiction and mental illness. The most vulnerable are still out on the street where the traumatization and victimization continues. Predatory criminals addict and abuse. Basic needs - sleep, hydration, nutrition, medical care, access to hygiene - go unmet until, and I quote a CD11 field deputy, "26,000 units of free permanent housing are built." The most vulnerable in my neighborhood can't wait for 26,000 units. They need more than an apartment. They deserve an individualized approach specific to their lives and needs. When stabilized, a sense of self empowerment must be instilled. Currently, the status quo is to let them remain in perpetual insecurity. This suffering ripples through our neighborhood. Our communities. It is a helpless feeling. Not being able to help our neighbors. Fearful for one's own safety while assaults grow commonplace. This city has let everyone down. The egos, the ideologies, the inertia led us to this moment. You have a window to do the right thing. I urge each of you to go to your constituents in their neighborhoods and partner with us. We are not your enemies; we need to participate in the solutions and healing. I know my community wants to get to work on compassionate, holistic systems.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Virginia Jakel

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2021 07:31 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1300-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please create a citywide ordinance that would prohibit camping in all public areas if temporary housing is available and offered – prioritizing safe, accessible, and passable sidewalks. Los Angeles cannot continue allowing these unsafe conditions. People living on the sidewalks have blocked me where I have had to walk in the street. They create living in Los Angeles unsafe for my family.  
Virginia Jakel CD11

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tieira R  
**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2021 07:34 PM  
**Council File No:** 21-1300-S1  
**Comments for Public Posting:** What is state violence??? Councilmember Joe Buscaino has been on LA City council since 2012 and poverty has increased by over 50% in LA City. SHELTERS ARE NOT HOUSING! We are living in a so-called liberal, democratic city where rent has gone up by over 65% within a 10-year time frame with no rebuttal for the working blue-collar class, seniors, students, and many other residents that are from LA. Residents are falling into poverty at an all-time high and the council members' proposals are an act of violence on the city's behalf for poverty that he has helped create! We are living in a violent colonist system that has over 60,000 residents in LA homeless! <https://htwws.org/santamonicaairport/>

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Patte P Barry  
**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2021 08:04 PM  
**Council File No:** 21-1300-S1  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please put this on the ballot so the general public has a chance to read it and vote on it! Thanks so much

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cyndi Hench

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2021 07:02 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1300-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing to share my support of CF#21-1300-S1. I wholeheartedly believe the approval of this measure is critical to the ongoing effort to provide a solution for the overwhelming homelessness problem in our city, one that threatens the health and livelihood of all involved. One of the primary responsibilities of government is to ensure the safety of it's citizens. The motion that would place the measure on the June 2022 ballot to end street camping in Los Angeles should be approved. Please support this proposal and let the residents decide.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amani Spielman  
**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2021 06:08 PM  
**Council File No:** 21-1300-S1  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I Support this and any recommendations from Joe Busciano. Busciano for Mayor. Reinstate law & order and real immediate help for homeless.. Bring LA back to its previous glory ..

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tom Booth

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2021 06:52 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1300-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** This motion begins by stating the encouraging process of building toward the requisite number of interim and and fixed needed to resolve this crisis. And it accurately identifies the huge shortfall of current inventory of needed beds today. Then, without reason or any logic, the motion says the City admittedly does not have enough so let's criminalize homelessness as a solution! WTF! Please vote no on this motion that relies on a cynical convolution of the facts about homelessness. The City has known since 2006 with Jones V. City of Los Angeles that the obvious solution to homelessness is a requisite and complimentary inventory of interim and affordable fixed housing; arresting people in abject poverty just perpetuates homelessness. It's horribly shocking that we can always find a jail or prison bed but struggle to find an open shelter bed, a detox bed and sometimes a psych bed. Stop being a "One Trick Pony" that uses criminalization as your main plan to address homelessness. Please vote NO on this motion!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ali Rachel Pearl  
**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2021 06:59 PM  
**Council File No:** 21-1300-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I absolutely oppose the motion to prohibit encampments. The "housing solutions" the city is proposing do not and have never truly supported unhoused people, but instead restrict their movements and inhibit their freedom. Forcing unhoused people living in encampments to subject themselves to arrest/law enforcement or to submit to whatever "housing solutions" the city devises without the input of unhoused people or housing justice organizations is cruel and inhumane, and any city, state, or nation that condones such a proposal cannot and should not consider themselves free, democratic, compassionate, or humanitarian. Outlawing encampments will not solve homelessness, it will only further criminalize the most marginalized members of our community. The city needs to develop extensive supportive services that address the root causes of homelessness—poverty; racism; lack of health care (of all kinds, including mental health care); lack of effective, trauma-informed affordable/free drug and alcohol treatment. Not to mention, enforcing this motion will increase police presence in our neighborhoods at a time when the city, state, and nation are fighting for divestment from policing and investment in community. This motion is contrary to both of those calls, and instead invests in policing and divests from the community by proposing no actual, reasonable, ethical, humane support for unhoused people. We want services, not sweeps. You serve ALL of Los Angeles, not just wealthy, housed people who want to hide unhoused people in carceral and temporary "housing" structures.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gregory Smith  
**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2021 06:39 PM  
**Council File No:** 21-1300-S1  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose this abhorrent, morally corrupt measure with my whole heart, soul, and chest.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 11/22/2021 06:42 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1300-S1

**Comments for Public Posting:** I write and strong support of this motion. Our representatives on the City Council have been unwilling to hear our concerns about the effect of homelessness In our parks, on our beaches, and in our public spaces. It is important that constituents, our voters, be heard and this very important ballot initiative will make that possible.