

Communication from Public

Name: CASEY

Date Submitted: 11/11/2021 11:41 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: I am a native Angeleno and small business owner, and I want to speak out against this effort to criminalize and banish our growing unhoused population. Not only is this cruel and inhumane--it's a tried and failed policy that has gotten the city of Los Angeles nowhere. 41.18 adds another layer to race and class-based targeting, with Business Improvement District interests and developers driving the dislocation of overwhelmingly Black, Indigenous, and brown unhoused Angelenos. I am calling on my city council to address the root causes of homelessness and stop these repeated attacks on our most vulnerable population. The only thing that ends homelessness are HOMES, not billy clubs, sanitation trucks, and handcuffs.

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Name: Steven Chun

Date Submitted: 11/11/2021 11:21 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Steven Chun and I am a resident of CD5 who does regular outreach to the Unhoused in the Little Tokyo and DTLA communities. I OPPOSE this motion to further criminalize, displace, and banish the Unhoused from public spaces like the El Pueblo encampment in Downtown. Encampments are only growing throughout Los Angeles because these violent sweeps result in few, if any, getting PERMANENT HOUSING, and they only exist to put people through further trauma and to create more barriers to getting people the services they need. Stop sweeping encampments and start doing REAL outreach with REAL offers of permanent supportive housing. You have no excuse to be carrying out sweeps when you just got confirmation that Project Roomkey can be continued with FEMA 100% reimbursable FEMA funds. Get people off the streets with PRK and then get them the services and housing they deserve. Ironical that Kevin De Leon thinks he can run for Mayor of LA talking about "Housing is a Human Right" as he violently displaces his Unhoused constituents and actively deprives them of that human right. You'll never be Mayor Kevin. Those political dreams will crash, burn, and die like your Senate dreams. Eat shit.

Communication from Public

Name: Henry Aoki

Date Submitted: 11/11/2021 11:22 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: It is shameful that the council is voting on whether to further criminalize unhoused people. Unhoused people have the same human rights as housed people, and should not be banished from using public space to survive. Why on Earth are we making it harder for unhoused people to survive and not going after the developers who have made this city unaffordable in the first place. We do not need to create new zones that prohibit unhoused people from resting and living, what we need is quality, public housing. If the housing being offered is so terrible that people would rather go unhoused than take it, clearly we need to improve the housing being offered. Sending the police after unhoused people does not make anyone safer, least of all unhoused people. Kevin De Leon should be ashamed of himself for trying to pass himself off as an ally to unhoused people while working to make their lives even more unlivable.

Communication from Public

Name: Janis Yue

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing as a Chinatown community member to strongly oppose the expansion of ordinance 41.18 to areas in Chinatown/El Pueblo and Little Tokyo. This draconian policy only criminalizes, banishes, and seeks to erase our unhoused neighbors rather than meaningfully address the root causes of their conditions. To enforce this policy in communities that have faced decades of racialized oppression and displacement only furthers violence when City Council could instead be using its power and resources to ensure that every Angeleno has access to safe, habitable, and truly affordable housing. This is unconscionable--City Council must vote to oppose 41.18 in Chinatown/El Pueblo and Little Tokyo and all communities in Los Angeles and instead use its power to expand the truly affordable housing stock as well as long-term supportive services for our unhoused neighbors.

Communication from Public

Name: Robert P

Date Submitted: 11/11/2021 11:23 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Shame on all of you. When we say “defund and abolish the police,” we don’t continue with, “and fund BID security officers, guns for our Park Rangers, and Environmental Compliance Inspectors and Sanitation workers with the ability to ticket people for quality of life crimes....” Stop criminalizing houselessness, and start serving the needs of your most vulnerable constituents.
#servicesnotsweeps #housekeysnohandcuffa

Communication from Public

Name: Carson

Date Submitted: 11/11/2021 09:51 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 will literally kill people. Kevin de Leon, you can't chant "Homes Not Prisons" while subscribing to the tried-and -failed policies of criminalization and banishment. Unhoused people are equals with housed people, with the same rights to public space, but this 41.18 law says otherwise. An offer of shelter under threat of tickets and eviction is not a service, it's an order. Displacing someone to a bed in a new neighborhood away from community support can lead to harm rather than good. Instead of doing anything to address the root causes of homelessness OR the urgent needs of unhoused folks, this motion turns to criminalization as its deadly strategy—making it illegal to sit, sleep, or lie--as well as store or use property in a way that the city says you shouldn't. Public health interests directly conflict with 41.18—COVID is not over and we are heading into winter. Forcing people who use drugs into temporary shelters without adequate harm reduction resources can be a death warrant.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 11/11/2021 10:36 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This will displace people with no path to permanent housing. You can't keep sweeping people under the rug - it's actually killing people.

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Name: Alex Clarke

Date Submitted: 11/11/2021 09:25 PM

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<https://twitter.com/streetwatchla/status/1351726327913562113?s=21>

Back in January, Shirley said at an El Pueblo community defense—"give us services instead of punishing us." De Leon's office doesn't care about services until they become a reason to evict houseless folks. Will he also give LA Sanitation workers powers to write citations that target unhoused people? For months, Sheriff Villanueva has threatened the unhoused

communities near Olvera Street, showing photographs of peoples tents on his Instagram Live and suggesting he wants another Venice boardwalk action. With this 41.18 motion, Kevin de Leon legitimizes the hateful rhetoric of LASD's top cop.(GoogleLASDGangs) Sheriff Villanueva pits Olvera Street vendors against the unhoused communities, but some folks in the area are unhoused and street vendors, who rely on the sale of their goods to survive. Thank you for your time.

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Name: Justin

Date Submitted: 11/11/2021 08:28 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge the council to reject this measure of further banishing unhoused peoples under 41.18. There are at least 60,000 unhoused in the County, today. From the City of Los Angeles' own website, through 2013 to 2021 the City Council only approved 22,735 units of 172,613 new units as affordable. This lack of new affordable housing has led to a huge growth in unhoused populations that we witness today. This City Council is both responsible for the production of homeless through its approval over the years of market-rate housing and additionally responsible for the increased homeless death that has occurred, homeless death jumping from at least 458 in 2013 to over 1,000 in 2018 to 1,383 in 2020, this year past. There is a term for all this new death that is going on: willful negligence. You are directly responsible for this increased death that has occurred and you need to allow the homeless to shelter where they need to shelter. When we consider how this City Council has over the years approved a cornucopia of market-rate, luxury developments that failed to meet the income profiles of local residents, when we consider this City Council's failure to implement a rental vacancy tax, when we consider that this Los Angeles City Council failed to become a competitor of real estate developers and build at-cost housing for rent, we understand that City Council has greenlit an overall process of extricating people from their homes onto the street, and is now, through 41.18, greenlighting a secondary process that will extricate people from the street into the grave; you, Los Angeles City Council Members (with the exception of Bonin and Raman) are responsible for the increased death that has occurred, and the death is still growing. Your continual actions are killing people and you need to stop killing people. Let us dwell on the home-owning parents and school administrators. Per Zillow, in 2012, at its peak, the median home-price within the City of Los Angeles was \$427,000. As of September 2021, median home-prices have reached their record high, at \$913,000 with a low of \$802,000 in January 2021. Let us utilize the more conservative numbers and explore what may be extrapolated; there was at least an 88% increase in the value of a median-priced home between 2012 and 2021. Those very same parents who scream at the feigned travesty of their child seeing a needle or obscene behavior in public have increased their home equity by a

median value of \$375,000 from 2012 to 2021, at the minimum. Those very parents who hold contempt, disgust, and rage at the utter tragedy their children are exposed to are largely the very people who have benefited most from this catastrophe. The eviction of Los Angeles' most vulnerable populations onto the street is a crucial part of augmenting property value, especially for those claiming to feel most threatened. This home-owning, privileged class of Los Angeles looks on in feigned horror at the very phenomena that has augmented their wealth tremendously while they helplessly claim something, anything must be done, but not within the reach of their visibility and not in their neighborhoods. From the County Medical-Examiner's office, the median age of death for an unhoused person is 49 years old. In the City of Los Angeles, the politics of determining who must die and who benefits from that pending death establishes a new form of oppression. Parents and school officials have absolutely no moral right to the rage they would so freely direct. We need to consider the well-being and education of the children of these privileged home-owning parents. Children need to learn; they need to see the crimes of the present, they need to see what their city leadership is responsible for, and their parents should be put up to the task of delivering a reasonable explanation. In the segregation period, when blacks were forced to ride the back of transportation vehicles, white children could at least witness the spectacle of that injustice and learn from it. In 2021, the Los Angeles City Council intends to make the unhoused and their suffering at the hands of Los Angeles' most privileged completely invisible. This is a war about visibility, about erasing death and truth from the field of view. Between incarceration and death, you, this City Council, are leaving the unhoused without tenable options. You have no moral right to make the unhoused invisible and you need to stop killing the unhoused by banishing them from sheltering in public locations. Kevin de Leon, you've aligned yourself on the side of violence by approving 41.18. Now, you not only partake, but amplify your presence in this collaborative predation on Los Angeles' most vulnerable. It's not acceptable to encourage the disappearance of human beings from the face of the earth. Change now, or we Angelenos will redirect the energy placed in our professional lives to prevent you from being elected mayor.

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Date Submitted: 11/11/2021 09:46 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 would criminalize unhoused community members for simply existing-- this is unacceptable. The city should be addressing the root causes of homelessness and housing instability, and providing services, not tickets/sweeps/evictions. Unhoused community member must be able to remain in community and able to access services, with their rights respected. Displacing unhoused community members is violence, and cannot be permitted.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 11/11/2021 09:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Regarding agenda item 27: 41.18 is terrible municipal policy and the proposed enforcement will just create more areas for city approved discrimination. Instead of focusing on criminalization, I want my tax money to fund real services, and permanent supportive affordable housing, not LAPD. The reality is if these zones are created, hundreds of people will be displaced, forcing them to sever ties to communities they've built, support they've come to rely on, and a place they know. This will lead to people dying. I demand the city, KDL specifically (my city councilmember), to refocus on addressing the root cause of why people wind up in these positions in the first place and not making their lives worse. VOTE NO on this agenda item.

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Name: Jillian Goldstein

Date Submitted: 11/11/2021 09:39 PM

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Date Submitted: 11/11/2021 09:12 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please say no to LASAN issuing citations. This is a horrible fake "solution" to a problem where the real solutions are obvious. Don't put bandaids on the problem by giving sanitation workers the power to police unhoused people even more than they already are. We don't need any more cops harrasing people who are just trying to get by..

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/11/2021 08:51 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: NO TO 41.18, NO TO BANISHMENT Kevin de Leon, you can't chant "Homes Not Prisons" while subscribing to the tried-and-failed policies of criminalization and banishment. An offer of shelter under threat of tickets and eviction is not a service, it's an order. Displacing someone to a bed in a new neighborhood away from community support can lead to harm rather than good. Temporary shelter without a path to permanent housing is a dead end. Instead of doing anything to address the root causes of homelessness OR the urgent needs of unhoused folks, this motion turns to criminalization as its deadly strategy—making it illegal to sit, sleep, or lie--as well as store or use property in a way that the city says you shouldn't. 41.18 targets street vendors as well as unhoused tenants. Public health interests directly conflict with 41.18—COVID is not over and we are heading into winter. Forcing people who use drugs into temporary shelters without adequate harm reduction resources can be a death warrant; and more comprehensive support is needed than simply having NARCAN on site. When people are displaced they lose their connections with their harm reduction care teams and often are not connected with new providers. Some shelter and PRK locations confiscate needles and NARCAN and blame it on federal funding, even though California law makes them legal. NO to LASAN issuing citations! It doesn't matter if LASAN writes the ticket instead of the police—the same systemic racism will hit our unhoused Black, brown, Indigenous folks hardest. People don't need fines and enforcement—they need housing and healthcare. This enforces a punitive power dynamic when Sanitation could be actually helping folks with urgent public health needs.

Communication from Public

Name: Valerie Albicker

Date Submitted: 11/11/2021 08:40 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: It is irresponsible for city council to enforce 41.18 as a solution to address homelessness. Sweeping and issuing tickets to people experiencing homelessness targets an already vulnerable community. As a teacher and active community member, I ask city council to reflect on how 41.18 addresses people who have unmet needs. 41.18 criminalizes people experiencing homelessness.

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Name: Rosario

Date Submitted: 11/11/2021 07:49 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As someone from Boyle Heights Im just here to insist you listen to our unhoused neighbors and not criminalize them. I strongly oppose 41.18 and am horrified and disgusted by the city's violent attempts to harm unhoused people. You have proved consistently you simply do not care for the houseless people of our communities. Instead of addressing root causes of homelessness, listening to the needs of unhoused peoples all over LA, your method is to criminalize? Destroy unhoused people's belongings? Invade their spaces? Deny them the right that we should all have of literally just existing in public spaces? This does not offer a solution. 41.18 is shameful. and it is VIOLENT more than anything else. It continues the legacies of stripping some of the most vulnerable members of our communities of their basic rights as human beings, putting so-called development/ beautification and tourist industry before people's lives. 41.18 should not be allowed to continue forward. People are simply trying to survive. And you are criminalizing them for it. Please just focus on working towards more housing options and services for our unhoused neighbors. People are noticing what you are doing. We won't stand for further harm to our houseless neighbors. This isn't going unnoticed by your constituents.

Communication from Public

Name: Nina sarnelle

Date Submitted: 11/11/2021 07:06 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm extremely concerned about the banishment of vulnerable Angelenos who are living on the street. there is safety and support in unhoused communities that the city must respect and provide additional optional services rather than responding with state violence and theft.

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Name: Claire B

Date Submitted: 11/11/2021 07:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Instead of doing anything to address the root causes of homelessness OR the urgent needs of unhoused folks, this motion turns to criminalization as its deadly strategy—making it illegal to sit, sleep, or lie--as well as store or use property in a way that the city says you shouldn't. 41.18 targets street vendors as well as unhoused tenants. This is a disgusting motion that only exacerbates the daily torture faced by our unhoused neighbors. We are still in the midst of a pandemic where tens of thousands of renters in this state currently face eviction and the city is focusing on this?

Communication from Public

Name: Giorgia

Date Submitted: 11/11/2021 07:27 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Good morning everyone, The area under De Leon jurisdiction is one of the most heavily impacted by the unhoused. at the same time scarcity of shelters in same area is proverbial. DeLeon solution of pushing the unhoused in the shelters is unfair, limited and very very temporary. It is a bandaid that won't help and will create only more distrusts. Shelters are considered highly unsafe by unhoused women and LGBTQ+ people, assaults occur often and they are rarely investigated (there are endless reports and studies on this). Shelters only allow 1 bag and no pets (that are often a main emotional and mental health support). As a citizen of Eagle Rock I strongly disagree with DeLeon approach of sweeping all the unhoused under the rug without providing services and support. This is the issue that will decide the next Mayor and we are all paying attention to your words and actions. Provide money, services and professional support.

Communication from Public

Name: Jenny

Date Submitted: 11/11/2021 07:33 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Nobody would ever make it illegal to drive a truck through certain parts of a city because they don't like them. This is literally what you are doing to homeless people- making it illegal to be in parts of a city because you do not like them. This is discrimination based in sheer classism. As a politician your job is fighting to make the world around you better for the people you serve. The homeless are people you vowed to serve, too. This does not service them. It further disenfranchises them. Why do I, a 23 year old from NJ know how to do your job better than you do? You can do better and absolutely must, or resign for failing your people.

Communication from Public

Name: Tony Carfello

Date Submitted: 11/11/2021 06:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: There will be a future time when Angelenos look at this Council and shake their heads in shame. Those working to right historical wrongs decades from now will make reference frequently to the Council of 2021, explicit in the understanding that in these dark days of city history more energy was spent creating a separate class of citizen for the unhoused through 41.18 than any efforts at so-called leadership. Future Angelenos will understand that a choice between temporary, carceral shelters or public banishment is not service. Local students will comb through digital libraries researching for class reports on how the Council of 2021 chose to do nothing to address the root causes of homelessness and instead made it illegal to sit, sleep, or lie—no doubt highlighting the day when Kevin de Leon insisted that only "certain" Angelenos have the right to exist in the very heart of the city just as the weather turned colder and a virus still presented danger. Instead of providing the bare minimum of bathrooms and healthcare, those future Angelenos will acknowledge that their Council was instead insistent on failed criminalization policies and Broken Windows policing. The Angelenos of tomorrow will understand this Council as representative of the same kinds of ignorance and brutality that we think of today when recalling the brazenly corrupt L.A. leaders from the 1930s or the murderous settlers of the 1850s. Without question, those future Angelenos will mark the moment when 41.18 was thrown out and several members of this Council were removed from office as key first steps toward the a just city.

Communication from Public

Name: Abigail

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

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Comments for Public Posting: Please vote NO on 41.18!! You could be literally killing people, please don't continue this attack on people without houses. There are inadequate resources to help people into more permanent housing, your time and money should be spent on righting those wrongs, not simply pushing out those with no better place to go. Problems don't go away just because you can't see it, these people will still need houses, even if they aren't allowed to exist near you. How can you criminalize existing? How can you criminalize having no choices?? Please listen to what unhoused people are saying, listen to their ideas rather than treating them unhumanly and exacerbating the problems. Please have compassion.

Communication from Public

Name: Emma Gerch

Date Submitted: 11/11/2021 06:25 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This effort to criminalize homelessness is appalling. I work with families experiencing homelessness and know first hand that this motion will only cause further harm to unhoused people in downtown. The offer of shelter is only a temporary solution. The people you are displacing will eventually end up back on the street, far from community support and safety. Unhoused people have a right to public space and deserve the dignity of deciding where they sleep.

Communication from Public

Name: John Conant

Date Submitted: 11/11/2021 06:31 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly appose Kevin de Leon's motion 41.18. Unhoused people are equals with housed people, with the same rights to public space, but this 41.18 law says otherwise. Instead of doing anything to address the root causes of homelessness OR the urgent needs of unhoused folks, this motion turns to criminalization as its deadly strategy—making it illegal to sit, sleep, or lie. Councilman de Leon will say that anyone being displaced by this new law has already been offered shelter and services, but an offer of shelter under threat of tickets and eviction is not a service, it's an order. Displacing someone to a bed in a new neighborhood away from community support can lead to harm rather than good. Temporary shelter without a path to permanent housing is a dead end. In addition, public health recommendations go directly in conflict with 41.18— COVID is not over, and we are heading into winter, making this a dangerous time to be displaced and have to find new shelter, community, and support (whether in the shelter system or without it). I strongly encourage the city council to throw out 41.18 and listen to the advocacy of groups who are actually listening to houseless people in Los Angeles — groups like Streetwatch LA, Ktown for All, and the People's City Council. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Isaac James Rooks

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Comments for Public Posting: I want to get my objection to agenda items 17 and 14. Driving the unhoused from public spaces, destroying their property, and increasing their likelihood of mental and physical harm and death is not helping the homelessness crisis. these short-sighted and inhumane measures aren't making living conditions in downtown better (for the unhoused or housed populations). It's only making a grim situation worse and shuffling people around. I don't suspect any of the pleas for decency you hear today will make a difference, and that's a profound shame. As a resident of downtown LA for almost a decade, I'm disgusted and saddened by these proposed measures.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 11/11/2021 06:34 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to voice my opposition to 41.18 that will ban unhoused people from staying near City Hall, Union Station and Olivera Street. Everyone has a right to public space whether they are housed or not. Banishing unhoused people from public spaces will not address the root cause of houselessness or give people houses. Instead of policing unhoused communities, resources should be put towards ensuring there is enough safe and affordable housing for everyone in the city.

Communication from Public

Name: Perry Radford

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

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Comments for Public Posting: The continued banishment and displacement of unhoused people under rule 41.18 is inhumane and dangerous. As a longtime downtown resident, I am in solidarity with my unhoused neighbors who seek permanent, supportive housing. To force people to move with no permanent place to go, is wrong. It's a ruse to say that you are cleaning the streets when you illegally seizing and destroying the property of vulnerable unhoused people and putting them at higher risk of harm. Stop making homelessness a crime and actually find a way to help my neighbors. They need help, not to be displaced.

Communication from Public

Name: Molly Knox Ostertag

Date Submitted: 11/11/2021 06:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: NO on 41.18. It's a cruel and unhelpful way to address the crisis of unhoused people in Los Angeles. Criminalization is never a way to help people, and the money you're putting into this could be used for actual housing without removing people from their communities. Do you actually care about helping people, or do you just want things to look nice for tourists? Please do better.