

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Cable

Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 10:03 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing as a Los Angeles county resident to voice my objections to the proposal of 41.18. If implemented, the outcomes will be problematic as they will create displacement among the communities and further the state-sanctioned dehumanization of said communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Tatum Perry

Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 10:03 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, I am commenting to express my concern of motion 41.18 being passed. This will do nothing but hurt our community and those who are in need of our help, such as the homeless community. Please consider saying NO to motion 41.18. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Frances Dingivan

Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 10:11 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: Absolutely NO to 41.18. The approval of 41.18 simply criminalizes human existence. I am alarmed that the council claims to speak and work for the people... until the people they claim to represent are unhoused. This motion would uproot people from the systems of support that they themselves have had to create in the absence of any effort on the part of city officials to address their needs. Similar motions have been approved and enacted throughout the west, most recently in neighboring Salt Lake City. That community is reeling from the banishment of unhoused individuals from the downtown area in favor of "new development" and "revival" initiatives that have invited real estate investors to gentrify the downtown area. The result has been catastrophic, with individuals losing access to lifesaving medical care, transportation, and their own support networks. Do not pursue the same harmful path that your neighbors have chosen. Human life must ALWAYS come before profit– there is no exception; there is no compromise. A "yes" vote on this motion is morally abhorrent. Stop criminalizing human beings for the problems that the state has created.

Communication from Public

Name: Ana

Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 10:22 AM

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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. Unhoused people are EQUALS with housed people, with the same rights to public space, but this 41.18 law says otherwise. What if this was you? Or your family? How would you want your loved ones to be treated? And why should you need to think that way in order to have empathy for individuals— this is **not** an abstract group! These are people!

Communication from Public

Name: J-Town Action and Solidarity

Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 09:56 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Zen Sekizawa and I am representing J-Town Action and Solidarity. We are a grassroots collective building community power in Little Tokyo and fighting inequitable development across Los Angeles. Similar to 41.18, in 1942, Executive Order 9066 enforced displacement and incarceration in Little Tokyo turning First St. into a holding area for Japanese American incarceration. For 41 weeks straight our mutual aid program, in partnership with We the Unhoused, have been distributing hot meals, electricity, PPE, harm reduction supplies and information in Little Tokyo. Most importantly we have been listening and building relationships with the Unhoused residents of Toriumi Plaza. Outreach workers from CD14 have told the residents at Toriumi Plaza that they are “un-housable” Temporary carceral and failed housing projects like Project Room Key, Shelters, Bridge Homes and Tiny homes are not housing — jailing is not housing. It is a fact The Unhoused are being criminalized and their lives shortened by the heartless harassment of sweeps and citations enforced by 41.18. Homelessness is not the problem, it is the result of the problem. Capitalism creates poverty and then criminalizes it. 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. We need permanent housing with actual services — not sweeps. My name is Zen Sekizawa and I am representing J-Town Action and Solidarity. We are a grassroots collective building community power in Little Tokyo and fighting inequitable development across Los Angeles. Similar to 41.18, in 1942, Executive Order 9066 enforced displacement and incarceration in Little Tokyo turning First St. into a holding area for Japanese American incarceration. For 41 weeks straight our mutual aid program, in partnership with We the Unhoused, have been distributing hot meals, electricity, PPE, harm reduction supplies and information in Little Tokyo. Most importantly we have been listening and building relationships with the Unhoused residents of Toriumi Plaza. Outreach workers from CD14 have told the residents at Toriumi Plaza that they are “un-housable” Temporary carceral and failed housing projects like Project Room Key, Shelters, Bridge Homes and Tiny homes are not housing — jailing is not housing. It is a fact The Unhoused are

being criminalized and their lives shortened by the heartless harassment of sweeps and citations enforced by 41.18. Homelessness is not the problem, it is the result of the problem. Capitalism creates poverty and then criminalizes it. 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. We need permanent housing with actual services — not sweeps.

Communication from Public

Name: Courtney Khademi

Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 09:57 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: I write to express my fervent opposition to the addition of new zones under 41.18 in Kevin De Leon's district and in all the districts on the agenda today. As you the members of the City Council seek to quietly add 41.18 zones, hiding behind empty rhetoric about care and behind the cold and streamlined regulatory regime of 41.18, you should know that we in the community are watching, and that we adamantly dissent. We will not allow you to do any of this quietly, or out-of-sight. You are evicting and banishing human beings block by block, scattering them, disconnecting them from their established supports, threatening their safety and their lives. There is nothing quiet about that. In fact, it screams, and it does so loud and clear: you do not care about addressing houselessness. You do not care about public health. You do not care about further empowering the abusive and murderous institutions of LAPD and LASD to needlessly criminalize members of our community. You do not care about human life. You must realize that: with this motion, you are killing people. City Council has abandoned any pretense of trying to address the root causes of homelessness. Instead they look, again, to the tired and failed policies of criminalization and brutality, of racism, ableism and means-testing, and the Broken Windows policing that brings more harm and violence. I want to uplift the voice of an El Pueblo resident, Barry, who would be affected by Councilmember De Leon's proposed zones: "If they're going to pass this motion against us, the least they could have done is inform the residents out here! It is a complete lie that all of us have been offered housing any time during this pandemic. There are no problems on this block, we keep the sidewalks clean. And we're in a 'Special Enforcement and Cleaning Zone?' Isn't that enough?! They could try just cleaning the sidewalks again, it would be better than getting evicted. We're not bothering anything out here."

Communication from Public

Name: Nick White

Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 09:59 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: We should not displace people who don't have homes, certainly not when there is no comfortable alternative. We should not jail unhoused people ever. The tiny homes temporary shelters cannot replace longer term supportive HOUSING. No on 41.18 because it is cruel and the city is not prepared to support those it affects.

Communication from Public

Name: Anthony Quattrocchi

Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 03:38 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: Let's address the root causes of homelessness without criminalizing the livelihood of these people even further by excluding them from public spaces and trying to remove them from the public sphere. NO on 41.18!

Communication from Public

Name: Alicia Albertson

Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 05:52 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote no on the measure to further criminalize homelessness in LA. I am an outreach worker and people on the street want help and services but it takes time. When you sweep their encampments, they struggle to find safety elsewhere and often lose touch with their caseworker. I am searching for multiple people who have housing opportunities who I can't find due to public agencies sweeping their encampments. Restricting where people sleep without offering sustainable solutions to their state of homelessness helps NOONE and makes the homelessness crisis WORSE. Please stop wasting time and taxpayer dollars on criminalizing homelessness and instead work toward solutions to ending the crisis like creating more affordable housing requirements in new developments, improving public mental health funding and resources, and increasing outreach efforts to connect people to services. Imagine being scared and alone in a tent and then being told you have to find somewhere else to go and losing most of your possessions. Is that going to help you improve your situation? Absolutely not. Stop taking away the one bit of stability that our brother and sisters on the street have to cling to. Make the humane choice. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Katie A

Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 07:37 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: It is inhumane that during an unprecedented global health crisis (that is far from over!) our representatives would choose to disenfranchise the poorest residents of the city instead of providing them resources. Why are we not focused on preventing people from becoming homeless? Why are we not expanding permanent housing and improving existing shelters and outreach programs? This has been the call from activists and the public at large all year long in relation to BLM and relief from the pandemic! Instead of focusing on actual, proven solutions to an economic crisis that continues to grow, City Council members have decided to once again spend time and public resources on expanding harmful criminalization policies which have only proven to fail and exacerbate homelessness. We can't just sweep people out of sight. We need concrete action steps in providing transitional to permanent housing opportunities that meet a higher standard of living than current shelter and ABH facilities offer. This ordinance is going to disproportionately affect BIPOC, people with disabilities, veterans, immigrants, and people experiencing domestic abuse. You all are actively creating violence and inequity in our city. I dare you to think beyond warehousing people in camps and prisons as a solution.

Communication from Public

Name: Dara
Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 06:30 AM
Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: When I see the belongings of houseless neighbors being confiscated by the city I do not feel safer. When I hear from them that they were given an ultimatum to occupy crowded shelters miles away from the community they have built or even in many cases grew up in, I can't help but think 'who is behind this?'. The answer is our publicly elected officials backed by the private interests and private funding that allows them to even run for office. I hate this system run by how much private backing you are able to get from business interests. Everyday people working everyday jobs see through this. I'm a teacher working in the public school system and some of my students have been among those that need and do not receive adequate services from this city. Instead of permanent and private housing, the city spends money to criminalize those who don't go to a shelter. I've seen families have to separate to even qualify for these shelters (aunts who help care for the kids can't go, partners are denied, single people only if they don't have children). My question to you city council people is this: Have you ever been without a place to sleep in this city? I have. Have you ever slept on the sidewalk? I have. Have you ever had to make the choice between a shelter with a curfew, searches, loud long nights, that has no access to a kitchen to cook in or staying nearby a supportive friend or 2? Have you ever had to notice how few public bathrooms there are in this city? Likely not. But you've had to get campaign donations from business interests and landowners in LA. People that make money off of tourism and think (rightfully so) that having houseless people on the street is not ideal. But what you aren't doing is solving the problem. You're supporting a fascist policy that discriminates against those without stable housing. When someone doesn't move to these carceral housing options on time, or chooses to stay near their community they are ticketed. If they're unable to pay the fine, don't show to court or refuse to move in the moment they are arrested. What do you get out of filling the jails with people who live on the streets? Whose interests do you serve? I don't know why I'm even writing you except to say I tried. I don't believe laying this out for you will do anything to people blinded by the interests of people who pay for their reelection. Money rules this system and not the interests of people. Just remember that when you go to work tomorrow.

Remember the people in the jails that you are responsible for putting there as you continue to expand the areas that they are no longer allowed to exist. When children condemn you for your decisions and actions against some of the most oppressed people in our city, don't be surprised. Taking away someone from their chosen shelter because others consider it an eyesore or a danger to their property or just stereotype all houseless people is unjust. It's discrimination. Until you repeal this order in its entirety, you are exacerbating, not fixing the problem.

Communication from Public

Name: Corey A

Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 08:14 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: Please stop criminalizing homelessness in this wanton fashion. There simply are not enough beds or consistent spaces for unhoused individuals to go, this is is inhumane. This amount of energy should be spent on addressing the root causes of homelessness rather than ostracizing these individuals even further.

Communication from Public

Name: S.E.

Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 08:14 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: 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)

Communication from Public

Name: Markita Lewis

Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 08:08 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: People should be allowed to engage and be physically present in public spaces. It is hard enough to find places to sit and exist (for free) as a pedestrian, and this bill/measure will have far-reaching consequences beyond any “problems” people think it will solve.

Communication from Public

Name: Brendan Coates

Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 08:10 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: The City Council says they want to solve homelessness but all that 41.18 does is banish people, tearing up networks of community and trust. How are we supposed to provide services for people if they keep getting shuffled around? How are we supposed to establish trust between people experiencing housing insecurity and the government which is supposed to be helping them, when that same government is also terrorizing them with laws that make their mere existence illegal? With cops and sanitation workers that don't see unhoused people as human? Maybe one of you brain geniuses can explain it. The City Council's main response to the housing crisis has been to make it illegal to sit down within 500ft of a library. Every single one of these 41.18 motions is evidence for your future trials at The Hague. Five people die on the streets everyday and yet we could have housed them for free in hotels with FEMA money. You all should be ashamed of yourselves but I won't be holding my breath for that.

Communication from Public

Name: Alex Kanegawa
Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 08:05 AM
Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: City Councilmembers, I am Alex Kanegawa, representing Nikkei Progressives, a multi-generational, all-volunteer community organization in Little Tokyo. Councilman de Leon has proposed listed sites within 500 feet of City Hall East, having a childcare center, as targeted for clearances/evictions. This could affect Toriumi Plaza in Little Tokyo, just barely outside the 500 foot radius. We believe all the constituencies in Little Tokyo, including the businesses and encamped residents have legitimate interests and rights that we must respect and protect. We were cautiously hopeful when the Council passed 14-0 the Street Engagement Strategy tied to 41.18. The Strategy requires that outreach teams would deploy to assess the encampment, collaborate with city and county departments and nonprofits, and connect encamped residents with services and stable interim and permanent housing placements. We concur with the reservations expressed by Councilmembers Bonin, Raman and later Ridley Thomas that the clearances/evictions could exceed and outpace the capacities of the outreach teams and the suitable available housing. Two other City Council members have chosen not to subject encampments in their districts to the 41.18 process. The Times reported on the substantial numbers that PATH and others were able to place in bridge and permanent housing from Venice, MacArthur Park and Highland Park in earlier phases. As in previous cases, many were not able to keep or store much of their belongings--a problem that remains. But the avalanche of new sites being marked for clearances and evictions far exceeds the remaining housing available and for this reason we urge a no vote, and ask the Council only to approve clearances when they can offer residents acceptable housing replacements. Large congregate sleeping room shelters are not safe or satisfactory and many unhoused refuse them. Plowing ahead without reasonable housing placements will unnecessarily move the unhoused around, and intensify the desperation, illnesses and numbers of bad outcomes.

Communication from Public

Name: Lila Higgins

Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 09:40 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: I am not in favor of creating anti-homeless zones. Firstly, this is inhumane treatment of human beings. Imagine if you were homeless and how hard life would already be, without having to worry about having your few belongings taken AND being given citations. How are we as a community going to treat folks who are houseless in such a callous way? Also, this does not solve the issue of folks being houseless in Los Angeles--rather it just moves the "problem" out of the eyes of lawmakers place of work--City Hall. Criminilizing being poor and houseless is the real crime! Please stop the inhuman treatment of some of the most vulnerable community members in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Zeke Sandoval

Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 09:41 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: PATH has operated in LA for nearly 40 years. We speak from decades of firsthand experience: escalating criminalization and displacement is the wrong strategy to end homelessness. We understand and share in the Council's urgency to bring our unhoused neighbors off the streets – that's why we support the Street Engagement Strategy and urge its full implementation. A trauma-informed, person-centered approach is the only strategy proven successful over the long term. To implement that approach requires time, labor, and backing from the Council. At its current pace, the Council threatens to overload the strained homelessness response system and, in practice, penalize our neighbors for having the misfortune to lose their homes. All of us, housed and unhoused, want to end homelessness. An expansion of enforcement will push us backwards. Please delay any further 41.18 resolutions until adequate resources and housing can be supplied. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Alex

Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 09:26 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: 4118. Shame on you all for even considering this. Banishment of the HOUSELESS community is inhumane, and unhelpful. We need to lift these people up, not sweep them into the gutter. Do the right thing.

Communication from Public

Name: Joanna Swan

Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 09:27 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: There's something so disturbing about a politician who talks about "Homes Not Prisons," yet has the gall to announce his mayoral run on the same land he's making homelessness illegal on; paying lip service to "displacement and gentrification" yet turning to the same mechanisms of segregation and cruelty chosen by Joe Buscaino, Alex Villanueva, Venice NIMBYs, Bill Bratton... Kevin de Leon wants to build 25K units of housing by 2025. He claims to have housed 2,000 people during his time in CD14. But what exactly does he mean by housing? Tuff Sheds with a pretty paint job? a \$2,000 sanctioned camping spot? A 3-month stay in a surveilled hotel room? It's not your home if you don't have a key; it's not your home if you get evicted for a 3-day absence; it's not your home if your bags get searched every day; it's not your home if you're there under threat of arrest. Investment in temporary shelter diverts money from permanent housing and other needed solutions like public health infrastructure on the ground (water, toilets, trashcans etc). We're in a time when there are thousands of vacant units, yet even not enough shelter beds. A time when scattered groups of underpaid case workers juggle hundreds of lives, scoring their vulnerability to qualify them for housing waitlists-- while nearly 20,000 LAPD and LASD officers patrol the streets. A time when City Council wants to approve \$3mil in metal signs that establish banishment and \$3bil in police budget to enforce it. Who does 41.18 empower to do their job? Sheriff Villanueva has repeatedly made threats against unhoused people and has worked to pit Olvera Street vendors against the unhoused community, encouraging hatred over understanding. During a pandemic when tourism is at historic lows, Villanueva blames closed shops on unhoused human beings instead. Fitting for a cop who refuses to take COVID-19 seriously. Rather than seek longterm solutions that actually address peoples needs, KDL is playing directly into Villanueva's fearmongering. Unhoused residents here are still waiting on access to bathrooms, clean drinking water, and consistent trash service, after numerous calls with your office, weekly demands and protests, comments. Only a few LAHSA workers have consistently shown up for people; but recently, like Urban Alchemy's presence, they have been an afterthought at sweeps—strangers, increasingly associated with dislocation, that residents do not recognize or trust. The most

consistent “outreach” comes from Sanitation workers and LAPD. This is the quality of service your council district brings its unhoused constituents. With repeated abandonment comes mistrust and PTSD. During the pandemic El Pueblo residents have had to build their own support structures, looking after healthcare needs and literally saving lives, cleaning their areas and advocating for trash pickup, comforting each other through loss and trauma. From a public health perspective, 41.18 is a disaster. As KDL has said himself, COVID isn’t over—people are waiting on their shots and boosters, and fracturing the community will not help folks stay protected. Many people who use drugs will suffer a disconnection from their harm reduction providers, NARCAN access, and SSPs. This mass eviction will result in preventable death, for what? Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) love the fundamentally anti-Black dogwhistles of “revitalization” and “improvement.” BIDs are a present-day continuation of a racist legacy of redlining, vigilante terror, and forced dislocation. Property values over people. I expect to hear the same tired voices of wealthy white downtowners today as they hand-wring over issues they refuse to learn about; demanding policing and erasure for the most vulnerable people in council district 14. I will never forget the developer of the LA Plaza apartments, which average over \$2800/month and sit directly within the 41.18 zone; this developer sits on the Chinatown BID and previously has collaborated with LAPD and DOT to evict other encampments around “his” land. Years ago, residents of El Pueblo were threatened by representatives from LA Plaza apartments that they’d be displaced. Now it seems like Kevin de Leon is giving those colonizers their way as they grow their investments for the Olympics, the Super Bowl, the sanitized Los Angeles. The El Pueblo community is rich: musicians, mothers and families, animal lovers, so many incredible artists. 41.18 turns this community into an undesirable monolith; individual dignity is no longer respected, and humans are seen as something to be removed. The implementation and approval of ordinances like 56.11, 41.18, 85.02, 63.44 conflates property and people, telling us that whether we’re arrested, institutionalized, or left with nothing after having stuff impounded--unhoused lives and unhoused needs do NOT matter to Kevin de Leon. SHELTER BEDS ARE NOT HOUSING!

Communication from Public

Name: Diego Frankel

Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 09:00 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to oppose the proposed banishment zones. The criminalization of homelessness in no way treats the root causes of homelessness, and causes severe harm to our unhoused neighbors. This proposal would divide communities and distance residents from crucial support systems, including their neighbors and harm reduction care teams. The health risk due to Covid should also be taken into account, as displacement of our unhoused residents only increases the spread of the virus and puts them in more danger. This proposal is beyond cruel, offering incredible loss to unhoused residents all so housed residents can maintain an illusion of distance from homelessness.

Communication from Public

Name: Jason R

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

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: NO TO AGENDA ITEM # 17: NO TO 41.18, NO TO BANISHMENT, WE HAVE A RIGHT TO REST 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. 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. VOTE NO ON #17 NO TO AGENDA ITEM #14 LASAN has no business issuing citations. This targeted harassment of “quality of life crimes” that Broken Windows Policing sees as “revitalization” or “improvement” will only grow as Sanitation is given the power to police. VOTE NO ON #14

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 09:14 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: NO ON ALL 41.18 SITES. You all are committing genocide against people who are unhoused, and offering no real solutions for LA's most vulnerable. All you care about KDL, MOF, and others who've submitted motions for new 41.18 sites, is appealing to rich people who can't stand the sight of poor folks. 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. 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....” City Council has abandoned any pretense of trying to address the root causes of homelessness. Instead they look, again, to the tired and failed policies of criminalization and brutality, of racism, ableism and means-testing, and the Broken Windows policing that brings more harm and violence.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Robui

Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 09:17 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: Vote no! 41.18 adds another layer of race and class-based targeting, with BID (Business Improvement District), LA Sanitation, and developers as the modern-day drivers of dislocation. Unhoused people are equals with housed people, with the same rights to public space, but this 41.18 law says otherwise. Offering temporary shelter under the threat of eviction and citations is not a service, it's an order, and it is less than a bandaid, counterproductive in the long term fight to reduce homelessness and ultimately cruel and inhumane. Displacement to a temporary 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Cindy

Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 08:42 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: Do not allow Los Angeles Sanitation to issue citations. The city's and specifically sanitation's job is to provide services and support for the communities they serve. Citations do neither, but have a counterbalancing effect. they increase the need to support. Vote no on agenda item 14

Communication from Public

Name: Lillian Beaudoin

Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 08:47 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: I am a recent graduate of social work at CSUN, a current fellow with the Robert Wood Johnson Social Work Health Futures Lab, and a committed climate justice advocate. I urge you to reconsider the proposed additional resolutions to 41.18, as well as the proposal to confer Sanitation Workers the power to issue citations. Our city's affordable housing crisis will not and cannot be fixed with punitive measures and fines that continue to place the burden of poverty on the impoverished. We are in a moment of crisis, yes. But rather than continue oppressive-business-as-usual, this moment can be used to create meaningful change - change that benefits all Angelenos. I urge you to think beyond the present and into our futures. Lay the groundwork for harm reduction and inclusive public spaces, rather than an "out of sight, out of mind" approach which only kicks the can to other districts and future councils. You can become a beacon for a new way of approaching public safety for all.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 01:53 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The people of LA do NOT want this. I, personally, do not know a single person who wants this. Stop criminalizing our house less neighbors and actually help them. WE DO NOT WANT THIS.

Communication from Public

Name: Sean Jacobson

Date Submitted: 11/11/2021 11:59 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: I am here to voice my opposition to the brutal enforcement of 41.18 on the unhoused population of our city. It is clear to me that no one on city council has made a good faith effort to communicate with anyone living in the areas they are feverishly sweeping aside. The displacement of people living in such desperate situations further exaggerates their already harsh circumstances. Pushing people out of your sight does not mean they don't exist. 41.18 is cowardly and is a abdication of city council's responsibility to take care of the citizens who need help the most.

Communication from Public

Name: Zen Sekizawa

Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 12:13 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 moves people place to place, uprooting The Unhoused from their already fragile support system in hopes of eventual death is the most the quintessential definition of being a coward. Addressing the root cause of being unhoused is not “complicated or difficult” especially when we spend \$8 million a day on the fascist LAPD. People over profit. Services not sweeps.

Communication from Public

Name: Linden Willis

Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 12:16 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote NO to adding more Section 41.18 zones to criminalize normal public activity. I find it incredibly insulting that this council wishes to criminalize sitting and placing public property in a zone that sits directly on top of city hall. Seems like an attempt to squander free speech to me to tell people they can't sit on the steps of city hall.

Communication from Public

Name: Atlanna Brooke

Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 12:25 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is Atlanna. I never expected to post a comment for the public in which I would have to urge politicians to not displace our own. We are your citizens. We deserve better. I would like to keep this short and sweet. History repeats itself. You don't clean up the streets by throwing everything away and making the problem "disappear" from your line of sight — You clean up the streets by proper use of procedures, policies, programs, etc. Throwing everything away and displacing those who are already displaced won't make this issue go away. For where are they to go? The politicians that are pushing for this "clean up" have lied to us time and time again in this issue. For one example, the claim of what would happen to the property of those who have taken shelter on our streets. Which ended up in trash receptacles, though it was said that would not be the course of action. There needs to be more transparency in this situation. And again, please remember; you don't solve problems by pushing them away. This is not a resolution for this issue. This reminds me of putting a bandaid on an open fracture. Finally, I would like to say Thank you for reading, and especially thank you to those who are there physically representing this issue, I wish I was standing along side you and making this claim in person myself. God bless all who are affected by this.

Communication from Public

Name: Gabriel McCormick

Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 12:25 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: Regarding agenda item 27: Please vote NO on this agenda item. Enforcement of 41.18 only serves to further the criminalization of houselessness. I want my tax money to fund services and permanent housing within Los Angeles, not kick the can further down the road and further hurt and entrench people dealing with houselessness. People are already dying on the streets because of the lack of support from the city, and displacing these people and severing ties with their communities only makes it worse. Kevin De Leon (my city councilmember) talks the talk in providing services - its time that he backs it up with action.

Communication from Public

Name: Bren Perry

Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 12:27 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: I am strongly opposed to the 41.18 motion as it criminalizes and threatens the unhoused with punishment rather than addressing root causes of houslessness or offering essential services to unhoused individuals. I am against any increased police presence, threat of incarceration or ticketing. Hiding these people does not solve the problem, all of use are far closer to their situation than we think

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle King

Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 01:03 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: You should all be ashamed of yourselves. Running for mayor on the platform of disappearing the optics of homelessness? While you shuffle our most vulnerable neighbors around the city, throwing their possessions away, empowering law enforcement to harass and enact violence on them. Why? All for a few votes? Our most vulnerable neighbors need healing, they need resources to support them to thrive. It's proven that the largest stabilizer is housing. Why aren't we putting all hands on deck toward finding them permanent housing? Anything else is just a charade. Temporary shelter without a path to permanent housing is a dead end. It's a waste of time and resources. over 60,000 people are NOT service resistant. Stop diverting resources from the real solutions of providing services and achieving a human right to housing in LA. Instead of addressing the root causes of homelessness this motion turns to criminalization as its deadly strategy. Similar motions failed in 2019 & 2020. What's different this year? You're running for mayor? Shameful In previous meetings council members asked why signage to enforce this criminalization was so expensive, the response was "hopefully it'll be less, we didn't have much time to throw this quote together." During that same meeting, council members acknowledged that the city programs aren't even staffed to offer supportive services to those experiencing homelessness. Partner with and support the community members who know how to support folks into permanent housing and FUND them. Stop allowing law enforcement to terrorize our houseless neighbors. We do not want this in our district 14. We all know that this will only exacerbate the homelessness crises. Experiencing homelessness is NOT a crime. Our most vulnerable neighbors need homes, NOT handcuffs. We want solutions, we want care, we want housing for our neighbors. Let's work toward actual solutions - not sweep them around the city after locking them up. It's fiscally irresponsible... not to mention inhumane.

Communication from Public

Name: Gabriel

Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 07:34 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: It should not be illegal to be homeless anywhere. Instead of putting your energy into criminalizing our communities you should be creating safe, stable, permanent housing for everyone that needs it. More homes and no criminalization!

Communication from Public

Name: Robert Peppey, homeowner, parishioner Dolores Mission, Boyle Heights

Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 05:42 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: No on 21-4118-S13 Kevin De Leon et al, So De Leon has joined the pack of fascist hyenas on Los Angeles City Council in outlawing human beings from standing, sitting, sleeping and their private property from multiple locations in in Downtown LA. The situation of injustice LAMC 41.18, that violates fundamental rights of poor people's is institutional violence. Robert Peppey

Communication from Public

Name: A. Castuera

Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 03:06 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: We want Kevin De Leon, Mitch O'Farrel and every member of City council address root causes of homelessness, and use the power of their positions to provide healthy and safe services to the unhoused community (not carceral and dangerous shelter). The move to clear encampments from the areas around City Hall, Olvera Street, and Union Station, and shows a clear racial and economic bias against our neighbors. 41.18 is unreasonably cruel, and sweeps conducted under its enforcement will cause further harm and delay for unhoused people's ability to secure resources, go to their jobs, maintain or improve their mental and physical health. This is a terrible, terrible shame and a human rights crisis that continues to unfold under the City council's direction. Today many of you in city government paid lip service to Veterans Day, yet there are thousands of veterans living on the streets. Will you sweep them? Mitch O'Farrel, how do you square your actions against the unhoused with the 'Indigenous Land Initiative'? Quoting Hilda Solis: "Homelessness among American Indians and Alaska Natives in LA county has its roots in centuries of discrimination. Today LA County will initiate systemic changes to right this wrong". It is said that LA is home to the largest population of American Indians and Alaska Natives in the country: 41.18 is a continuation of the "dark history of racism, genocide and systemic discrimination" (Janice Hahn, LA County Supervisor, CA) against them. To approve these or any new zones would be wantonly cruel and barbaric, and will drive people to utter desperation. End 41.18!

Communication from Public

Name: Phillip Kim
Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 03:29 AM
Council File No: 21-4118-S13
Comments for Public Posting: You can not and will not "out of sight, out of mind" the humanitarian crisis in LA. 41.18 is racist, classist, and segregationist. Vote No.

Communication from Public

Name: Jamie K
Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 10:28 AM
Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: The hypocrisy of our city officials would be comical if it didnt have such real implications on the lives of people that are just trying to find some sort of stability. The fact that people choose to live in tents on the side of roads that are liable to harrassment violence and extreme discomfort rather than attempt to enter our demeaning and carceral housing alternatives is so telling ESPECIALLY when city government is so out of touch and corrupt with the needs of longterm residents that together ARE LA, that they beg for the olympics and any and all developer money that creates these conditions where people must resort to living on the streets... how cruel. And this is supposed to be the government that speaks for me?? But they continually choose the class of property ownership's comfort and profit over basic human rights empathy and respect for Los Angelenos?!? Nobody wants a life on the streets. Look behind what drives homelessness and its a broken foster care system, its redlining, its extreme racial generational trauma, its lack of disability accommodation, its transphobia (queer youth who have been ostracized from their homes make up a hugely disproportionate portion of the unhoused community for those who are unaware), its the lack of accessible and sustained support for neurodiverse people unless theyre rich, it's the everlasting war on drugs that criminalizes and demonizes people surviving in conditions of poverty. this law is acting as if homelessness is born just from laziness. which just shows a complete lack of wisdom about how the world works and how this country works, THE SYMPTOM IS NOT THE DISEASE. and then youre gonna take away peoples rights to simply exist in public because it makes you sad to see their lives???? As if we have no responsibility as members of a community. But it's more than that because just being left alone is what people are begging for at this point. Not only are we not adequately supporting our most vulnerable community members, but we are literally bulldozing over the only belongings and support systems that are sustaining them at an unthinkable difficult time of their life , traumatizing and further displacing the unhoused. Who does this make sense to. What makes them so blind. Why did they become public servants if they do not listen to and sympathize with the members of the community they serve. The way LA is constantly patting itself on the back for being such a liberal haven and this

country for being such a beacon of freedom .. Thos are just words.
Look around. Listen to the unhoused. There is always room for
education and change.

Communication from Public

Name: mario correa

Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 10:29 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Mario Correa and I am representing J-Town Action and Solidarity. We are a grassroots collective building community power in Little Tokyo and fighting inequitable development across Los Angeles. Similar to 41.18, in 1942, Executive Order 9066 enforced displacement and incarceration in Little Tokyo turning First St. into a holding area for Japanese American incarceration. For 41 weeks straight our mutual aid program, in partnership with We the Unhoused, have been distributing hot meals, electricity, PPE, harm reduction supplies and information in Little Tokyo. Most importantly we have been listening and building relationships with the Unhoused residents of Toriumi Plaza. Outreach workers from CD14 have told the residents at Toriumi Plaza that they are “un-housable” Temporary carceral and failed housing projects like Project Room Key, Shelters, Bridge Homes and Tiny homes are not housing — jailing is not housing. It is a fact The Unhoused are being criminalized and their lives shortened by the heartless harassment of sweeps and citations enforced by 41.18. Homelessness is not the problem, it is the result of the problem. Capitalism creates poverty and then criminalizes it. 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. We need permanent housing with actual services — not sweeps.

Communication from Public

Name: Alex

Date Submitted: 11/12/2021 04:29 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S13

Comments for Public Posting: How can you justify these actions when you still fail to provide adequate housing, mental health support, and financial support to the people who need it the most? These sort of actions all done in the name of efficiency put incredibly vulnerable people at even further risk. There are houseless community members who are tied geographically to an area because the only way they can get support from the city is if they are found there again, which will not happen if you just sweep them away. This is inhumane, and the lack of awareness is astounding.