

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: As a community stakeholder, I wholeheartedly support 41.18 and Mitch O'Farrell and implore all councilmembers to protect our children from unsafe conditions. Schools MUST be considered a safe place for all children, free from anxiety and concern that they may be entering a dangerous zone. Tax-paying citizens and children should not be forced to drop off their children at school trying avoid used syringes, feces, criminal activity, and harassment from people with obvious mental health issues. I have seen piles of garbage blocking the entire sidewalks so pedestrians cannot utilize sidewalks safely and are also obvious ADA violations. The streets need to be cleaned and stakeholders need to be made to feel safe. I have personally called the police to address the prostitution, drug dealing, fights that have broken out amongst the people living at the encampments. I have called the fire department to help people living in the encampments with injuries or over-dosed on drugs. All of this is happening within a few feet of a school! It is time for city councilmembers to step up and address these dangerous conditions. I applaud Mitch O'Farrell's efforts to create safe places. PLEASE PROTECT OUR CHILDREN!! Make no mistake that a large majority of the people in Hollywood (and throughout LA) support 41.18. I hope all councilmembers take similar action! Yes on agenda 22!!