

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/08/2021 01:50 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S14

Comments for Public Posting: I am in support of this proposition. My three children all attended the preschool at The Hollywood Presbyterian Church. When my older children were young, I could walk them to school. By the time the youngest was there, we could no longer walk to school. In addition, when the children were playing in front of the school, we had to call the police because of criminal activity across the street. Now the school is closed and I fear it will not again open its doors. I have seen mothers pushing strollers in the middle of Gower trying to get to Cheremoya School because the sidewalks are not clear. We have seen fires in trash cans and RVs, drug use, hazards, and trash. This is not a humane way to live. I hope that you will find better options for housing to those willing to take it. I implore you to find creative solutions while more affordable housing is created. I know this is a difficult problem, but the situation at Bronson, Carlos, and Gower is untenable. Thank you.

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Name: Ray kohler

Date Submitted: 11/08/2021 12:55 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm in favor along with many of my neighbors in the Oaks. It's has become dangerous, unhealthy, and our safety is in jeopardy. There are so many that they often obscure the traffic coming from the left or right thus creating a traffic danger turning right on red. However if all you are doing is moving from these areas and sending them to another council district I think the plan is so very shortsighted

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Name: Emily R Boyle

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

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Comments for Public Posting: We live in the Oaks and highly support this proposal. The condition of the streets surrounding the freeways is inhumane and unsafe for the homeless and residents in the area. Please move forward with this plan. Thank you!

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a homeowner living in the 90068 zip code. I have written numerous emails to Mitch O'Farrell's office complaining of the filth, trash and homeless encampments spilling onto our sidewalks and streets surrounding the 101 Freeway, specifically on the Gower underpass and Bronson overpass. In early 2021 my husband was walking on Franklin near the Bronson overpass as was verbally assaulted by a homeless man living on the sidewalk. My husband now carries a knife on him whenever he takes a morning walk on Franklin to defend himself should he be attacked. My daughter and I are afraid to walk anywhere near these locations for fear of being attacked, yelled at or witness the illegal activity taking place there. Just last week my nine year old daughter witnessed a grown naked man exposing his genitalia to cars driving by. I must exit the 101 Freeway on a daily basis to take my daughter to and from school and am always afraid she will see something she is far too young to witness. The trash is constantly spilling onto the streets even after there has been a cleaning by the city. These homeless encampments are negatively impacting the local businesses on Franklin as well as turning both Bronson and Beachwood Canyons into undesirable neighborhoods to live within Los Angeles. It's way past time to remove these homeless people and give them the drug rehabilitation and mental health care they need. From what I witness on a daily basis these homeless people are not actively looking for work or for housing provided by the city, but rather they are mentally ill or drug addicts that chose to live off the grid. These people need to be removed and this community needs to feel safe and cared about by this city once more.

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Name: Oaks Homeowners Association

Date Submitted: 11/08/2021 08:04 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: We fully support Mitch O'Farrell's motion to designate the area at Bronson and the 101 overpass, along with surrounding streets Yucca, Carlos, and Gower, as a 41.18 location. This area has been overtaken by homeless encampments over the past several years. The area is overrun with trash, rodents, needles, feces, and waste. It is inhumane and unhealthy for anyone to live in these conditions, and many of the unhoused people remaining here suffer from severe mental illness and addiction. They must be helped, and the need for long-term supportive and permanent housing is both urgent and extreme. There is an elementary school and a pre-school nearby in the vicinity, and it is completely unacceptable for children to witness what goes on in these encampments. We know of several residents who have removed their children from the pre-school, understandably not wanting to expose their children or themselves to the trash, crime and drug usage that is rampant. We see people shooting themselves with needles and gang-related crime on a daily basis. People under the influence of drugs or with severe mental illness wander into the street and there have been accidents. Citizens may no longer walk on the sidewalks which are now completely inaccessible for people in wheelchairs. We used to be able to walk to Hollywood and to the Hollywood Farmers Market but can no longer do so. We beseech you to move forward in the most urgent fashion to house the unhoused people in these encampments, clear the encampments of tents, gangs and crime, clean the area, and please, please keep it clean and clear. Thank you.

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a male physician and a homeowner in the oaks. I have the outmost sympathy for the homeless, however their encampment at Bronson overpass endangers the lives and health of homeless more they can begin to comprehend. I personally had few incidents where I almost hit them while driving because they were pushing each other into streets or bicycling right into traffic appearing to be under influence. Even as a male I feel unsafe walking along the cross walk especially at night. I am more than willing to contribute financially to a more permanent housing solution for them but a lot of them seem to like to be physically in the Hollywood area and unwilling to move if housing is not located close to their encampment. By passing a resolution to prohibit their encampments, it also forces them to accept permanent housing solutions when offered even if it is not in their desired location. It will also disrupt the drug dealings of most and maybe encourage the addicts to seek help for recovery. My sister in law who lived on Van Ness at Foothill for 15 years moved to AZ because of the multiple break ins by the homeless.