

Communication from Public

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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. Mitch O'Farrell, it's not acceptable to encourage the disappearance of human beings from the face of the earth. You should be removed from office and never be allowed to hold office again.