

Communication from Public

Name: J de Abreu B

Date Submitted: 08/17/2026 08:59 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S14

Comments for Public Posting: The existing Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.18 isn't perfect, but canceling it is not solving the problem. It's making it worse. Let's start by making it clear everyone deserves care and respect in our city. Unfortunately, by rescinding Section 41.18 without offering a solution, the district is washing their hands from the problem. Abandonment shouldn't be confused with respect or care. In a practical level, what should we do when we see people shooting drugs, or defecating, or falling on the streets from being high, right in front of our homes? Code Section 41.18 is the only way we have now to take care of our neighborhood. Calling Circle doesn't work - no one picks up, and it's not like we can do anything while we wait on the line. I suggest you try staying on the line for an hour, listening to that horrible recording in a loop, and dare you not to give up. Calling any airline seems like a breeze compared to Circle. If we call the police department, and it's not an emergency, they don't show up either. So what's left? Hollywood is such a beautiful neighborhood, and with so much potential. It's the first place tourists think about when visiting the city. Also, it's the place I call home. We need solutions, not smear on problems. PLEASE VOTE NO ON THIS MOTION!

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Comments for Public Posting: Public parks belong to all of us. This includes unhoused neighbors. 41.18 is cruel, ineffective, and expensive. This policy does nothing to fix homelessness. Please let our tax dollars go towards meaningful resources and solutions to the housing crisis.

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Name: Do better

Date Submitted: 08/17/2026 12:55 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Address reasons why people are homeless. Don't punish people for being houseless. Rescind this law. It makes existing in a system designed to cripple you, illegal - which is a disgusting exercise in eugenics. In a world where we are all born into without our consent the least we deserve is the dignity to exist. Why are people homeless? 1) Housing is treated like a commodity by bankers and real-estate. Outlaw this. Housing, water, air, food, and health are a right. Not a wall street trade. 2) Mental health care isn't an establishment to make people well in the USA. It's been set up to strip people of their autonomy through abuses like violent 51.50 holds, paywalls to medication access, and cruel ultimatums. Actually look at the issues in health care and remove authoritarianism and for-profit barriers. 3) Wages are stagnate. It's only a matter of time we are all houseless with the way the C-Suit is fleecing the working class. When you turn a right, like housing or water, into a commodity to exploit then you end up with malignant rising costs to survive across the board. There are two solutions here. We can keep raising the minimum wage to chase the C-Suit's never ending greed or we can ban commodifying human necessity which would stabilize the market for what capitalism should exploit, luxury goods. Fix this or be remembered as a robber baron. Stop attacking people for falling prey to this disgusting eugenics driven system. Fix the gd system.

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Name: KL

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear council members, I am a PhD student in criminology who has spent 2 years researching the creation and enforcement of anti-homeless legislation in the City of Los Angeles. 41.18 and other quality-of-life ordinances do nothing to resolve homelessness. Issuing citations and fines for merely existing in public spaces is not only inhumane, but also highly disruptive to a homeless person's finances and physical/mental well-being. Yes, encampment sweeps remove vagrancy from the public eye--but they are nearly always ineffective in the long-term (post-sweep sites repopulate rapidly) and result in the targeted community losing access to personal items (which often include life-saving medications, mobile devices that serve as their only means of contact for support services, shelter from cold/heat, etc). Imprisoning a homeless person for repeated violations of codes like LAMC 41.18 is a further drain on taxpayer money--once they are released, they will still be just as homeless as before. Consider the amount of total spending that has gone into LAPD enforcement of 41.18 and similar codes since 2012--is this economically viable? Has this spending actually resulted in a significant decrease in the homeless population or an improvement in residents' quality of life? I strongly encourage the council to redirect the city's attention and funding towards resources that will actually decrease homelessness, such as stable, affordable housing projects, job training programs, higher capacity for shelters/food pantries, and more funding for social workers engaging with the homeless community. I fully understand that policing homelessness may appease certain constituents and stakeholders in the real estate/tourism/recreation industries. If the council wishes to prioritize financial profits over the lives of LA residents (homeless people are still residents!), I simply ask that they be transparent about these intentions with the public. For peer-reviewed research and policy briefs covering the topics discussed above, please see: Abrams, Z. (2025, September 26). USC study shows the majority of unsheltered Angelenos face critical gaps in meeting basic needs. Keck School of Medicine of USC | Newsroom. Carter, B., & Streeter, J. L. (2025, June). Homelessness in California: Recent challenges and new horizons. Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR). Chien, J., Henwood, B. F., & Kuhn, R. (2026). Criminalizing

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Communication from Public

Name: CESAR Guzman

Date Submitted: 08/17/2026 11:44 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S14

Comments for Public Posting: Re: RESCIND the prior Council action of November 16, 2021 regarding designating 41.18 zones in Council District 13 (Council file No. 21-4118-S14) all sites designated in the action, inasmuch as the Council Office does not wish to maintain these zones as designated 41.18 sites. INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer to report with any additional actions necessary to remove signage from these sites. (38) 21-4118-S1 CD 13 MOTION (SOTO-MARTINEZ - HARRIS-DAWSON) relative to amending the prior Council action of November 3, 2021 regarding designating 41.18 zones in Council District 13. Recommendations for Council action: AMEND the prior Council action of November 3, 2021 regarding designating 41.18 zones in Council District 13 (Council file No. 21-4118-S1) to remove the following sites: Barnsdall Art Park - 4800 Hollywood Blvd - Public Park Las Palmas Senior Citizen Center - 1820 N Las Palmas Ave - Public Park Hollywood Recreation Center - 1122 Cole Ave - Public Park Madison West Park - 464 N Madison Ave - Public Park INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer to report with any additional actions necessary to remove signage from these sites. MY COMMENT: IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP “streets, sidewalks, or other public right-of-way” free of obstruction by any and all people and objects. The minute someone takes up space in a PUBLIC spot it becomes PRIVATE for that individual . This will only make the livability crisis worse not better.

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren Eggert-Crowe

Date Submitted: 08/17/2026 01:34 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-s14

Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 has done way more harm than good. It makes the lives of our neighbors more difficult, leading to the disruption of communities, which decreases public safety. Seven unhoused Los Angeles residents die every day. Criminalizing and harassing them does not solve this problem; it only makes their lives more difficult. Please remove the signage for 41.18 zones immediately.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 08/17/2026 01:57 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S14

Comments for Public Posting: As Councilmember Soto-Martinez correctly states in this motion, 41.18 zones do nothing to prevent or reduce homelessness. Instead, they trap our unhoused neighbors in a cycle of criminalization that make it more difficult for them to access housing (something that is already incredibly difficult to do). Any stability someone might have at an encampment is forcibly removed, along with important belongings like medication or paperwork. Being forced to move out of a 41.18 zone cuts people off from contact with social workers and community, forcing them to start navigating the contorted housing system from the beginning, again. Instead, 41.18 incentivizes interactions with LAPD which often result in harassment, arrests, and further criminalization. In addition, 41.18 zones are now being used to target anti-ICE protestors and street vendors - the law is so broad that anyone can be a victim of it, and it is a tool on gentrification and oppression. Los Angeles should operate from a place of community care, not criminalization. As a resident of CD13 and someone who cares about my unhoused neighbors, I support the motion to repeal these 41.18 zones.

Communication from Public

Name: Roghan Weafer

Date Submitted: 08/17/2026 01:28 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 zones have the stated purpose of making it illegal to sit down in public and the obvious purpose of making it a crime to not have enough money to pay rent. Both purpose are frankly reprehensible, the kind of law that we would like to think that we are better than, as a city and as a country. Hugo Soto-Martinez has correctly identified them as "stop and frisk zones". I have seen and spoken to people who have been burdened by tickets they cannot afford, who have had their shelter and medicine destroyed, all for the crime of experiencing poverty. It is haunting to think of how many more stories of cops abusing unhoused people under this law go untold. On top of the direct cruelty, these zones and the broader criminalization of poverty prevent LA from developing an effective system for providing housing and otherwise solving the real problem of homelessness. We have seen time and again how ineffective and even corrupt city services fail to house people, teb the city just sends cops to displace peoplw to a different neighborhood. When people are put into "interim shelter", poor conditions, poor management, endless waiting, and other abuses get paperer over with the threat that anyone who gets kicked out will just be ticketed or arrested for not being able to afford rent. We must change from a city that sends cops to shuffle around unhoused people and makes problems work, to a city that commits to the only real solution for homelessness - providing housing. Ending the criminalization of homelessness and 41.18 zones is not just the right thing to do but the most effective thing to do. 41.18 represents a failed past, used against the most vulnerable among us (notably including its use against anti-ICE protestors). Let's repeal these zones in favor of real solutions and bring LA in line with our values of support and inclusion.

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Name: Tierney Sadowski

Date Submitted: 08/17/2026 05:15 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Repealing these 41.18 zones and removing signage is a step in the right direction. Though it cannot undo the harm and violence that have taken place in these zones in the past it can pave the way for a more just future. People should not be penalized just for existing. It is inhumane.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 08/17/2026 05:17 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S14

Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 criminalizes the most poor and vulnerable people in Los Angeles, predominantly disabled / people of color, and just disperses homeless people into different neighborhoods because permanent housing isn't offered. Each sweep costs 10s of thousands of dollars in police overtime and LASAN costs. Temporary housing like inside safe is sometimes offered... which often is carceral and has been an expensive failure. The only way to solve homelessness is to build housing, and to provide housing with wraparound services, including rehabilitation, healthcare, and jobs programs.

Communication from Public

Name: Cindy

Date Submitted: 08/17/2026 03:47 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S14

Comments for Public Posting: I support the motion to repeal the 41.18 zones in council district 13. LAMC 41.18 is a discriminatory laws that harms the poorest members of our community. We face a housing affordability crisis in the city of LA, and the large houselessness population is a direct result of this crisis. Laws like 41.18 exacerbate the struggles of those individuals experiencing houselessness, since they lead to sweeps that destroy personal property, while levying fines and arrests, all of which make it harder for individuals to move off the streets and into suitable and stable housing. Remove these zones and devote the expenses that would be incurred by LAPD and LA Sanitation while enforce this discriminatory law towards meaningful solutions that address the root causes of homelessness and get people off the streets for good. (things like a vacancy tax, more funding for affordable housing, services for those on the street, rent control, etc.) More of this!

Communication from Public

Name: Ryan B

Date Submitted: 08/17/2026 04:17 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a resident and homeowner who lives on the border of CD 4 and CD 13 in Hollywood, I respectfully request that you vote NO on the proposed motion to rescind 41.18 designations in CD 13. The current homelessness crisis requires a multi-faceted solution, including and not limited to, increasing the supply of affordable housing and offering addiction recovery and mental health services. But there are also times when 41.18 is needed as an enforcement mechanism next to vulnerable schools and parks. I live near the Las Palmas Senior Center, a City park with senior citizen services and a preschool in Hollywood and a designated 41.18 site. Ever since Covid began in the early 2020s, this park and surrounding sidewalks are overrun with chaotic encampments, filled with violence, drug use/drug dealing, multiple fires, rodent infestations, loud noise, and rowdiness. As the encampments and unhoused population grew at this location, our surrounding neighborhood must deal with increased crime, trespassing, and break-ins. On top of this, seniors are not able to safely access the senior center because all surrounding sidewalks are blocked. Many seniors and pedestrians who felt comfortable walking near the encampments had to walk through the busy Franklin Avenue roadway. Over the past year, 41.18 has provided a critically needed tool to enforce anti-camping at the Las Palmas Senior Center, when such enforcement has been necessary to allow this facility to serve its intended purpose as a safe gathering spot for senior citizens, and maintain peace and safety in the surrounding neighborhood. The City is making progress on the many factors that need to be addressed to solve homelessness, but rescinding 41.18 is NOT the solution. PLEASE VOTE NO ON THIS MOTION!

Communication from Public

Name: Carmen

Date Submitted: 08/17/2026 04:44 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S14

Comments for Public Posting: I support the repealing of the 41.18 zones in CD13. These criminalization zones are essentially stop and frisk zones that give LAPD the opportunity to criminalize simply because they're poor, unhoused, or because of their skin color. 41.18 has proven to be completely useless in housing people or making anyone feel safer.

Communication from Public

Name: Peggy Lee Kennedy

Date Submitted: 08/17/2026 04:45 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S14

Comments for Public Posting: I am in support of repealing these 41.18 zones. They only attempt to ban visible poverty using expensive and cruel forms of enforcement. The law is discriminatory because it is used on unhoused people who are primarily people of color and disabled people. They do not create any alternatives or resources for unhoused people.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 08/17/2026 06:24 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support this motion

Communication from Public

Name: Kwan

Date Submitted: 08/17/2026 07:10 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing in support of the Councilmember's motion to rescind the specially designated 41.18 zones in District 13 and echo the sentiment that enforcement under Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.18 does not prevent or resolve longstanding encampments in District 13. Instead, these enforcement actions can cause outreach teams to lose contact with people they are actively working to house, separate individuals from essential belongings, including prescription medications, and create legal complications from unpaid citations that can prevent people from moving into permanent housing. Anti-camping ordinances are written to specifically to harm unhoused individuals and enact cruel treatment upon people, their rights, and property.

Communication from Public

Name: Shane Swerdlow

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