

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Caitlin VanArsdale

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing in support of removing 41.18 signage and zones. 41.18 needlessly criminalizes the most vulnerable among us, and fails to address the core issue of homelessness—housing. There are mountains of evidence and testimony that clearly illustrate the harm that sweeps impose upon our unhoused neighbors, simply because they are experiencing poverty. At a time when prices are skyrocketing and people are being priced out of their homes on a regular basis, it's needlessly cruel to punish people for existing outside. When people are swept using 41.18 as justification, they are brutalized and often lose their important documents, family memories, work tools and basic survival items. 41.18 also disproportionately affects Black & Brown people, and invites abuse by police and ICE. Our focus should be on permanent housing for people struggling in Los Angeles, not on punishing them for that struggle. I support the removal of 41.18 zones everywhere.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** David Miller

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**Comments for Public Posting:** We lived across the street from the Las Palmas Senior Living park encampment for six years. Members of the encampment several times threatened our lives, attacked my wife, burnt down the hedge, broke windows in our building, and much more. One threatened to kill us and claimed he had a gun, then ran inside a tent inside the encampment. When LAPD arrived 30 minutes after our 911 call, they told us they could not investigate because legally his tent was his “house,” and entering would require a lengthy process before a judge to get a warrant. One black neighbor eventually moved out, after being threatened by an encampment member with a knife, and after listening to this man scream the “N Word” at the top of his lungs every night. The way to help these unhoused is to get them help, not to give them the freedom to hurt others and do drugs on the street until they die. Doing so is killing them out of a misguided desire to be or appear kind. Instead, get them off the streets and the help they really need, and protect the innocent children of LA.