

Communication from Public

Name: Gale Jaffe

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember Soto-Martínez, I was shocked by the City Council vote to rescind twelve Section 41.18 "no-camping" zones in Council District 13. I live in Silver Lake. The area underneath the 101 Freeway has just recently been cleaned up. Homeless people camping there were obstructing traffic and starting fires. It is insane to open that area up to camping. No one I know favors homeless camping on our streets. It's an issue of safety and cleanliness. I don't know who you surveyed, but it wasn't my neighborhood. Allowing camping on the streets in our neighborhoods is unacceptable. You need to rescind this decision. Sincerely, Gale Jaffe

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Name: Al Peery

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Comments for Public Posting: I wrote the following letter in response to a reply from the CD 13 office regarding removing camping restrictions in areas of CD 13. Kylie - I appreciate your response to my concerns. I understand that the homeless problem is not unique to Silver Lake. However, I still don't see how removing no camping designations from areas in our neighborhood help the situation. We are especially concerned about camping under the Silver Lake bridge and the 101 FWY. Until that area was recently addressed by your office, someone was camping in the left turn lane to enter the FWY. After that, a camp stove started a fire there. This is not an acceptable place for people to camp. Since there is not adequate indoor housing for all of our homeless, I believe we need to establish supervised campgrounds with bathrooms, showers, picnic tables and bear box type storage lockers for belongings. That would be much less expensive than constructing housing. Allowing people to live on our streets raises all kinds of other questions: What kind of example does this set for children, in these visible locations, that people, often on drugs, can just hang out in squalor? What about the effect on visitors to our community, who see we can't manage the mess? What is the effect on the property values of taxpayers? Who is dealing with the defecation, urine, and trash? Why can't the City locate these unfortunate people in one place, supervise them, and not have the issues spreading throughout the entire CD? Why aren't we using vacant warehouse, retail, office space to temporarily house these people? Allowing people to live on the streets is an abdication of responsibility and enables terrible behavior. I understand that the Councilmember is attempting to house people and address this problem, but so much more needs to be done to clean up our community. Thank you for addressing our concerns. Sincerely, Gale Jaffe