

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember Soto-Martinez and others, I strongly disagree with your motion and decision to rescind the 41.18 enforcement zones in our district. After the news of this was announced, sizable encampments have again popped up blocking sidewalks on Silver Lake Blvd. and also Beverly Blvd, forcing pedestrians into oncoming traffic. I would advise your to drive there today to observe this or try to be a pedestrian. You can see that people trying to get to transit stations, many elderly, people commuting to work or parents with young children, walking into traffic. Is this what you intended? Could you not see this would be a problem? A report on NPR this morning reported 70 percent of people living on the street have refused housing. Why do people who pay taxes and are law abiding citizens have to risk their lives to protect people who are mentally ill or prefer to live off the grid? Last year, I provided first aid to an elderly woman who was hit by a car while trying to cross the street to avoid homeless tent on the sidewalk. She was killed. It was traumatizing for me and her family. Because she was an immigrant, her family did not want any attention to this in fear of ICE . You support this? You claim 92 percent of your district was in support of your decision. I can tell you as a neighborhood organizer in your district, not one of us received a survey and no one I have spoken to supports your decision. I am in favor of an independent group to investigate your claim. Your actions will welcome more homelessness, crime and sanitation problems to our neighborhoods. Please work harder to get people with mental illness supportive medical housing!! And prosecute the drug dealers and prostitutes openly doing business on our streets. I am sorely disappointed in your actions and performance.