

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 10:05 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Mitch O'Farrell's office held a secret organizing meeting with anti-homeless residents where they instructed them on how to submit public comment. Not once has he ever met with advocates and the unhoused people he is eager to displace. This behavior is absolutely disgusting and the community will not stand for it.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 10:16 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I want city council men to come to Shatto Recreation Area to check out the 4th street. It's dirty, stinks and dangerous. You can not go through the sidewalk. How longer do we have to put up with it? Please enforce Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.18 for the Shatto Recreation Center area. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Brian

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 10:22 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I support the 41.18 resolution for Shatto Recreation center. I am resident in this community and have seen the deterioration of safety and increase of crime because of these encampments. I do not feel comfortable nor safe taking my children to the park. Elderly people have to walk on the road where I have seen close calls with cars almost hitting them. The encampments are destroying the economy of the stores around Shatto as well.

Communication from Public

Name: Salsabil Emdad

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 10:55 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Carrying out a mass displacement operation as winter approaches is exceptionally cruel and dangerous. More homeless people die of hypothermia in Los Angeles than almost anywhere else in the country. Even more than San Francisco and New York City. Sweeps that destroy people's shelter and cold weather resources could easily lead to deaths.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 11:05 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I do not support making peoples lives a crime and oppose this measure

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew Smith

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 07:30 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: CD-13 resident here. criminalizing homelessness in this and other districts will do absolutely no good. it is a cruel, short term “solution” that does nothing to solve the underlying problem. our neighbors need supportive services and housing, and we need to get there with genuine efforts to build relationships and treat them like human beings. please do the right thing.

Communication from Public

Name: Royce D.

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 09:44 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I live around the corner on S Westmoreland in what feels like a dystopian movie. Our tolerance for crime and public safety is an absolute joke. We are better than this. Please vote yes. Please clean our streets.

Communication from Public

Name: Cherie Heiberg

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 08:10 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please, please do not pass any of the 41.18 resolutions that Mitch O'Farrel has proposed to criminalize homelessness in Ktown, Echo Park, and other areas. It makes me sick to my stomach that these anti-homeless zones are being created, effectively making it illegal to be homeless in Los Angeles at all. This will not solve the homelessness issue. This will create needless human suffering and that alone. It is the equivalent to covering your eyes and plugging your ears in the hopes that if you don't see or hear it, the problem has gone away. The communities that our houseless neighbors have created keep them connected to one another and to outreach groups that can help them, and have shown that they do more to help people exit homelessness than throwing the homeless in jail for sleeping on the sidewalk. They provide safe places for those without homes to sleep. The city constantly breaks up these communities and tells the people whose lives they have upended to go to shelters, but the shelters are full; there is nowhere for the homeless to go. Sanitation is constantly touted as a reason to chase the homeless away, but if you would implement regular trash pickup and stop taking away bathrooms and showers then the sanitation problem would dramatically decrease. If people sleeping outside at all is the issue, offer housing in the form of empty hotels and apartment buildings. There are so many things that you can do that are not acts of wanton cruelty, and I am continually baffled that you do not do them. As homeless communities are pushed out of neighborhood after neighborhood thanks to this cruel ordinance, more areas will be made illegal in response to homeless presence. If you force someone out of a community, out of the mutual aid a community offers, out of a safe place to sleep, out of a shelter, out of a way to bathe themselves, out of a safe place to relieve themselves, then all you are doing is indirectly killing them. I am ashamed of my city. I am ashamed of the city council. I am against the 41.18 resolution. Do not pass this.

Communication from Public

Name: Amélie Cherlin

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 08:27 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Until there are homes — real ones, with doors that lock — available and affordable for all the unhoused people who need them, it is an outrage to criminalize homelessness. You are merely displacing people to another area, most likely one with lower-income residents whose needs you aren't responsive to. You are catering to wealthy homeowners. We all want homelessness to vanish; but you and your wealthy donors want homeless people to vanish. There's a crucial difference. You are causing grievous harm and doing nothing to prevent homelessness or improve people's lives.

Communication from Public

Name: Hermie Cruz

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 01:57 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Hermie Cruz. I am over 80 years old and I utilize the senior center at Las Palmas as well as I was on the senior board at the center. Thank you for giving the senior community a chance voice our concern; fear; worry, and uneasiness - to say the least - with the ongoing brazen, careless, abusiveness, etc. of the 'social cancer' attitude continuously displayed by the homeless. This is America! Get real! What is the City/State doing about these? Can not the GIANT do something about this minority group who seem to "lord over the" public, city, civic communities protect our health and safety? What are you all doing about it? I am old, sick, on welfare, yet volunteer at various senior centres (not only in name, but in DEED, as well!!!), including my own parish at Blessed Sacrament Church in Hollywood. The city officials - including the rest of Angelenos - should have us in mind. Please talk and explain - in your capacity - how difficult it is literally "walk on egg shells" negotiating on the sidewalks and other public places that the homeless have put a stake as their own dwelling. Does that make sense? Pray tell!!! I'm willing to speak, if need be, to further my plight including my senior colleagues and friends. I can be reached at my email address and (310) 999-2569. I thank you for this opportunity. Email is chalmam2002@yahoo.com

Communication from Public

Name: keon Y min

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 02:25 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: City Council of Los Angeles, Please enforce the anti-camping ordinance law for Shatto Park on 4th St. in Los Angeles. In 2019, Homeless men who lives in Shatto park broke into my house in Westmoreland ave. around midnight. He was claiming my house is his property. We immediately called help but 911 didn't come in an hour. He crashed our patio door with metal pipe and cut his body(wrist and torso) and spread his blood all over our patio and even inside of pool. Our family member traumatized from that accidents and still having a hard time living a "normal" life. We are suffering PTSD, I still remember that morning after, cleaning his blood by my own hand. Our 94 years old mom cried over her wheelchair drenched by homeless men's blood, still having a hard time to fall a sleep. For us, facing homeless encampment is life threatening experience. They are still living in a minute away from my home. We are scared off every night since that accident. Please save us our family. Please help our 94 years old mom could sleep without a nightmare. Please help our kids commute to school without stepping over homeless men's needle.

Communication from Public

Name: Ted Kim

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 02:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We DO NOT want the homeless encampment. It is big safety and health issues. Homeless breaks in and vandalize our properties.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 03:03 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: camino nuevo school on 3rd/vermont has homeless people sometimes sitting outside of school .once when I dropped off my student their was a bag left there by one of them with a used needle sticking out.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 03:32 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I comment on the enforcement against sitting, lying, sleeping, or storing, using, maintaining, or placing personal property, or otherwise obstructing the public right-of-way

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Communication from Public

Name: Ralph Mayo

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 01:43 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell's resolution to amend ordinance 4118 regarding limiting homeless encampments. The encampments on Las Palmas Avenue completely obstruct access to the Centers. They take up the entire sidewalk and make it necessary to go out into a very busy street when walking down Las Palmas Avenue. These encampments are quite large - they include numerous pieces of wood and tarping to construct what is virtually a small house on the sidewalk. Walking into the street to get around the encampments is quite dangerous at virtually all times of the day and evening as Las Palmas Avenue is a thoroughfare for tour buses and the buses for the Church of Scientology which speed through the neighborhood. I ask all members of the City Council to support Councilmember O'Farrell's resolution. He is most familiar with the problem with these particular encampments as we have discussed them numerous times with the Councilmember and his staff. Thank you for your consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Donna Archuleta

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 01:11 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a senior who is 67 years old and I live at the Montecito Senior apartments. The encampment in front of the Las Palmas Senior Center. I walk down the street to go to the pharmacy and target. I have to cross to the other side of the street and on my way back I walk on the street to avoid the encampments and go back to my apartment. I was disabled through the pandemic and damaged my shoulder. The garbage is disgusting that is in front of the senior center. The people get in yelling and screaming arguments all night long and they are cussing a lot. I can not sleep very well because of the disruptions throughout the night. They also play loud music in front of the apartment building. I was homeless in 2015 to 2016 and I never abused neighbors or property or belongings. I had to stay in a shelter and I was assisted to get a home in the Montecito. The people who don't make it back to encampments they sleep on old furniture and tear up the garbage in the trash cans and throw it everywhere. I support Council member O'Farell's motion to clean up the homeless encampments in front of the Las Palmas senior center and I urge the other council members to vote in favor of the motion.

Communication from Public

Name: Jeremy Rosen

Date Submitted: 10/28/2021 09:13 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: If this act passes and Shatto Park becomes another banishment zone where will the residents go? The Lafayette Bridge Home is full, the shelter at Shatto Park is not going to be open for months. All this will do is push people around the city, wasting tax dollars and resources without ever solving the problem, just like Councilmember O'Farrell's sweep of Echo Park Lake that cost over 1 million dollars in police overtime and ended up housing four people. I ask again, where will people go? Right now they are able to be in touch with social workers and case workers. People come by and give them food and supplies. If Shatto Park becomes a banishment zone, these people will be forced to move elsewhere, making it harder for them to stay in touch with social services and thus get housing, which means that it would actually keep people on the street longer. As winter is approaching, the city is proposing throwing away people's shelter and belongings and push them out further into the margins. Did you know that more homeless people die of hypothermia in Los Angeles than in New York and San Francisco combined? Until the city has adequate shelter and housing to house every person who wants it, these kinds of sweeps and banishments are nothing more than cruel, vicious, deadly wastes of money and resources that could otherwise go towards actually helping people.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 08:06 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am a proud parent of a student from Vine Street Elementary. I support the resolution in CD 13 because I don't think it's safe for the homeless to be in front of the school. They leave trash like old bicycle tires and glass bottles on the road.

Communication from Public

Name: Amber Green

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 09:54 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am an educator/administrator at Camino Nuevo High School #2 located at Hoover and Temple. While I am very sympathetic for the plight of our unhoused community and believe that they need and deserve trauma-informed supports and services, my primary concern is for the immediate safety and well-being of the students and their families in our school community. Since we have returned to in-person learning there has been increasingly hostile activity from our adjacent unhoused camp. This week alone we had two incidents involving the unhoused and our children. Yesterday, a completely nude man walked along Temple Street as our students were transitioning to PE. This morning, while walking to school, another student was threatened to be beat by a man yielding a wrench. While police were called, we were told there is nothing that can be done about the threats and they can only take action when there are physical assaults. Earlier this month, a student was punched in the face by an unhoused individual as they were walking home from school. Every day our staff members must ask unhoused individuals to clear the entryways to our school. Human feces, urine and debris, including drug paraphernalia, are constantly being cleaned from the perimeter of our school. Currently, we have a small part of the Hoover/101 encampment tapped into our parking lot light-post and are using our school's electricity. Our students absolutely deserve and have a right to attend school without fear for their safety and to have a clean and welcoming school environment. I ask that our school be included in ordinance 41.18.

Communication from Public

Name: Jeffrey Walters

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 10:42 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Jeffrey Walters , 69, A senior center member and club president living near las palmas senior center is in favor of passing 4118 ordinance. I have to walk around and in the street to avoid their camps .Also the trash left on the sidewalk and the street is disgusting. Again I support the passing of 4118 ordinance from Mayor's office and Mitch O' Farrell's office. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: ERIC HAM

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 10:18 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I live at 400 S. Westmoreland Ave. However, homeless people often fight, shout and make noise all day and night, so they can't sleep at night. Also, garbage is piled up on the road, so I have to drive almost center line. Also, I can't walk on the side of the road because of the homeless, and if I have to go, I'm worried about walking on the road and it smells bad. And walking next to homeless people is scary and worrying. I wish you good results either way. thanks.

Communication from Public

Name: Hermosa David

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 10:20 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I live in the area, 435 S. Virgil Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90020, for 28 years. It used to be a nice area to walk or jog in the morning or late afternoon around the block. Now, we have to use the street to go around which is unsafe for everyone since the sidewalks are blocked by tents all over the 500 feet radius from our residents. Most of us are senior citizens and we walk to go to the groceries or restaurants to buy our food supply and it is hard for us to walk on Virgil up to Third Street to avoid the encampments on 4th Street, 5th Street, Westmoreland, and Shatto Streets which is a short distance to these groceries and restaurants. Sometimes, the residents of these encampments are circling/speeding in their bikes on the streets and if you are caught unaware you will meet an accident and hurt yourself, get scared and fall down. We are begging the City Council to clear these areas and house these homeless people in the places built by the government to help them. Thank you for listening and acting appropriately to help the residents in the area as well as help the homeless to have a better living condition.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 10:28 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am a concerned parent of a student from Vine Street Elementary. I support the resolution in CD 13. I've seen the homeless behave in a very aggressive manner. I saw one kick and scream. This type of behavior is alarming and I'm worried for my child's safety. I've also seen needles on the floor and am afraid the students might pick them up one of these days.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 04:04 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Please, please enforce Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.18 for the Shatto Recreation Center area. The state of this area is beyond terrible. It's very dangerous, filthy and sidewalks are completely impassable. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Daniel Lee

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 04:10 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: To the Honorable City Council: My name is Daniel Lee and I live in the condominium building located at 417 S. Westmoreland Ave., LA. I've lived here for about 3 years and would love to remain for many more. I thank you profusely for enacting the new anti-camping ordinance, Municipal Code 41.18, restricting homeless encampments. We deeply appreciate the council's efforts, and the new ordinance gives us tremendous hope for our neighborhood to return to its previous state, which was a very peaceful and attractive area. I'm writing to plead strongly and earnestly to designate our neighborhood for relief under the new ordinance. My neighborhood includes W. 4th St. between S. Westmoreland Ave. and S. Vermont Ave. At the moment, this neighborhood most likely has the worst homeless encampment in all of Koreatown and is an absolute debacle and completely untenable. The situation is so dire that the homeless encampments stretch for two blocks along W. 4th St. between S. Westmoreland Ave. and S. Vermont Ave. The encampments violate the new ordinance for multiple reasons, including but not limited to being located too close to the park of Shatto Recreation Center, driveways and fire hydrants, as well as the fact that the encampments completely block sidewalks and render them impassable. In fact, most pedestrians don't even use the sidewalks any longer, instead walking on the road or avoiding that area altogether out of concern for their safety. The encampments have been horrendous for about three years, and it's more than time to clean the area and remove all encampments. I have seen and heard about many of the homeless people's illegal, destructive behaviors and the impact on the neighborhood. People defecating on the sidewalk in the middle of the day, masturbating in broad daylight right in front of our building, breaking light fixtures and stealing our electricity, and carrying dangerous weapons such as long knives and loaded handguns. I worry everyday about how the situation might worsen or, God forbid, someone may become seriously injured or even killed by one of these homeless individuals in a fit of rage or a drug-induced episode. As a matter of fact, a woman who had been walking her dog in this neighborhood actually was attacked by a mentally ill homeless person and stabbed with a knife. I am not certain whether she even survived this encounter. Please understand how this situation

induces a great deal of suffering and anxiety in the residents of this building and the neighborhood. I implore you to please, please, please designate this neighborhood for relief under the new anti-camping ordinance. Thank you very much!

Communication from Public

Name: Vine Street Elementary/Barton Ave CD13 Resident

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 04:11 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I have been a resident of the Vine Street Elementary School neighborhood on Barton Ave for over 6 years, and I am in strong support of 41.18c for Vine Street Elementary School. I implore you to support this motion with a resounding "YES". It has been an absolute nightmare for the last couple of years. We have homeless drug dealers and addicts on Barton right across from the elementary school. I have witnessed unimaginable things on a nearly daily basis and have had to call the Hollywood Police countless times. I have witnessed some of these homeless dealers and addicts chase a young student and her mother down the street with a hammer. One of the drug dealers often stops these young students and solicits drugs to them. They shout obscenities at them. Recently, one of them exposed himself while students were walking to school. Every time, I pick up the phone and call the police. Do these students really have to go through these daily harrowing experiences just to get an education? Earlier this year, my neighbor was attacked by one of the homeless addicts on Barton. She came onto our property and assaulted him. He has subsequently moved out of the neighborhood. These are only a small fraction of incidents. We have an incident of some sort on nearly a daily basis. We literally have lost our quality of life here. I can't even imagine the trauma that these young students have endured daily and the subsequent PTSD they may be suffering from due to these horrific encounters. Never in my life would I have thought that I would witness such things across from an elementary school. Please help us restore sanity and safety back to this neighborhood, so these young students can get an education without these horrible experiences. Let's create a safe neighborhood for them, they are our future. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: J

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 04:42 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am in support of Shatto Park being listed as a sensitive use site via 41.18 and although there was a time that I believed we could coexist, I can now see that the city has failed not just the homeless but the housed as well. On the day I moved into my apartment building on Shatto Pl. 4 years ago, my life was threatened by a homeless woman that the neighbors and I have come to know as Ski. She has a tent on Westmoreland, adjacent to the driveway of my apartment building. As we were moving my things in, she began yelling at me “What Bitch”, “What Bitch” “What Bitch” and then started running towards me with a metal pipe. The movers that were helping me to bring my belongings in were able to stop her from harming me, and I fortunately was able to get her doing so on video. This is a miniscule glimpse of what it is like to simply exist here. Over the years, I have watched the homeless residing along 4th st between Vermont and Virgil commit acts of violence against the residents that neighbor these encampments and to each other; beating the women that they share their tents with, arming themselves with weapons, and bringing their fights to the middle of the through street. They have destroyed every surface with spray-painted markings of 18 (clear signs of gang activity) and have tampered with anything that has an electrical pulse. As a result, there have been multiple fires that have started from these tents. It should be noted that these same homeless people that have been living here for the last few years, have been offered housing dozens of times on a weekly basis but choose to live on the street. I love living here which is why I am fighting to have City Council care more about the home that I have come to love. Please consider enforcing 41.18 at Shatto Park and show us that you can also extend the same care that we do as residents of Rampart Village.

Communication from Public

Name: Franklin Park

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 04:42 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Our school has had many run-ins and problems with the homeless situation around our campus. Everything from public indecency, littering, trespassing, property damage, theft, and encampments next to your school has been taking place. We had many instances where we had homeless encampments in front of our school and would basically live there for weeks at a time. The environment is not something that is favorable to children. The trash left behind would become our mess. Next to our exit gate, after the city cleaned out their encampment, someone broke the glass door, shattering it to pieces. The situation on Shatto and the neighboring areas (near Shatto Park on 4th St.) has grown to a non-manageable state. As we are a school and want to keep our students safe, we had to train and hire a security guard for the safety of our teachers and students.

Communication from Public

Name: Nicolas Emmons

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 04:46 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I'm a resident of Ktown and I spend a lot of time at Shatto Park and the surrounding area. I strongly appose adding this area to the list of 41.18 sites. I know many of the unhoused people who live there and I regularly help distribute meals and basic hygiene supplies to the community. Quality services have not been offered to the residents who live there. Last time there was a sweep there I specifically asked for a LAHSA worker to help a specific resident with housing. I've seen this time and time again. That LAHSA worker was unable to connect this resident with PRK or an ABH bed. LAHSA workers regularly acknowledge privately that their presence at sweeps is for show, so council offices can say they offered services. Adding this site to the list of 41.18 sites will do nothing to solve homelessness, it will actually set the folks living there further back on their path to housing. We have seen people lose contact with their case workers, and even lose life saving medication and documents when they are displaced. What will happen to the people living there once they are no longer allowed to stay there? Will they magically be housed? Of course not - they will be scattered to other nearby encampments (and given Shatto's location, likely some people will end up in other council districts) and will still be living on the streets. Like Echo Park Lake, Councilmember O'Farrell doesn't care about alleviating homelessness, he only cares about criminalizing and moving people around to give the impression that something is being done. Please, do the right thing and vote no.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Dickerson

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 05:46 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to oppose this motion. A few weeks ago, I watched as city workers used a small bulldozer to destroy makeshift structures and tents. At this location, near the Shatto Rec Center, the council office and city departments have used engorcement again and again to remove people I and my neighbors know. These enforcement policies fail; no one gets housed as their tent is destroyed. People are traumatized. At the particular operation a few weeks ago, one older woman waited for hours under a canopy to talk to someone about services. When publicly called our, the councilmember from cd13 issued a public statement, saying that the people there had been offered beds at the Shatto Rec Center winter shelter, a shelter which wipl not be open until next month, and isn't a reasonable option for everyone living there. As a member of the LaFayette Park A Bridge Home Community Council, I can say with certainty that the nearby ABH shelter has had essentially no vacancies for months. I became aware of this motion because of a private zoom call between council staff and housed residents near the site. On this call, the staffer encouraged people to submit public comment demanding people's removal. One resident asked why they couldn't extend the zone further so it would cover her building. That question was truly revealing, because it demonstrates the fundamental futility of pushing people from block to block. This may appease neighbors on one block, but it will anger the new neighbors of an encampment that has been displaced. If you vote for this motion, please demand accountability about the housing and shelter offered. Our unhoused neighbors have provided a very different account than the council office about who was offered what. These offers must be documented and made public.

Communication from Public

Name: Steven Chun

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 05:51 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Steven Chun and I am a resident of CD5 who does weekly outreach with Unhoused individuals throughout Koreatown, including the Shatto encampment. I am making a public comment to condemn the violent, expensive, and ineffective criminalization put forward by this motion to use LAMC 41.18 to displace homeless individuals in public spaces. I want to see Los Angeles invest in REAL solutions to homelessness (like services and real, permanent housing), NOT criminalizing half-measures that do nothing but kick the can down the road and harm those who need help. It is truly despicable that the City Council would resort to such measures when these methods of criminalization have been proven again and again to do little to nothing to meaningfully address this city's homelessness crisis. As someone who regularly speaks with Unhoused neighbors throughout Koreatown, and has seen firsthand how the city's "outreach" operates (on multiple occasions I have filled out LA HOP requests and waited with my neighbors for 6+ months waiting for them to be helped), it is absurd that THIS is the best "solution" that the CMs can come up with. This is especially true when we have seen firsthand what a TRULY effective form of REAL outreach can look like, as exemplified by CM Raman's efforts at the Hollywood Berendo encampment that saw 100% of residents WILLINGLY placed into housing and services. To all the CMs, the solution is right in front of your face. The solution is very clearly NOT to pour even more money into the LAPD, criminalization like LAMC 41.18, and carceral housing solutions that are so insufficient that people would rather live on the streets than be subjected to their carceral conditions. The cheaper, more effective, ONLY compassionate solution to this crisis is to take an approach without criminalization, fences, and police, and to take an approach that gives the Unhoused REAL solutions and REAL services that will address THEIR NEEDS. This will only happen if you stop with the violence, stop with the sweeps, stop with the LIES, and start building real relationships with your Unhoused CONSTITUENTS. Do not forget that you are sworn to serve these people just as much, if not more, than the wealthy people you have fancy dinners and meetings with. NO to 41.18. NO to SWEEPS disguised as "Clean Ups." NO to Carceral Housing

Options. NO to LAPD being at all involved in this process. We need SERVICES NOT SWEEPS to get HUMAN BEINGS off of the streets into the better conditions they deserve. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Magdalena Waz
Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 05:56 PM
Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: It is impossible to end homelessness by simply legislating the problem onto someone else's doorstep. I would love to see sensible reforms that address the root of the city's homelessness crisis, starting with the lack of affordable housing, poor public transit infrastructure that prevents people from commuting to jobs farther from where they live, and lack of access to affordable health care. Let's plug up the holes where we know people consistently fall through the cracks and out of stable housing. It's embarrassing to see how much energy and money are spent on aesthetic fixes rather than meaningful ones.

Communication from Public

Name: Charles Rounds

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 06:36 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: LAMC 41.18 is not a solution, and turning the Shatto Park homeless encampment into a 41.18 zone is not only unsafe and cruel, but it wastes taxpayers' money on ineffective displacement of homeless people with no positive outcome. The city council needs to finally acknowledge that regardless of whether they believe it is their duty to help these people find affordable permanent housing or not, providing aid instead of sweeps is the ONLY effective solution to reduce homelessness which is the outcome that every resident of LA can agree wants to see. Use this time, effort and these crucial funds on techniques that are actually proven to bring results, not just shift the problem. Please vote no.

Communication from Public

Name: Linden Willis

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 06:07 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am a resident of Koreatown and live near the Shatto community. I am absolutely opposed to approving Shatto Park as a 41.18 zone. Displacing homeless people without offering a housing solution for every person displaced is both cruel and a waste of our resources. Our resources and energy should go towards ensuring all of our neighbors have access to affordable housing. Every time you sweep a zone, throw away people's belongings, and destroy their shelters, the people who you displaced settle elsewhere in the city. Then you sweep those areas, designate new zones, and people continue to move around the city. The cycle repeats; the city burns money; people suffer; nobody finds housing. This is not helping our communities. Please focus on longer-term solutions instead of short-term punishments for homelessness.

Communication from Public

Name: Meredith Alden

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 06:13 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Banishment doesn't solve homelessness. Shelters are full. People have nowhere else to go. You cannot disappear our unaffordable housing crisis by deploying the LAPD against its victims. The entire city of Los Angeles is begging this council to do something with the vast authority and resources granted to you. I cannot believe that all you have to offer us is this stale old retread of an inhumane and inappropriate non-solution. If there is a trash problem at Shatto Park, send trash pickup. If there is a sidewalk accessibility problem, provide space for people that isn't a sidewalk. If there are behavioral problems, provide supportive services. Providing these things would be far less costly than policing the enforcement zone, and far less costly than the continued harm caused by the status quo. We've all been down this road of enforcement and criminalization before, and we know where it leads: further damage and destabilization, a rising death count, and absolutely zero meaningful change. You are our leaders. Please display some meaningful leadership. Have the compassion and courage to do something different. I urge this council to vote no on the 41.18 enforcement zones.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 06:48 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the members of the City Council to not turn Shatto Park into a 41.18 zone. Punishing those without homes is NOT going to solve homelessness in our city. The Shatto Park Encampment has existed for years and is currently receiving outreach, food, supplies, and visits from social workers. Sweeps and criminalization can cause people to lose contact with lifesaving support networks or caseworkers, setting people back on the path to finding housing. If we are to actually address the root causes of homelessness, it would help if we can build more affordable houses than expensive condos. It would also be in City Council members' best interests to take homeless people's inputs into serious consideration for future policies, according to a report from UCLA Luskin Center for History and Policy. Here is the link to that report: <https://newsroom.ucla.edu/releases/history-homelessness-new-approaches-los-angeles>. This is why I urge City Council members to vote no against this inhumane motion.

Communication from Public

Name: Robert Chirila

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 06:41 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is Robert Chirila and I am a homeowner in the area of the 4th / Shatto encampment named in this resolution. I have been doing volunteer outreach to homeless encampments all over my neighborhood as well as other parts of Los Angeles for years, passing out basic supplies like food, water, socks, and hygiene supplies. I am tired of the false dichotomy set up by anti-homeless government officials including my city councilmember Mitch O'Farrell that tells us that the only two choices are tent cities full of abject human suffering in the streets OR brutalizing those same people in the name of criminalization and "enforcement." I have been doing this long enough to know that measures like this one--destroying homeless peoples' property, taking what little shelter they have, and pushing them out of one neighborhood into another (usually poorer, less connected) area--don't change much in the long run. People are still homeless, just a few blocks away--and now they're traumatized, often without identity documents, and far less likely to trust city workers who can get them into shelters or housing (if they even maintain contact following the displacement). I know that a lot of people in this city are alarmed and saddened at the exponential rise in homelessness over the past several years. I know that people like Mitch O'Farrell try to sell constituents on the idea that this is helping people and reducing homelessness, but the truth is that this has been our policy as a city for years. A lack of affordable housing and renter protections that puts people on the streets and repeated harassment, displacement, and criminalization that make it that much harder to get them off the streets. If this approach works, why does the homeless count grow larger every year? Insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results. Please vote no.