

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 11:48 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am asking City Council to enforce Municipal Code 48.18 for Shatto Park Recreation area. The 4th Street around the Shatto Park area is really dirt, dangerous with homeless people tents. They are threat to public health. They are blocking sidewalk too.

Communication from Public

Name: Peter Wei

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 11:07 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: HI I am a long term resident and a homeowner in the Shatto Park Community. I fully support the 41.18 resolution for Shatto Park. Please please pass this motion for the sake of residents and elderly people that live here. The community conditions absolutely filthy and jeopardizes our safety. I live on 4th and virgil and I used to walk and go to the Shatto park to exercise. I can no longer do that. The homeless encampment has severely negatively affected the quality of life for the residents . We can no longer walk to the park, nor the grocery stores nearby. We can't even exercise because so many people got attacked here. People are drugs walking around and they are mentally unstable. Families with their strollers can't walk the streets because these encampments at shatto have gang persons walking around and they are violent . One time I was walking around the block and one of the homeless persons in that tent was cussing at me and coming towards my car. I have to drive to work everyday and it's been unsafe even driving around 4th street and westoreland and the entire vicinity. Because of these long term encampments, more homeless drugged people come to Virgil and they build encampments on Virgil- spill over effect. So much crime has increased on Virgil Street and in this area. We had people break into our building, who was high on drugs and homeless trying to come into our building. They are violent and we are afraid as a community. Please pass this. Our community has dramatically changed because of this. So many crimes have happened this area including theft, assault and car breaks and property damage and vandalism. Please protect your voters and residents. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Vernon Cabreza
Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 12:48 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: As a longtime resident of Koreatown (since 1990) and particularly this neighborhood (since 2000), I support this resolution. The homeless encampment around Shatto and 4th has unfortunately created a tense and potentially unsafe environment. Tents and trash block the sidewalks and pedestrians have to walk onto the street just to pass by. At times trash even gets spread into the street and becomes a driving hazard. I am unaware if some of these transients may even participate in illicit activities but there is a possibility. And if so, it may not necessarily be done in this neighborhood but done in surrounding ones. I am aware that the homeless crisis is a city-wide problem and that there are numerous factors into why people are ending up on the streets. I also understand that community outreach is a necessary process but it has its limits. I feel it helps those who only want to be helped. The ones who refuse will continue doing what they want to do. In this situation I will have to side with the residents who wish to have a clean and ordered neighborhood once again.

Communication from Public

Name: Sheyla

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 11:58 AM

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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Name:

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 12:04 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The streets around my apartment building have been full of homeless and is not safe at all, there's been multiple accidents due to them like fires, destroying people cars and breaking into people apartments. My kids and I don't feel safe going out anymore. We would really appreciate if you would handle this situation that's been going on for 10 years

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Name: Terrence

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 12:19 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I used to be unhoused in a wheelchair for three years. What got me off the streets of LA? I found housing. What doesn't help? 41:18. Sweeping unhoused people from block to block does nothing but cause more suffering. If you want to help these people, give them housing.

Communication from Public

Name: Eron rauch

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 01:14 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I was so ashamed of the city I live in when one of my relatives from Wisconsin mentioned the recent moves Los Angeles has made to make being homeless illegal. We are one of the most wealthy, progressive cities in the country and it strikes me as the deepest failure of imagination that we look out at the most desperate, most in-need, most precarious people in our communities and go "let's make rules so we can arrest them" rather than "let's help them". When other states enact these policies, we all make it a point to feel better than them, more progressive, more generous. It strikes me as deeply disingenuous that, when it's in our neighborhood, we would suddenly drop our progressiveness and treat the members of our community that need help the most with a degree of contempt and dismissal that Trump would approve of. Let's be better than that and dream of solutions to help our homeless!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 01:15 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Stop criminalizing unhoused people. You are making the problem worse for EVERYONE and killing people. Hollywood needs you to STOP POLICING and START OFFERING HOUSING.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 01:23 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: To City Council, I am a resident near Shatto Recreation Center. There is an overwhelming number of homeless people encampment outside. that is causing a safety concern for me and many tenants living here. I cannot safely walk outside to go to the grocery store or go to sleep. Each night there are constant yelling and fighting between the homeless that police are called on a regular base. The homeless encampment is a huge problem causing so much trash, damaging public and private property in the neighborhood. I have witnessed multiple times of the homeless people unlock the city public fire hydrant and using the water to take bath themselves exposing their naked body in public. I ask the city council to enforce Municipal Code 48.18 for Shatto Park to in moving the homeless encampment out of our neighborhood! Thank you.

To City Council,

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I ask the city council to enforce Municipal Code 48.18 for Shatto Park to in moving the homeless encampment out of our neighborhood!

Joeyu12003@yahoo.com

Thank you,

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Communication from Public

Name: Emily

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 12:56 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Advocates for 41.18 enforcement often say things like "My child saw someone urinating in public," or "There's trash all over the streets," and then make the astounding leap of logic to "We should pay the LAPD millions of dollars to come banish everyone from public space." How about instead we consider having public bathrooms, and regular trash pickup? It'd cost the city less money, harm no one, and benefit every single person who lives here. Vote NO.

Communication from Public

Name: Richard

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 12:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 is a bad faith and uncharitable attempt to penalize those less fortunate for the inconvenience our system's failings cause them and as a result, us. We should be finding permanent solutions, allocating more money (take it off the Police by making them pay their own civil settlements), and helping people into permanent housing with dignity not doing the dirty work for property owners under the guise of protecting their profit and helping none of those suffering.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 01:38 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilman Mitch O'Farrell, Our family have been living near by Shatto Recreation Park since 2009. My son used to go to after school program at Shatto Recreation Park. I used to see lots of parents bringing their children to the park holding their hands walking down the street. These days I don't see any. There is no access to walk on the sidewalks due to so many tents. I've seen so many pedestrians walking on the street in the middle of the road. Too much trashes are on the sidewalks, on the road and it doesn't get cleaned up often. I saw big rats few times. Maybe it's because we have too much trashes lying on the ground. It is very unsanitary for us whose living near the encampment. Homeless people are using fire hydrant to get water on Shatto Place. They also wash themselves and do laundry using the fire hydrant. Sometimes, I see homeless getting the light from the light poles on the street and from the garden light with exposed wires. Is it safe? I am just worried if anything could happen from it. Many occasions, I hear man and woman fighting, yelling, playing loud music at late hours interrupting my sleep. Not getting enough sleep affects my daily life. Please help me and others by enforcing Municipal Code 48.18 for Shatto Park Recreation area. Thank you.

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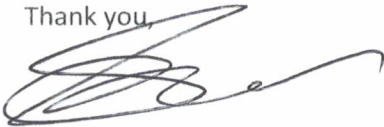
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Please help me and others by enforcing Municipal Code 48.18 for Shatto Park Recreation area.

Thank you,

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Transmountain1984@gmail.com

Communication from Public

Name: Nicole Donanian-Blandón

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 10:49 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Carrying out a mass displacement operation as winter approaches is exceptionally cruel and dangerous. Especially when there are shelter beds for ONLY 39% of the unhoused population in Los Angeles with all of them being currently full. Moving people from block to block is not a solution and only prolongs homelessness as displacement interrupts service provision.

Communication from Public

Name: Mia Gregorin

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 01:24 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am in support of city council resolution 48.18 for Shatto Park due to increased criminal activity. I don't feel safe.

Communication from Public

Name: Neal Gregorin

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 01:27 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I support city council resolution 48.18 for Shatto Park because it's so dirty and I've witnessed many crimes happening.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 01:28 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: To: District 13 Councilman, Please enforce Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 48.18 for the Shatto Recreation Center area. On October 17th around 2 am, I left my clothes in the dryer at common laundry area. When I went to pick up my clothes from the dryer, I noticed all of my clothes were gone. Same morning as I was on my way to work, I've seen my clothes on a homeless man on 4th Street and Shatto Place. The homeless man was right in front of the Shatto Recreation Park. Please contact me at tyseanh99@gmail.com. Thank you.

To: District 13 Councilman

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Please contact me at tyseanh99@gmail.com.

Thank you,

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Communication from Public

Name: Jessi J

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 10:38 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: City Council - I'm writing to you today to ask you to VOTE NO on Mitch O'Farrell's 41.18 resolution. Vote NO to banishing my neighbors at Shatto/4th in Koreatown. Where are they supposed to go? It's common knowledge that there are not enough beds for Los Angeles' houseless residents. The temporary housing you claim to provide is just that - temporary. Not only that it is carceral, with curfews, room checks, no phone lines. What have our most vulnerable done to deserve such "services"? The only difference between them and me is that I have a private place to put my stuff, to shower, to rest, to prepare food, to use the restroom. This city is indeed the meanest city in the country. I am looking at the Dirty Divide. Instead of building affordable housing, you clear the way for developers to build endless high-rise apts. Which then end up sitting vacant because no one who lives and works in Los Angeles can afford to live there - except for the few affordable units they are forced to build. And then those are next to impossible to locate for those who need them. Instead of offering humane solutions to those living outside you move them from block to block. You've created a city of fences in the wake of your sweeps. Once the residents have been banished from their particular location, after their belongings are trashed, they lose contact with any help from the city they were receiving.)What would you do if someone showed up to your home and declared everything you own unsanitary? Would you be calm and stoic as strangers scooped up your belongings and dumped them in a dumpster?) Agencies lose contact, private mutual aid groups lose track of the individuals, any aid they were receiving is interrupted, which is life threatening on top of an already life threatening living situation. But of course, we know you'd rather sweep my neighbors away into whatever shadows and corners you can find instead of actually helping them and fixing this problem in a sustainable way. Instead of asking people for what they need, you ask your "stake holders". Do you mean to tell me that the people living outside in your districts are not "stake holders"? They fight for their lives every day while the city does nothing but set up bureaucratic road blocks, intimidate at every corner, and come through with threats of violence. Instead of using my tax dollars to keep my neighborhood clean and safe you take away the most basic of services. Trash pickup & public

toilets. What would you do with your biological waste if you didn't have a toilet in your home to use? Have you ever thought about it? What would you do if you didn't have a truck remove your trash from your residence every week? Have you ever thought about it? I pay for my trash removal with my tax dollars and with a payment to the city every couple of months. I am ashamed that I am also paying for your violent and horrific sweeps. Vote NO on O'Farrell's resolution to expand 41.18 zones. Help the people who need it most, help them in a way they need, not in a way you THINK they need. Bring them to the table and listen. We have the money, change your thinking. Do what's right for your most vulnerable residents.

Communication from Public

Name: Tracy

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 09:22 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: There is nowhere for people to go. Local shelters are full. There are shelter beds for only 39% of the unhoused population in Los Angeles. Los Angeles has a severe shortage of affordable housing. Mitch O'Farrell is distracting from an actual solution by urgently focusing on displacement while Los Angeles still doesn't have enough shelter, housing, or services. 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. Sweeps that destroy people's shelter and cold weather resources could easily lead to deaths. Moving people from block to block is not a solution. These zones displace people into other areas, triggering more complaints that will be addressed with more sweeps and criminalization. Displacement interrupts service provision, prolonging homelessness. 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. Sanitation issues can be addressed by implementing common sense services, including regular trash pickup. Instead, Mitch O'Farrell has been removing services, including toilets and handwashing stations, letting garbage accumulate, and then blaming the residents for unsanitary conditions. No input from the unhoused residents impacted or advocates.

Communication from Public

Name: Benny W

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 10:15 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I own a property on Westmoreland and 4th street for over 10 years. I urge our City Council to enforce Municipal Code 41.18 for Shatto Park Recreation area. For anyone who thinks that encampment on sidewalk is humane and ok, think of our neighbors who are blind or on wheelchair. How do you expect them to go about their daily activities? I had been screamed at and threatened just trying to walk on the sidewalk. As taxpayers we need the basic right to be able to walk on public sidewalk.

Communication from Public

Name: Madeline

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 10:00 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am against creating more special enforcement zones because there is not enough housing available to give to unhoused people when they are displaced. LA lacks affordable housing and there are not enough beds available in homeless shelters for everyone. Creating more enforcement zones will just force unhoused people to move from one block to the other, disrupting their routines and community and often causing a loss of their personal belongings when the city conducts the sweep. Displacing people makes it harder for them to be found by any outreach workers they already were in contact with, not to mention the mental and emotional distress sweeps cause. Forcing people to move to another location and procure new belongings only makes it harder for them to find stability and safety.

Communication from Public

Name: Marina Javor

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 09:14 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote no. Displacements are not a solution to the homelessness crisis. The city can solve sanitation needs by increasing trash pick-ups and street cleaning. 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. Sweeps that destroy people's shelter and cold weather resources could easily lead to death.

Communication from Public

Name: Cindy

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 08:57 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Stop these resolutions creating specialized 41.18 enforcement zone and stop the perpetuation of violence against the Unhoused. This act does not solve the root cause of homelessness (lack of affordable housing), it actually makes the whole situation worse. There is nowhere for the Unhoused residents to go if displaced (shelters are full) and displacement means interrupting services they may have been receiving that make it more likely for them to get and stay in permanent housing. Its also so incredibly dangerous do so sweeps in the winter in LA, where more 5 Unhoused people are dying per day, more in the winter and more than New York. If we're interested in cleanliness, provide the encampments with trash services and running water like Housed people have. Vote no and if you want to solve homelessness listen to the people who are homeless.

Communication from Public

Name: jeff kim

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 08:25 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, My name is Jeff who lives in S. Westmoreland Ave. Our house once illegally invaded by a drug-used homeless person. He was completely naked, blood all over his body, and was trying to break into the back door. He had a knife in his hand, so our family was totally scared. We contacted 911, and the police officers showed up about 30 minutes later. Although our house is gated and fenced, but a couple of occasions where the homeless people jumped over the fence and attempted to steal the packages that were front of the main door. Another incidence happened when our house was under remodeling. Two homeless women came to the back yard , and used the back yard as their toilet. We found these women, and their bowel movement. Often times we hear loud and fighting from the street at night. We don't feel safe from homeless around our street who scream and chase each others. Used syringes and needles often spotted on the street. Jeff

Communication from Public

Name: Lindsay Shimizu

Date Submitted: 10/29/2021 06:26 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: To those who are in favor of banishing people that they view as "dangerous criminals": Instead of teaching your kids to bring water to those who are thirsty, you teach them to be afraid of people who have no one to help them. You tell your kids one-sided stories you've heard on the news about how these dangerous people live in tents and hurt people who come near them, without ever spending a single moment trying to be decent and connect with these people you deem lesser than you. You don't even try to see their humanity, and you're teaching your kids to be heartless and cold. I've only been treated with the utmost grace and kindness from every person I ever meet doing outreach in and around a park, so I'm not sure who these dangerous drug addicts are that you keep referencing. Making up stories or repeating hearsay is neither helpful, nor mature. Real life experience matters a lot. You see trash where I see a human being, and I am so sorry you feel the need to protect yourself in the face of people who do not wish to harm you. They need your help, and you just want them to disappear because you are afraid of what other people have said. It takes courage to be kind, and I hope you find that courage someday, or your kids do far better than you ever could and end up doing outreach against your will someday.

Communication from Public

Name: J.Stephen Brantley

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 12:44 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: As a formerly unhoused recovering drug user, I am horrified at the inhumane and counterproductive new laws impacting L.A.'s unhoused community. I can tell you from experience that criminalizing the unhoused will only make the problem worse. Incarcerating people only makes them less likely to secure housing and employment in future, and more likely to use drugs and engage in other criminal behavior. Providing services, including and especially housing, is the only humane and effective solution to this crisis. In the long run it will save the city money and keep more people safe.

Communication from Public

Name: David Kim

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 02:34 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: This evil of criminalizing our unhoused neighbors must end full stop now. As elected officials who we've voted into office, it's not only your duty to listen to your constituents but to lead with compassion and to look out for everyone, not leaving anyone out, because you are there to represent and take care of the people. Imagine if you were unhoused right now or your family members, you certainly wouldn't be doing what you're doing now, in sweeping away peoples' homes and denying them the basic right to be, to breathe in these public spaces. How dare you take away peoples' homes when you're unable to provide them permanent housing. Your days are limited and if you believe in love, if you were human, you wouldn't be doing this. We plea and ask you once more, to reconsider, to find it in your heart, that what you are doing is wrong. And pure evil.

Communication from Public

Name: Tommy Hyung

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 07:26 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I feel hopeless. I know my neighbors feel hopeless. We all feel like the city won't do anything about the homelessness that is outside of Shatto Park. You can't even walk around this area and feel mildly safe. There's trash everywhere and I am constantly woken up in the middle of the night to people fighting and screaming and homeless people beating each other and doing drugs out in the open. They sometimes bring subwoofers and blast music at night, partying as if no one else lives here. I don't know what to do anymore because I can't afford to move and outside of this, I do like living here. Life is already hard but having violence waiting outside my home, is not how anyone should live. We need 41.18 here. Anyone who is directly affected and has lived with this every day knows that we need this measure passed. The lives we work so hard to maintain, need this measure. Say yes to 41.18

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle Cho

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 07:49 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Rampart Village and neighbor of Shatto Park, I firmly support Council member O'Farrell's resolution 41.18. Shatto Park was a place I used to bring my family to. We would walk on the wide sidewalks and be able to roam freely without the fears that we have now. Each of my neighbors experience with the homelessness here is different and I have seen some very disturbing things happen. Our building has been broken into so many times that it is starting to be normal and expected. The cops don't come when we call. It's hard to know what to do and sometimes feels like the homeless people have more rights than I do. There is loud noises and fights happening all the time. Trash is everywhere. Please protect us and Shatto Park. We have been severely neglected but we need you now to say yes to 41.18

Communication from Public

Name: Jia P
Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 07:52 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: The living conditions of the homeless along with the residents have dropped to new lows. After years of high levels of crime, violence and drug abuse blighting our neighborhood, we need to rectify the situation and pass the anti-camping ordinance.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 08:03 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: In the last several years I have unfortunately seen the neighborhood I love, fall into complete disrepair as a direct result of the unchecked homelessness problem. The noise, theft, prostitution, wanton drug use, and violence so many have witnessed has created an environment of fear and unrest for the tax paying members of this community. Worse still is the jeopardy that our children, elderly, and disabled are placed in on a daily basis. We all have been failed time and again over the last several years by the city. The homeless currently near the Shatto Park Rec Center are regularly offered support in the way of relocation to shelters, yet they refuse it. To further compound matters, activists whose understanding of the situation is myopic at best, and who do not live in nor contribute to our community, are routinely stalling progress and derailing efforts of mitigation, while simultaneously offering no solutions to this ever growing crisis. I want to let it be known that every chance I get, I plan to use my voting powers to eject every elected official on this council who stand in opposition to immediately handling the issues in my neighborhood in such a way that the streets are once again clear of homeless encampments and safe for my neighbors. Furthermore, I will tell everyone I know, and anyone who will listen to me, to do the same.

Communication from Public

Name: Michele Richards

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 04:08 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Money spent criminalizing homelessness should be spent on housing solutions. Please lead our city with compassion for our unhoused neighbors.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 04:06 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: We are scared to walk outside. I have a 8 year old daughter who's terrify to leave the house. litter is everywhere, camp fires, drugs, violence, Our front yard turn into their toilet. It's absolutely disgusting what's happening here. City official do absolutely nothing about it. This beautiful neighborhood is turning into another outlawed homeless encampment.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 04:06 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Committee, Hope this finds you well I am a resident of Wilshire/Vermont which is close to Shatto Recreational Center. As you can see, there are already many tents there and they could potentially get more. This issue has been there for a long time and it never gets any better. If you drive by you can see the trash all over the street. Some people use the water from the fire hydrant and the electricity from the lamp which indeed bring fire/unhygienic hazards. This is unsafe both for them and the local community. Residents feel anxious knowing that there are unhoused individuals living inside these camps and can possibly enter the buildings nearby. We do hope that the council committee understand what's happening here and be able to help the residents near the Shatto Recreational Center. Thank you!

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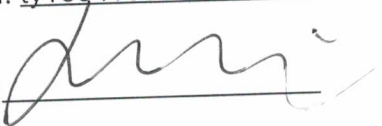
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We do hope that the council committee understand what's happening here and be able to help the residents near the Shatto recreational center. Thank you!

Best,

Email: ty19941009@163.com

Sign: 

Communication from Public

Name: Mrs. Kim

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 08:18 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: My business is over run with crime and homeless encampments, it has been very hard on us. Koreatown has historically been overlooked by the city and we in the community would appreciate your support. Please pass the anti-camping ordinance. Please clear Shatto Park.

Communication from Public

Name: John
Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 08:22 PM
Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I stand with my fellow neighbors and support the anti-camping ordinance 41.18 for Shatto Park. For some time I have been horrified by the conditions of this area, the heaps of trash, the violence playing out on the streets and the blatant inaccessibility of the sidewalks. We will not be ignored any longer! The homeless that have taken up residence here have been offered housing multiple times and have chosen not to take it. We can not stand for the destruction of this neighborhood if those doing the destruction do not want help! Please save Shatto Park and say yes to 41.18

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 08:23 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Koreatown is a unique and wonderful part of LA full of life, energy, and excitement. I used to walk everywhere and anywhere I wanted day or night. I would walk every morning to grab coffee, and almost every afternoon to the grocery store. But, for the last several years I have felt too scared to do so because of the homeless and their tents that completely block the sidewalk. I am forced to walk on the street in way of traffic. The once peaceful days and quiet nights are now filled with loud music, yelling, fighting, ambulances, firetrucks, and police sirens. I don't feel safe in my neighborhood anymore, and my family and friends don't feel safe visiting me either. Please help return my once beautiful community back to normal.

Communication from Public

Name: Diana

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 08:06 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: We need to pass the anti-camping ordinance. My family and I are no longer able to walk outside in fear of our safety or have a good nights sleep due to the screaming and music blasting all night. Please help the residents of our neighborhood and provide affordable housing for the homeless. Many refuse it but it is not a reason to keep it going.

Communication from Public

Name: Ruxandra

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 08:07 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I stand for 41.18 and for Shatto Park to be protected under this ordinance. I stand with the hundreds of other local residents that are horrified at the conditions that have come to be associated with our community. Some of which fear their own safety by speaking out. I have witnessed vandalizing of public property, obstruction of walk ways, domestic violence, gang activity and extreme unsanitary conditions. To be witness and to live beside it every day is crushing. Something that is truly only felt by the local residents that are affected by it each day. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 08:10 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Please pass the anti-camping ordinance. This needs to stop!
People are literally fleeing our beautiful city!

Communication from Public

Name: M. Trotter

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 09:44 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Honorable Councilmembers: I support the resolution adding Shatto Park to the list of 48.18 "sensitive use sites." Our unhoused neighbors experience inhumane, unsafe, insanitary living conditions in the large encampment that has grown up around Shatto Park. They need urgent help. We witness verbal and physical violence against women; drug dealing and abuse; sex work and indecent exposure; break-ins, thefts, fighting and assaults; damage to property, including incessant vandalism, public defecation, and urination; and the constant presence of police helicopters overhead and emergency services sirens echoing in our homes. My young daughter and I were physically threatened by a mentally ill woman who lives in the encampment one morning when we were leaving to take her to kindergarten. It was a very frightening experience for her to hear the woman yelling, "I'll f--ing kill you" while swinging a heavy wooden pole at our windshield. We've had a drug-crazed man start a fire in front of our house. Someone splashed the contents of a full latrine across our garage: gallons of raw sewage pooled inside our home. A few months ago I rounded the corner into our small front courtyard only to be confronted by a naked homeless man using our hose to take a shower -- about twelve inches from my daughter's bedroom window. A man wearing a black stocking over his head jumped our fence, backpack slung over his shoulders and barefoot, heading for our kitchen window. It is troubling to speculate about what might have happened if my partner hadn't happened to be home, and my daughter and I had been on our own. Our elderly and disabled residents have no accessible, safe path along multiple blocks of 4th Street and Westmoreland Avenue, where not only is the sidewalk entirely blocked, but rubbish and bike chop shop operations often spill out into the street. There are many well-intentioned, compassionate people who advocate that our unhoused neighbors have a right to remain in their current predicament. My view is that it is immoral for our city leaders to be dissuaded from their duty to house and treat these most broken and under-resourced members of our society by activists who confuse the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness proposed in our Declaration of Independence with the prolongation of a corrosive and miserable state in which life collapses into survival, liberty is lost in addiction and

compulsion, and there is no path along which happiness, or even safety, might be pursued.

Communication from Public

Name: Sara

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 04:36 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: The presence of the homeless at Shatto Park makes the area look very dirty and I feel completely unsafe when walking around there.

Communication from Public

Name: BW

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 10:19 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I support for the resolution adding Shatto Park to the list of 48.18 sensitive use sites. The encampments are violating legal rights of our disabled neighbors especially our blind neighbors. The law says "Any curb or sidewalk intended for public use that is constructed with public or private funds must be accessible, regardless of where it is located. (Health & Saf. Code, ' 19956.5; Gov. Code 4450; 57 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 186 (1974)." No Person shall Store any Personal Property in a Public Area in such a manner that it does not allow for passage as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Pub. L. No. 101-336, 104 Stat. 328 (1990), as amended from time to time (ADA). Public spaces including Shatto Park should be safe and accessible for everyone. Evidence from police case studies shows areas adjacent to transient encampments have higher levels of petty and serious crime unrelated to "routine behaviors," such as drug dealing and usage, disturbance, theft, prowling, burglary, panhandling, fighting, vandalism, armed robbery, rape, and aggravated assault(*). Stolen property, weapons, and wanted felons have been found in homeless encampments.(**) * Newport Beach (California) Police Department (2000); San Diego (California) Police Department (1995, 1999, 2003); San Diego (California) Police Department, Northern Division (2001); Reno (Nevada) Police Department (1998); Fontana (California) Police Department (1998). ** Newport Beach (California) Police Department (2000).

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 11:46 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Los Angeles; my ZIP code is 91303, and I am a constituent of CD3. I am writing to urge City Council to vote NO on and oppose the 41.18 zones. Sweeps and criminalization of homelessness are an overly expensive waste of taxpayer funds and are not effective at actually helping unhoused people get back into housing. It makes it harder for them to get back into housing by displacing them, taking their belongings, criminalizing them, and disconnecting them from their communities and services. That enforcement money would be much better spent investing in services and houses which the city direly needs more of and which actually address the issue of homelessness instead of exacerbating it and shuffling people around.

Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie Choi

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 03:07 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Please enforce 41.18 for Shatto Park. I am deeply troubled by the conditions that surround Shatto Park. The conditions have worsened significantly since the pandemic but have been present for years beforehand. As a neighbor to these growing encampments, I see city officials regularly offering housing to the homeless that live along 4th street and yet am perplexed that they would rather live on the street than move into the housing offered. I've since learned that these homeless in particular would rather live on the streets without rules and laws. Although I know there is no immediate remedy to help the homeless of Los Angeles, what I ask is for City Council to show that they are making efforts to protect the safety of its residents. Our area that surrounds Shatto Park is small and yet densely populated with multi-generational families. These families, myself included, are reliant on the safe passage to the supermarkets that are just 2 blocks way and yet most everyone is not able to safely walk there without fear of being assaulted or robbed. I have been followed, chased, and yelled profanities at and I know that I am not alone. Please offer more support to the surrounding area of Shatto Park, not just for us but for our children and their future children.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 01:40 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

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

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 01:43 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident living by Shatto Park I've constantly witnessed the ever growing problem with the homeless surrounding the area. There is a constant problem with the homeless fighting, yelling and including at the public, defecating and urinating in public, open drug use including around minors that frequent the park. I strongly feel this is and has been a threat to the residents here and surrounding publics safety and wellbeing.

10/28/21

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publics safety and wellbeing.

bigstashhouse@gmail.com

Communication from Public

Name: iouri vlasov

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 01:58 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

Communication from Public

Name: sunnie kim

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 01:58 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, I urge you to vote yes on 41.18 for Shatto Recreation park. I live in this community for over 10 years. I am a homeowner and a resident. We can no longer access the sidewalks on 4th street, 5th street, shatto place, westmoreland, and virgil. This is ridiculous. I pay property taxes every year and support the LA city and this is what I get? I can't even walk on the sidewalks and go to my markets and walk safely in my own neighborhood that I contribute my taxes. We have many elderly and families live here. Elderly people need to exercise and walk around the neighborhood. This was a walkable neighborhood until these encampments were spreading around the neighborhood. It is now filled with crime, drug dealing and criminal activities. Please do something. We are all scared to walk around this neighborhood and even go to the park. Businesses are suffering in this neighborhood with increase in crime. Please pass this ordinance as soon as possible. This is at least what you can do for tax-paying lawfully abiding residents who live here. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: R

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 02:26 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Please enforce 48.18 and list Shatto Park as a "sensitive use site". I've lived here now for a few years and can't even walk around the neighborhood because I do not feel safe. I do not have a car so walking is one of my forms of transportation and when I walk in my area, I am walking in the middle of the street because there is no room on the sidewalks here anymore. At night I wake up multiple times to the homeless physically fighting and screaming on the street. During the day when I am working at home, every call I take is disrupted by the same violence playing out on the street outside my window. This is not something that I can ignore and neither should you. We need your help. Please enforce 48.18.

Communication from Public

Name: Daniel Kim

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 02:34 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Please approve the 41.18 for Shatto Recreation Center. I am a parent of the New Covenant Academy located between 4th/5h street and Shatto Place. It is a school that includes elementary all the way to high school students. We are within 500 feet of Shatto Park, My daughter goes to the school there. Since the homeless encampment near Shatto Park, the school had to implement strict policies to secure our children from the dangers of the encampment there. There are a lot of children and youth that attend the school and I often drop off my children to the school. When I drop of my kids, i see a lot of scary criminal activities on this street, Shatto Place. I saw drugs and needles on the floors and drugged persons wondering around the streets near the school. Now the school had to strictly close their fences so they don't let anyone out. This environment is harmful to the students and the parents who drop off the kids there. We don't want be endangering our children while they are entering and get pick up from school. I see these unruly people on their bikes and I have seen their aggressive behaviors. They roam around the neighborhood and are affiliated with the homeless tents there. They sell stolen bikes. Please approve this resolution. Parents and the kids of the school are concerned because they are really close to the encampment area. The school is within a couple blocks from there. And the homeless encampment brings invites other criminals to the neighborhood related to gang activity and drug violence.

Communication from Public

Name: Serge Koriakine

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 02:35 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly demand the restoration of order as well as the enforcement actions against disturbing the peace, sitting, lying, sleeping, or storing, using, maintaining, or placing personal property, or otherwise obstructing the public right-of-way in the proximity to Hollywood El Centro apartment complex.

Communication from Public

Name: Christina Kim

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 02:38 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I support Shatto Park being listed as a "sensitive use site" per 41.18 because the area around Shatto Park is becoming incredibly unsafe. Violence, crime, and assaults are happening regularly and that is not something that used to happen here. It was always a special little pocket in Koreatown that felt safe and family friendly. Children used to use the community recreation center at Shatto Park for all kinds of after school programs and now I do not want my children to there because I am scared something will happen to my kids. I see the homeless people outside of the park dealing drugs. I see cars pulling up to the tents and then quickly leaving. There is trash everywhere and no where to walk safely. I see the homeless people walking in the middle of the street sometimes with pipes and once a bat. It is hard to think that this is LA, that this is my home, and that the city is ok with all of this happening. Please, please, please protect this area. These homeless people are threatening the safe life I have been working so hard to provide my family. Please enforce 41.18

Communication from Public

Name: Mike Royce

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 05:19 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Please work on housing people instead of criminalizing them.

Communication from Public

Name: Octavio T.

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 05:22 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I live in the Koreatown neighborhood and I am writing in opposition to this motion. The City's current strategy to combat homelessness does not work, you need to go back to the drawing board and figure out solutions centered around providing services instead of criminalizing homelessness. CARE+ sweeps do not work. 41.18 does not work. These tactics displace people and take away their belongings. They are forced to move elsewhere or simply come back to the same area a few hours later. Their belongings are thrown away and they are forced to start over again with nothing. This strategy serves no one. You need to be focusing your efforts on building new shelters, creating rent-assistance programs, and providing health services to the people that you are currently displacing. So long as you continue with your current strategy, homelessness will continue to be a problem in our city. Members of the community have been advocating for different strategies but you choose not to listen. Please stop pursuing useless strategies. Please vote NO, get rid of the 41.18 policy, and start helping people.

Communication from Public

Name: Andy Yang

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 05:35 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: This is Andy Yang. I am working at 401 Shatto pl. A few days ago, one of the homeless shouted at me with a knife and recently there have been two fires right next to our wall. Personally, I feel sorry for them, but their violence, noise, and stench have already exceeded our limits. If a city or local communities continue to neglect this issue, it could lead to a bigger and more serious disaster. We hope that appropriate action will be taken soon.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 05:37 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: To 13th District Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, I am writing to ask the city council to enforce Municipal Code 48.18 for Shatto Recreation Park. As you may know, we have the homeless encampment on 4th Street & Shatto Place in front of Shatto Recreation Park. This Park used to be open to all public with after school program, little play ground in the back with tennis court to all public. I know the tennis court is still used by some people but I don't see any kids playing the the playground. With the homeless encampment on 4th Street, I don't feel safe to bring my kids to the park. I have to walk to the park but some sidewalk access is not available due to tents. I used to walk to Ralphs, Rite Aids, McDonald and Vons with my kids but I can't anymore. Once or twice, I was approached by homeless person while I was walking to go to Ralphs threatening verbally. I got scared! I don't feel safe! Please help us and the homeless people. Thank you and hope to hear good news! octobernicolek@gmail.com

To 13th District Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell,

I am writing to ask the city council to enforce Municipal Code 48.18 for Shatto Recreation Park.

As you may know, we have the homeless encampment on 4th Street & Shatto Place in front of Shatto Recreation Park. This Park used to be open to all public with after school program, little play ground in the back with tennis court to all public.

I know the tennis court is still used by some people but I don't see any kids playing in the playground.

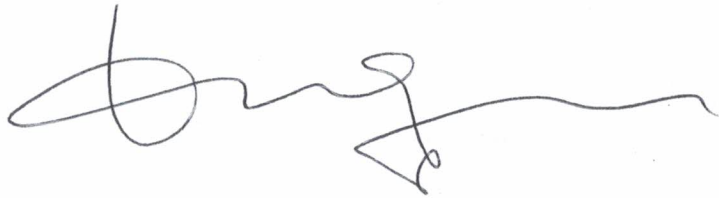
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Thank you and hope to hear good news!

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Communication from Public

Name: Michael Agopian

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 05:48 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS, LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL FROM: MICHAEL AGOPIAN, PH.D OCTOBER 30, 2021 424 SOUTH VIRGIL AVENUE LOS ANGELES, CA 90020 REGARDING: SHATTO RECREATION CENTER- RESOLUTION FOR SEC. 41.18-c This letter is to urge you to vote “YES” to designate the Shatto Park Community as part of the 41.18-c resolution. As a fifty year resident of this neighborhood my perspective should be helpful to you. Our neighborhood has an extensive concentration of: Schools and Child Care facilities; Churches, Synagogues and Temples; Fourth street is a City designation Bike Path; and the gateway to Shatto Recreation Center which offers little league baseball, Tennis courts, Play area for children, and basketball courts, a meeting room and gymnasium. The housing includes Apartments, Condominiums and beautifully restored Residences. Our community is diverse, attractive and until recently, thriving. What do Jake and Maggie Gyllenhaal and Ron Botchan-the first Linebacker drafted by the San Diego Chargers, and Mr. Kerns-owner of Kerns Preserves & Jellies have in common? They ALL lived 250 feet from Shatto Recreation Center! We have a large and dangerous encampment of homeless in our community. This encampment is responsible for the erosion of our quality of life and use of facilities. The encampment has attracted the following problems: CRIME AND SAFETY: Possession and Sales of Illegal Drugs. Threatening people with Hammers, Crowbars and other weapons. Fencing of stolen property Prostitution Theft of water from Fire Hydrants, and Electricity of Lite poles. HEALTH AND SAFETY: Urination, Defecation, and Bathing in the streets Mountains of Trash and Human waste on the sidewalks and street. Blocking/obstructing the use of sidewalks and street parking areas. Obstruction of sidewalks and Streets use by Handicapped residents—especially the elderly. MIICHAEL AGOPIAN OCTOBER 30, 2021 PAGE 2 This is the time to act! As the Winter weather approaches lets move homeless off sidewalks and out of tents. Voting “YES” on the 41.18-c Resolution will bring order and safety to the Shatto Park Community and move the homeless encampment indoors before the harsh Winter weather. You have effectively utilized Sec. 41.18-c in Echo Park, the Venice Boardwalk, and Mac Arthur park. We need your help to save the Shatto Park

Community from further deterioration. Vote YES. Thank you for your consideration.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 06:03 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: To whom it may concern, I am a resident living close to Shatto Recreation Park writing to express my concerns for homeless encampment. There are too many tents covering whole sidewalks giving no sidewalk access. I have to walk on the road on 4th Street to get to places that I want to get to. There are too much trashes on the sidewalks and on the road which needs to be cleaned regularly for me and even for the homeless. Having too much trash creates another problem of having rat(s). I saw huge rats crossing the roads. It could create health problems for homeless people living on the street and for me. City should provide some kind of pest control to get in control with the infestation of the rats. These are some of my concerns at Shatto & 4th Street encampment. Please help me and our neighborhood.

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I am a resident living close to Shatto Park writing to express my concerns for homeless encampment.

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Please help me and our neighborhood.

Eunji102072@gmail.com

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 06:03 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am a business owner in Koreatown. Homeless encampments - especially near the Shatto Park Recreation area - appear to be out of control. Nearby sidewalks are impassable, forcing pedestrians to walk in the street as sidewalks are completely blocked. There has been a significant increase in graffiti and trash on the streets. Crime has increased - the area has become more dangerous and threatening. The homeless have already been in this area for several years and further expansion of their camps continues. The problem needs to be solved, not merely managed. I strongly urge the City Council to pass the enforcement resolution and diligently follow up on that action in every available and possible way. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Christopher Park

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 06:07 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: 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 filthy and sidewalks are completely impassable. This makes it extremely dangerous for pedestrians, particularly those with disabilities, to walk around the community as they are forced to walk on the roads for vehicles. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 06:25 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: It's my understanding the LA City Council will soon be voting on a resolution to enforce Code 41.18. I am a long-time (20 years) property owner in Koreatown, and I am writing to request all members of the City Council to please vote to pass this resolution, and additionally, to follow up and really see that the code is enforced. Our neighborhood is becoming a shambles; it's intolerable. It's especially terrible for the Shatto Recreation Park area and the residents there. Sidewalks are completely blocked by the camps, piles of trash and junk are everywhere, fire hydrants in the area have been vandalized, graffiti has increased and the neighborhood has become increasingly more dangerous and threatening. Besides all this, I'm sure that all Council members might agree that it's deeply humiliating for Los Angeles that this situation exists in close proximity to the Chinese Consulate on Shatto Place. I strongly urge the Council to please pass this resolution and take all necessary action to remove the homeless encampments in this and other Los Angeles neighborhoods for everyone's benefit - including the homeless people. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Romy Richards

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 06:52 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I can only speak to the homeless on 4th St. between Vermont and Virgil Ave but a number of them make it very clear that they are gang affiliated with the #18 sprayed on the trees, walls, and directly on the street. Los Angeles and more specifically Koreatown has had a long confrontation with the violence of gang members and to have homeless advocates oppose the enforcement of 41.18 at Shatto Park be ignorant to this gang violence is irresponsible. I can only assume that the 18 refers to 18th Street Gang aka Barrio 18 which is notorious for their violence and well documented gang war with MS-13. Although that level of violence has not publicly been felt by me, I know it is only a matter of time since I have witnessed a number of fights with visible weapons break out in the middle of the street (often blocking traffic) at all hours. The property owners around here are very good at quickly painting the 18's over but without City Council support, this violence is guaranteed to spill further out and many of the families that have lived here for several decades will be pushed out because enough is enough. This is an opportunity to not have history repeat itself. I do not want to see this area further devolve into a destructive chaos. I agree that the city and state needs to address homelessness with real measures of rehabilitation but to let violence and an unsanitary lifestyle fester because they have a right to live anywhere, is not a good enough reason to let these homeless people continue to live here (despite however many times they have denied housing). There needs to be more state pressure to address the layers of homeless causing issues as a whole but that is not what we are deciding here. We are trying to support what is good for our community and more specifically the kids and parents who receive great after school care and programming from the Shatto Recreation Center. What about them? They need safety as much, if not more than I do. I support 41.18 being enforced here and beg anyone of the City Council members to spend 10 minutes of your time driving in this area. We need your support. We need your vote. We need you to pass 41.18

Communication from Public

Name: Jemma

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 07:03 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Please push forward 41.18 and protect Shatto Park. I am a 58 year old woman and have lived here for over a decade and have never seen this area look like what it is today. The amount of trash is overwhelming, despite the city spending tax-payer money to send cleaning trucks every other week. There is constant arguing and fighting that can be heard in my building from the fights that break out in the encampments. I know several fires have broken out from these tents directly outside of my building. It's scary!! How did we get so numb to all of this? There are so many people in this building who do not want to see homelessness but also know now what it is like to really live and be confronted with it every day! Morning/Noon/Night, we see it, we live it! Please help!

Communication from Public

Name: Joz

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 03:15 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: The sidewalk is city property and it's a violations of our rights to tell us we can't be here without offering us someplace else to go. It's not just our fault on our part but a failure for our leaders as well. I am homeless because I did not have the same opportunities. Last time they cleared it out no one asked any questions. I was here all day. I was told I was not a candidate for housing. I don't think losing our housing is going to help anyone. Last time only one person got housing out of everyone. Only one person out of the whole strip. The other people just moved and are in a tent somewhere else. He isn't fixing the problem he is just moving it somewhere else. Let's just break it and say that you fixed it. It's not working.

Communication from Public

Name: Tyler Chung

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 03:21 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am a neighbor to Shatto Park and am in full support of 41.18. I have seen this area destroyed by the homeless activities here and the senseless vandalization and violence that has appeared here as a result. Sidewalks are not visible, live wires are exposed on every street lamp (in the evening the street lamps barely offer any illumination as a result), trash and debris are littered everywhere, the fencing to the park is sliced open in several areas and street wars between different homeless seem to appear on the daily. This is a residential area that has experienced its fair share of abuse from our homeless neighbors. We need your help. This area has reached a boiling point and it is visible to anyone who is paying attention. Continuing to enable the problem is not a solution. We need 41.18 enforced and we need to restore this area to the safe and family supporting community it once was.

Communication from Public

Name: Kathleen Robbins

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 03:49 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Koreatown who has been doing volunteer homeless outreach here over the last two years. I strongly oppose Mitch O'Farrell's 41.18 resolution to designate multiple sites around Los Angeles, including in Koreatown, as anti-homeless zones. There is nowhere for people to go. Los Angeles only has enough shelter beds for 39% of the unhoused population. Shuffling the most vulnerable of our community around and around and around in an endless loop of displacement and harassment does nothing to meaningfully address LA's homeless crisis, it only exacerbates and prolongs it. Stop the cycle of harassment and displacement caused by resolutions like this and instead create and fund the housing and services that people need to get off the street once and for all, not just forced to a different sidewalk in a different part of the city to begin the cycle all over again. Please vote no on this resolution.