

Communication from Public

Name: John Cha

Date Submitted: 10/31/2021 11:19 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Please enforce 41.18 for Shatto Park neighborhood. This neighborhood has been overrun for three years with homeless encampments bringing their problems such as litter/filth, graffiti, drug use, criminal activity, trespass, very loud noises, very loud dogs, violence and fighting, disabling street lights so they don't operate, but more recently there's a more dark, frightening, very disturbing development; now I see gang tagging and signage here. An apt manger here just told me her building security guard said a homeless encampment across the street from her building is occupied with gang members and the guard has seen guns. To me it's obvious drug gangs are claiming this neighborhood as their territory. We cannot let this happen. Please enforce 41.18! We are Los Angeles in the United States of America, not some banana republic in a third world country. In the words of Barack Obama: cmon man?!?! Please enforce 41.18!

Communication from Public

Name: sophia

Date Submitted: 10/31/2021 09:02 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Mitch O'Farrell's decision on displacing and criminalizing homelessness for the sake of selfish interests is beyond appalling. Unhoused people ARE PEOPLE. They deserve fresh food, clothes, and support from their community. They don't deserve to be swept and their property destroyed. Shame on Mitch O'Farrell for only thinking of himself and his peers instead of advocates and those who the law actually affects. HOMES NOT ZONES.

Communication from Public

Name: Maxwell Hellmann

Date Submitted: 10/31/2021 11:24 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Maxwell Hellmann, I am an MD/PhD student at UCLA, studying social medicine and anthropology. My research is on long-term care and supportive housing for adults who are unable to live "independently," a project which came out of my work as a medical student at Olive View and seeing how our broken system completely abandons so many people (and then criminalizes them). I write to demand that City Council to vote "NO" and to rethink the whole approach of 41.18. I request that the City Council listen to the voices of the unhoused community members facing displacement, dispossession, and criminalization...they are in need of services, supports, and resources, not harassment and banishment at the hands of law enforcement - all of which worsen people's health, well-being, and efforts to find stable shelter, community, and daily routines. The ACLU just published a powerful report on the "War on the Poor" that California has been undertaking through targeting unhoused people, especially in Southern California. I encourage you to read it and understand 41.18 within this context. This was released on the very same day that an International Tribunal found the U.S. guilty on 5 counts of genocide against Black, Brown, and Indigenous people - groups which are over-represented among the unhoused as a result of structural and historical inequities. The City Council has the opportunity to right past wrongs, rather than continuing down harmful and immoral paths. It must recognize the humanity of unhoused people and realize that their circumstances are by and large the result of larger social, political, and economic circumstances much greater than any one individual. It must seek to heal our society by making amends to the individuals who have been disposed of. The City Council must prioritize the investment in infrastructures of care and support, not violence and punishment. What we need is guaranteed, accessible, supportive, person-centered housing for ALL. And we need it NOW! This is not an option, it is a must. It requires political will to change course, and certainly requires money, but those are minor costs in relation to possible benefits and the ongoing costs of inaction. This is long overdue for the unhoused - who have received way too little public and state support and faced way too much violence and stigma. They deserve housing resources that meet their needs and medical care

or other services that are supportive. But it is also long overdue for our community writ large. Enough with pouring billions of dollars into military and policing, while saying there is no money for education, housing, care, arts and culture. It's a viscous cycle where we're constantly spending more to deal with the negative symptoms of a sick society that privileges some at the expense of others, rather than healing and moving toward a world in which we prioritize human needs. Please take this small step to do what's right and lead by example. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Till Stegers

Date Submitted: 10/31/2021 01:32 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose further criminalization of unhoused Angelenos by applying 41.18. The solution to homelessness is to provide dignified, safe housing, not to criminalize. Do not listen to those who think their property taxes entitle them to privileges over those of others.

Communication from Public

Name: Shatto Neighborhood Alliance

Date Submitted: 10/31/2021 01:34 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Honorable City Council Members: We represent the Shatto Neighborhood Alliance. We write today to ask for swift action to enforce 41.18 and bring our residential neighborhood back to a livable state for all residents. Our numbers of voting residents far outnumber those of the opposition, and include a great diversity of residents, building owners, business owners, and HOA Board members. In particular, we have been able to connect with entire multifamily building through outreach, and have nearly 100% support for our cause in many of those buildings. We also represent a very diverse constituency, in terms of race, gender, religious beliefs, ability, and age, and we seek to give voice to all of those residents, including those with historically under-represented voices, including our disabled and elderly neighbors, who are currently unable to enjoy their right of passage through the PROW in our neighborhood as required by law. We do not speak from a theoretical position, but rather one from a position on the ground here in our area, which has become a crime-infested, unsafe space for us all. This neighborhood is notorious in CD13- containing one of the worst homeless encampments in CD 13 if not in the City as a whole. We do not seek to criminalize homelessness, but instead see the status quo as unlivable for ALL residents, including our homeless residents. The situation is not one of criminalization of homelessness, which our opposition flippantly calls it, but rather one of actual crimes being committed every single day without enforcement of laws on the books. While the resolution we are writing to support today is the resolution to include Shatto Park as a sensitive use site as part of 41.18, we also ask the Councilmembers of the City of LA to remember their duty to enforce all of the other laws being broken in association with the encampments, unrelated to 41.18 and the subject of homelessness. These include arson, assault, robbery, breaking and entering, operating illegal businesses on the PROW such as bicycle and car chop-shops, abandoned vehicles, discrimination through non-conformance with Title 2 of the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act and associated CA laws, public nudity, trash in the PROW, loud music and screaming all night long, drug use and sale, illegal break-ins into private property to steal water and electricity, Stealing electricity from public streetlights, shutting off utilities to multifamily buildings,

violence against women, prostitution, and so on. This cannot stand. We need urgent help from our elected officials to get this situation under control. We also support Councilmember O'Farrell's positive momentum in creating new forms of fast housing to deal with this situation, including tiny house villages, safe camping, and other forms of bridge housing to get our homeless residents off the street and into a place of normalcy and with services they need. We need to focus on fast, light, economical solutions, and in finding appropriate sites for these new forms of housing, and get the up and running now, in every district. The Shatto Neighborhood Alliance is actively pushing for both immediate cleanups AND empathy toward our homeless neighbor's situation through such projects. We are not a one-issue platform, and we will not be deterred by a small opposition operating from an aloof theoretical position, with no answers except keeping the status quo conditions, which is currently harming ALL residents, including our unhoused residents.

From the Neighborhood Alliance of Shatto Park:

In the slides that follow are a selection of images, videos, and stills of the crime and mayhem in our neighborhood unfolding over the last two and half years.

We beg you, our honorable City of Los Angeles Councilmembers, to provide relief to us and prioritize our area as part of the recently passed Anti-camping Ordinance.

Our Alliance represents hundreds of local residents, including multiple multifamily building managers, HOA boards, and local business, with more joining every day.

Summary:

The homeless situation in the Shatto Park neighborhood, which is residential, is complete mayhem.

Crime is rampant: theft, breaking and entering, stealing water and power from public and private property, drugs, needles, machines, illegal dumping, illegal businesses, assault, defacing of property, arson, noise, loud music, bicycle chop shops, car chop shops, illegal car repair zones, total blocking of the PROW (street and sidewalk), construction of multi-story illegal structures, destroying public property, abandoned vehicles, and many other crimes. We believe that the 18th Street gang has taken over some of the encampment and are operating drug and prostitution rings from some of the larger tents.

There clearly exists a particular and ongoing threat to public health and safety.

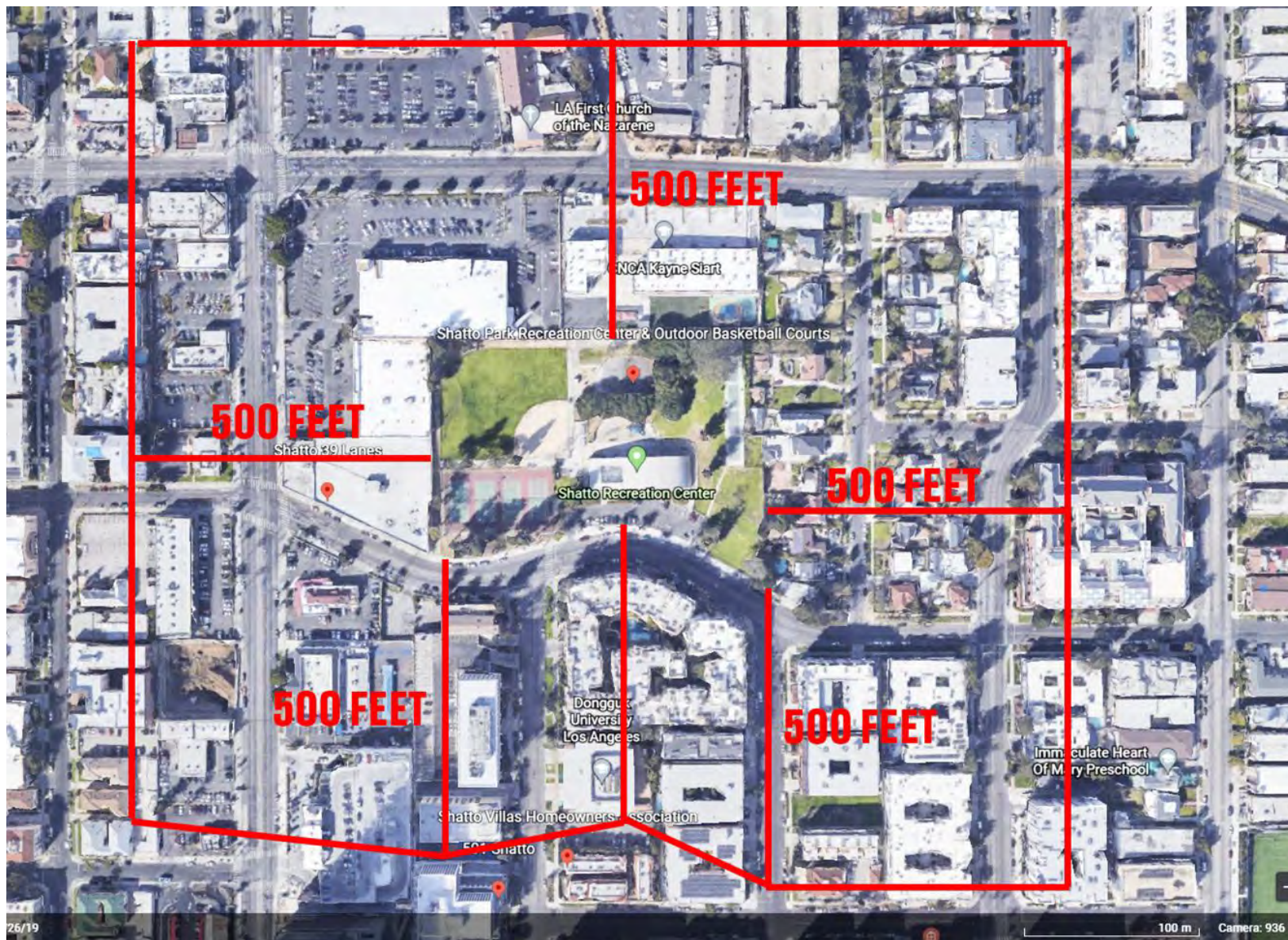
Enforcing the 500' clearing boundary around Shatto Park, prescribed by the new LA City Council ordinance, would have great positive impact for the welfare of residents and the general public.

ANTI-CAMPING ORDINANCE
4th Street & Shatto Pl. Park

"no person shall sit, lie, sleep, or store, use, maintain, or place personal property, in or upon any street, sidewalk, or other public right-of-way within the distance stated on the posted signage (**up to a maximum of 500 feet**) of a property designated as a sensitive use. For a property to be designated as a "sensitive use," the property must be a School, Day Care Center, **Public Park**, or Public Library."

"In order to designate a section of street, sidewalk, or other public right-of-way as prohibited under this subdivision, the City Council shall determine, in a designating resolution and based on specific documentation, that the circumstances of continued sitting, sleeping, lying, storing personal property, or otherwise obstructing the public right-of-way at **that location poses a particular and ongoing threat to public health or safety.**

Such circumstances may include, but are not limited to: (i) the death or serious bodily injury of any person at the location due to a hazardous condition; (ii) repeated serious or violent crimes, including human trafficking, at the location; or (iii) the occurrence of fires that resulted in a fire department response to the location. For each such location, a prohibition pursuant to this subdivision shall be effective for a period of time specified in the resolution, but not to exceed **one year.**"



Map of Shatto Area showing 500' zone, measured from perimeter of park.

Letters from Our Neighbors

From: Jason Kam <iamjasonkam@gmail.com>

Date: July 31, 2021 at 8:04:55 PM PDT

To: John Cha <jchaesq@gmail.com>

Subject: Letter to City Council

To the Honorable City Council,

In regards to the recent ordinance that was passed to restrict encampments across various facilities, I would like to respectfully propose that the area around Shatto Recreation Center on 4th Street in the Koreatown neighborhood be designated as a zone to be free of such encampments.

As a resident of this area, the encampments have severely negatively impacted our quality of life. The sidewalks are completely taken over by tents and personal items. The trash cans at our apartment complex are often rummaged through loudly during the wee hours of the morning. People are hesitant to walk around their neighborhood or visit Shatto Park. The area is a hotbed for spreading COVID and other diseases. It has become a major burden to our community.

Please consider making the area around Shatto Recreation Center a priority for enforcing this new ordinance. I am sympathetic to the plight of the homeless, however, it is not right to take ownership of sidewalks and roads designated for the public to walk and drive on.

Thank you for reading my message.

Best regards,

Jason Kam

417 S. Westmoreland Ave., # 301

LA, CA 90020

Alyna Choi
417 S Westmoreland Ave Unit 202
Los Angeles, CA 90020

August 3, 2021

Dear Honorable City Council of Los Angeles,

I am writing regarding the recent ordinance on limiting homeless encampments in Los Angeles. The current homeless encampment on 4th street from Vermont Ave to Virgil Ave in and around Shatto Recreation Center has continued to grow significantly.

The residents in the neighborhood, including myself, cannot walk the streets. I had to stop walking to my job because I no longer feel safe to walk even half a mile. Drug paraphernalia, trash, human waste, and collection of personal items continue to fill the sidewalks and streets that are supposed to be for public use.

I kindly urge the city to designate the area around Shatto Recreation Center to be included as part of this new ordinance.

Thank you,
Alyna Choi

John C. Cha

417 S. Westmoreland Ave.

Unit 503

LA, CA 90020

Los Angeles City Council

200 N. Spring St.

LA, CA 90021

July 31, 2021

To Honorable City Council:

My name is John Cha and I live in the condominium building located at 417 S. Westmoreland Ave., LA. I'm president of our homeowners' association and as such care and manage our building. I've lived here for about seven years. Thank you very, very much for enacting the new anti-camping ordinance, Municipal Code 41.18, restricting homeless encampments. We deeply appreciate it and gives us tremendous hope for our neighborhood to return to its previous state, which was a very nice, quality area, quiet and clean. 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. Presently this neighborhood probably has the worst homeless encampments in all of Koreatown and is an absolute debacle and completely untenable. It's so bad that one of the residents of my building today sent me a video someone posted on instgram; the video shows numerous homeless encampments stretching 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 the park of Shatto Recreation Center, driveways and fire hydrants as well as because they've completely blocked sidewalks making them impassable. In fact, most pedestrians don't even use the sidewalks any longer and, rather, walk on the street. The encampments have been horrendous for about three years, and it's more than time to clean the area and remove all encampments.

As HOA president managing and caring for my building and living here for seven years, I, alas, have first hand experience and knowledge of the homeless people's illegal, deleterious behavior and impact on us. I have so many anecdotes I could share with you, three years' worth! Will share just some. Very recently I was driving into my building and there was a homeless male defecating immediately in front of the entrance to my building in broad light. He had no shame! He could have at least done this over at the side of my building but instead did it right in front of our front door in broad light around 12 PM. Another occasion I found a homeless man masturbating at the side of my building visible from our lobby. I told him to stop and leave, but he didn't and kept masturbating right in front of us. Earlier this year I found a loaded handgun on my property no doubt belonging to a criminal homeless person. There used to be a homeless Korean man camping near my building, and he was one of the worst. He was a heroin addict and drug dealer who had a tent on the sidewalk near my building and broke into a light on my property to run a wire to it from his tent to steal electricity. He finally moved away after I almost had him arrested for breaking the light and stealing electricity, and I had to clean up the many used syringe needles he left behind on the sidewalk. My anecdotes can go on and on, three years' worth. Every day I worry an encampment being built in front of my building, and over the years I've managed to prod many of them to move away. Every day one of the first things I do waking up and going to bed as well as throughout the day is to check our security cameras to make sure homeless aren't on our property or setting up in front of our building. Pretty much every week, sometimes multiple times a week, I hear an LAPD helicopter over our neighborhood no doubt because of the homeless; this almost never occurred before the homeless arrived. Please understand how we're suffering and please help us. Designate this neighborhood for relief under the new anti-camping ordinance. Thank you very, very much! Lastly, LAPD has been a tremendous help to us. They are heroes and deserve support and not defunding – they deserve a raise!

Sincerely,

John Cha

HOA President

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Tom Wiscombe
Los Angeles, CA 90020

August 3, 2021

Dear Honorable City Council of the City of Los Angeles,

I write you today as a member of a The Neighborhood Alliance of Shatto Park. For the last 2 or 3 years, our neighborhood has completely transformed from a tranquil pedestrian neighborhood to an explosion of mayhem, crime, and trash. My position is that the homeless must sleep somewhere, and we as a society need to help them by providing temporary emergency services and bridge housing, such a safe camping, until we can arrange long-term solutions. But that does not alleviate the City's responsibility in the short-term to protect its other residents' safety, health, rights, and property from the criminal behavior occurring in homeless encampments right now.

What is occurring in our area is not acceptable. It has become a notorious crime zone: theft, breaking and entering, stealing water and power from public and private property, drugs, needles, loud machines, illegal dumping, illegal businesses, assault, defacing of property, arson (including many requiring LAFD action), noise, loud music, bicycle chop shops, car chop shops, illegal car repair zones, total blocking of the PROW (street and sidewalk) forcing the elderly and disabled to take their chances in the street, construction of multi-story illegal structures, drifting and doing doughnuts late at night, destroying public property, abandoned vehicles, and many other crimes. We believe that the 18th Street gang has taken over the encampment and is running drug and prostitution rings from some fo the larger tents. This is an emergency situation, and we need help. In particular, our area is *residential*. It is not a freeway underpass. It is not a manufacturing district. It is where we live.

We have been in contact throughout with Councilmember O'Farrell's office, LAPD Lead Officer Dikran Melkonian, and many other agencies in trying to make the situation livable, with little success due to contradictory ordinances along with suspended enforcement of the law. With the new Anti-camping Ordinance, these barriers are lifted, and we strongly believe that it is time for the City to take action. We beg you to please help us by enforcing the 500' zone around Shatto Park as a crime-free, camping-free zone for the allowed 1 year period.

Finally, I support setting up safe camping zones in Koreatown and other areas ASAP, so that we address the broader problem. This new ordinance deals only with the symptoms and not the problem, and I support the broadest, most courageous, most humane action by Council to deal with the problem and the symptoms at the same time.

Thank you,
Tom Wiscombe

Dr. Marrikka Trotter
383 South Westmoreland Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90020

Attention: Honorable Members of the City Council
Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Honorable Members:

My family lives on the corner of Westmoreland and 4th Street, directly next to Shatto Park. Our house is also directly next to and across from an encampment of unhoused persons that now stretches unbroken along 4th Street between Westmoreland and Vermont and frequently edges into parts of Westmoreland and Geneva Streets directly.

My seven-year-old daughter has witnessed drug deals and open drug use, violent domestic assaults, and vicious verbal altercations. As I read her bedtime stories I often struggle to be heard over the tumult of amplified music, screamed abuse, dog barking (from within the encampment), helicopters, and sirens. One morning, as I backed us out of our garage to take my daughter to kindergarten, an unhoused woman approached our car, swinging a thick wooden pike inches from my daughter's window and screaming that she was going to kill us. We cannot use the little playground in Shatto Park; the sidewalk between us and the park entrance is completely blocked tents and what appears to be a bike chop-shop, and the playground itself is filthy and smells like urine. We cannot safely go for a walk around the block. We've seen passing cars attacked with golf clubs. Encampment dwellers have jumped our fence and stolen our electricity, or turned on our hose and dragged it back over the wall to shower in the street. The other day I happened upon a partly naked man shampooing his hair in our courtyard, right outside my daughter's bedroom window. A month ago someone splashed enough liquid human excrement at our garage door that it actually coated most of its surface *and* formed a puddle along its base. We routinely clean up human feces.

The situation is becoming increasingly desperate. There have been several fires within the encampment; one, on April 15, 2021, was directly next to our house and could have easily spread to us if the Fire Department had not made it in time. On July 22, 2021, a man wearing a stocking mask, black clothes, and carrying a backpack jumped our fence and walked toward a side entrance and window – a brazen move considering it was broad daylight, at 8:10 on a weekday morning, and, as it happens, both adults were still at home.

Please help us keep our children, our property, and our community safe. As facilitated by LA's new Anti-Camping Ordinance, please designate the area around Shatto Park a crime-free, camping-free zone for the allowed maximum of one year.

Yours sincerely,
Marrikka Trotter

Manny Barrios
400 S. Westmoreland Ave. #208
Los Angeles, CA 90020

August 4, 2021

To: City Councilmembers

I am writing to express my concerns about the UNSAFE AND UNHEALTHY Homeless issue in our neighborhood. The increase of Homeless man and women in our area, has escalated to an unprecedented and dangerous situation. I have been witness to many unhealthy and life threatening accidents, that require the immediate attention of, not just the Police Department, but our Government agencies. I keep hearing about the Billions of dollars Agencies like LAHSA get, every year and the Homeless population does not get better, it gets WORSE!!

Our grocery store is just about 5 minutes away from our building and we have to walk 2 blocks East, 1 block North and 3 blocks West, just to get to it, because we cannot walk on either 4th. Street, Westmoreland Ave. North, or Vermont to get to our neighborhood supermarket.

I have been subjected to verbal, physical and mental abuse by the Homeless people staying on Westmoreland Ave. South, 4th. Street West, Vermont North and South, and now 3rd and Westmoreland North and have called the Police to report the incidents, and their only answer, is WE CANNOT DO ANYTHING ABOUT THE MATTER.

A couple of months ago, I witnessed a knife attack by a Homeless man, to 3 individuals inside the Ralphs grocery store on 3rd and Vermont, and now live in a constant anxiety while going to the store or walking the streets around our building. I have been verbally and physically threatened by individuals on Westmoreland Ave, 4th Street, and Vermont Ave and I cannot walk anywhere in our neighborhood, because I fear for your life. The increasing amount of unstable individuals moving to our area is out of control. They use drugs and continue to play loud music and screaming in the streets throughout the day, and at all hours of the night, disturbing our rest and are all tired and not able to function or work, due to lack of sleep.

Our lives are in DANGER and we are not SAFE walking in our neighborhood. We feel like prisoners in our own homes, because of the constant THREAT TO HOUR LIVES, and by the increasingly Homeless population in our area.

Please act up, before lives are lost or our mental health is threatened. The Homeless population in our neighborhood is increasing constantly and it is creating a UNHEALTHY, UNSAFE AND LIFE THREATINING environment for ALL of US.

Kind regards,

Manny Barrios

Resident of 400 Westmoreland LLP Apt



August 4, 2021

Dear City Council,

Very much enthused with your efforts in passing this new ordinance in regards to homeless encampments, this letter is to inform you of the urgency that requires your attention when it comes time to designating which areas this Ordinance will effect and how quickly. The area that we would like to emphasize for this Ordinance is near the Shatto Recreation Center along 4th Street and Westmoreland Avenue.

For much too long now, all of those residing along that block have had to not only stress about damages and noise, but have also come to fear for the safety for anyone who is within that area. Countless nights have gone by with physical fights, yelling, barking, property break-ins and vandalism. Just by taking one look, it is obvious that many are on drugs. We in particular have lost many Tenants as their main reason for moving out would be due to the restless nights caused by the fighting and noise coming from any one of the 20+ homeless tents along the street. They would state that not only were they losing sleep, but would now fear for their safety when they would see break-ins into the building.

We hope this letter finds you well and hope that you can see the urgent assistance this area desperately requires.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Michelle Pak', written in a cursive style.

Michelle Pak

Property Manager

400 S. Westmoreland Avenue, LA, CA 90020

Benny Wantah

417 S. Westmoreland Ave.

Los Angeles, CA 90020

To Honorable City Council:

My name is Benny Wantah and I've owned a unit at 417 S. Westmoreland Ave. for more than 10 years.

I am very thankful to you for passing the anti-camping ordinance, Municipal Code 41.18, restricting homeless encampments. I hope that this ordinance will be the first step in returning our neighborhood to be the clean, safe and livable neighborhood it once was.

The last 3 years had been a nightmare for our neighborhood. We witness how the area deteriorated to become one of the worst homeless encampments in Koreatown. We have been forced to deal with theft (private and public properties), breaking in, drugs, assault with deadly weapons, arson, destruction of private and public properties and the list continues.

Our basic human right to live safely and freely in our own neighborhood has been violated.

I respectfully request to please help us enforce the 500' zone around Shatto Park (public park).

Thank you

Sincerely,

Benny Wantah

wantahb@yahoo.com

MAYOR GARCETTI, THIS IS ON YOU! WE ARE HOLDING YOU ACCOUNTABLE AND DEMAND ACTION NOW! All roads have led back to your egregious denial of the growingly hazardous conditions at 4th Street / Shatto Place in Rampart Village and will NOT be ignored any longer.

I am one of several hundred exacerbated tenants that reside in the apartment building most affected by the growing houseless encampments and are confronted with the worsening conditions every day! We demand that **you, Mayor Garcetti**, take action now in cleaning up these expanding encampments that have overtaken the exterior of the apartment building, the adjacent park, sidewalks and streets.

This diverse area, where families of all generations could once safely walk, whether day or night, to the community center, surrounding markets and public transportation, is now littered with old food, debris and objects that have left the sidewalks and street unrecognizable. Conditions were in rapid decline before the pandemic and now is in a state of undeniable chaos.

We have brought this to the attention of the offices of **Mayor Garcetti, Mitch O'Farrell, Juan Fregoso, Hector Vega, Ramona Solorzano, Senior Lead Officer Dikran Melkonian, LAPD, LADWP, The City Council** and the recurring response we've received is that the **circumstances have been acknowledged and "everyone's hands are tied. Garcetti, Garcetti, Garcetti"**. It is clear that you have debilitated everyone's ability to help us; your residents and taxpayers of Los Angeles, not to mention your future votes.

Mayor Garcetti, it is now your opportunity to stand up and demonstrate to us that the millions of budgeting dollars that your administration claims to have allocated and committed to use towards rehabbing, rehousing and facilitating the houseless will be used **HERE** and **NOW**. If not, you are guaranteeing that the once clean, safe, peaceful environment of this area will be desecrated, and WE will be the ones left to pick up the pieces.

No one should have to struggle as much as our community has struggled during a crisis like this. We beg of you, please help our neighborhood feel safe and supportive once again. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
The Residents of Villa Adobe

Bo In Choi, Hailey Choi

400 S Westmoreland Ave #512

To: City Council

Dear City Council members,

My daughter and I would like to register a complaint about the homelesses outside. They often use profanity, and have disturbing arguments late at night. This disrupts those who are trying to rest. We're also concerned for our safety as they tend to destroy and shatter what sounds like glass. These concerns prevent us from being able to walk out at night or around the neighborhood in general. Additionally, we believe this will negatively affect the children in this apartment. Therefore, we ask that more attention is brought onto this matter.

By In Choi 8/05/21
Hailey Choi

To city council member,

This is letter for request of helping homelesses' leaving from our residence. There are some problems on living with the homelesses as follows.

1. Too much noise let us have difficulties of sleeping, working and other activities at home.
2. Dirty, unsanitary, stinky environment disturbs our residents' comfort living.
3. Pedestrians, especially female, children, old and weak person, wheelchair users are disturbed by homelesses' place.

Your kind help would be highly appreciated.


Sincerely yours, Eddie Um
 Huang.

400 S. Westmoreland Ave. #207
LA CA. 90020

Young K Kim

400 S Westmoreland Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90020

5th August 2021

Dear Council member,

I am writing this letter to address homelessness residing in my neighborhood. It has been several years since the number of individuals has increased in our neighborhood. The problem has become more visible and its impact on the entire community more apparent. Their misdemeanor, loud noise at any time of the day, trashing the street, damaging fire hydrants to supply water to themselves, making us feel unsafe strolling the streets. We can't enjoy the city we're living in as we used to.

Homelessness has become major and growing issues in our community.

I am certain the City is taking a number of steps toward solving the problems, but needs to be addressed furthermore.

Find them better living conditions residing off the street for their sake and ours. Unfortunately, it has been very unsatisfactory living conditions.

You need to be resourceful, make every effort and service them to get off the street.

Thank you for your time to read this letter and I look forward to hearing resolutions on this serious issue.

Sincerely,

YK Kim

Chul Hoon Park

400 S. Westmoreland Ave #313

Los Angeles, CA 90020

08-05-21

Dear City Council members,

I'm writing this letter to inform you of our neighborhood homelessness situation. People have been sheltering around the neighborhood in the form of tents right in front of our apartment complex and the number of people has been increasing as days go by. There are numerous safety concerns and so far nothing has been done to resolve any of the issues and I'm afraid to see this go unnoticed due to the following reasons. The neighborhood is no longer safe place to be walking any time of the day as there are numerous people often yelling violently and are in mentally unstable conditions. As result it causes anxiety and fear around people in the neighborhood as it creates dangerous environment to both children and adults. Additionally, during night-time when it was quiet before has become a nightmare filled with exploding sounds and loud violent yelling coming from the tents area. Please help in finding a solution for the homelessness as it is becoming out of control and for the safety of public.

Regards,

Chul Hoon Park

x 

Dear Mr. Mitch O'Ferrell

I'm William Choi from your constituency.

While the goal of the city council member's legislative activity is to be safe and improve the quality of life, the residents around our residential area for the past three years have not been able to walk on the sidewalks at all due to the Tent people.

The sidewalk from VERMONT AVE to WESTMORELAND AVE on 4th Street is lined with iron walls, tents, various chairs, waste, and bicycles. Although the City regularly cleans, I hope that now there is a fundamental solution that will allow residents to return to their former environment, return peace to residents, give them the right of way to safely return to them, and give them a small hope to live safely.

I sincerely hope you will.

The human rights and right to live of those who set up the tents are also important. However, I have been exposed to constant inconvenience and danger for the past three years, but now I think that residents should be guaranteed the right to live safely and to walk. I believe that these problems can be solved by the city government.

I think that our participation in municipal administration starts with an attempt to solve these problems by notifying the members of the council. Would you please help us improve the quality of life of our residents and free them from danger?

While looking forward to the vigorous legislative activity of the Councilman,

I appreciated your time.

Sincerely Yours,



William Choi

400 S. Westmoreland Ave.,

#514

Los Angeles, CA 90020

(213) 291-5559

August 11, 2021

To whom it may concern:

My name is Lydia and I have the mail lady here in this area for about 20 years and have never ever experienced anything like this before.

This situation with the homeless is out of control. There is so much ~~plea~~ and drugs it's sad.

We the delivery personal have to be very careful and constantly be aware of our surroundings.

We have been broken into our vehicles and have had our mail and packages taken from our vehicles.

This is a very serious situation because all of these homeless are so strung out on drugs that they become very shameless. There is so much ~~mental~~ mental illness

out here on 4th st and Westmoreland

At one of my buildings 4048 North PC the property management had to drain the water out of their beautiful fountain because the homeless were coming in there and taking a bath butt naked exposing themselves without a car in the world.

I find it disgusting and degrading to have to present such conduct.

There is so many ~~it~~ illnesses out there due to the drug abuse with the needles where they are shooting up and throwing the needles everywhere.

It's really become a hazardous place to live and work in.

I ask that something be done to get those people off the streets so that we can get our community back to be the place it used to be without having to worry about

drugs and the homeless on our
streets.

It's not safe for us to
deliver and do our job anymore
without worrying about being hurt
or have my truck ^{portal} broken into.

I hope all of our concerns
are taken in consideration.

Thank you
Sincerely,
Mrs. Lydia Escobar

Edward Kim /Dejeve Torgersen

400 S. Westmoreland Ave #213

Los Angeles, CA 90020

August 8th 2021

To Council Members,

I am writing this letter to you in regards to our neighborhood safety. We have lived in this block for the last 7 years. We love the people and the ambience of this neighborhood. We love to go for a walk in our neighborhood every day and spend time in the park with my family. This neighborhood used to be clean and safe which gives us a peace of mind living in this area.

But now, the neighborhood is very different from before due to the homeless encampment that is happening in our area. Living here doesn't feel safe at all and the homeless are constantly making loud noises especially at night and the neighborhood looks very dirty, messy and scary with all the junk that they are piling up in their camps outside of our home. We do not feel safe especially during the evening, we have trouble walking our dog or jogging around our block. It is stressful to think that the place where we live, where we find peace is now a scary and an uncomfortable place. We are not sure if we are safe anymore and it is not an ideal nor healthy place for kids to be in this kind of environment growing up.

With the Covid19 still ravaging, we need some kind of action from you. Please take appropriate steps to restore the beauty and peace of this neighborhood as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Edward Kim

Dejeve Torgersen

WESTMINSTER SQUARE PARTNERS, LLC

P.O. Box 5345
Beverly Hills, CA 90209

August 10, 2021

Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90021

To the Honorable City Council:

Westminster Square Partners, LLC owns the property at 423 S. Westmoreland Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90020 and would like to express our concern for the tenants living there. Regarding the revisions to Municipal Code 41.18 that was recently passed by the City Council, we urge the designation of the Shatto Recreation Center area as a restricted area free of sidewalk camping.

We have too much street debris that is not caused by our tenants, the concern for virus transmission, and all-hours noise affecting the tenants' quality of life. The neighborhood along 4th Street does not feel safe to walk in. Tenants are worried about break-ins and that their packages will be taken from the mail area.

Please review our concerns and enforce the law as a high priority as the 30-day waiting period approaches its close. We appreciate the scale of organization that law enforcement must put into this effort and we look forward to results in the neighborhood to protect those living there.

Sincerely,

Westminster Square Partners, LLC

Dear Lead Officer Melkonian-

My neighbors and I are reaching out to you today about a case we are putting together for LA City Council to plead for relief in our neighborhood from the **particular and ongoing threats to public health and safety in our neighborhood**. As you know, the new ordinance passed by Council was ratified yesterday and will be signed by the Mayor. That ordinance requires that Council review case-by-case.

In assembling our case, we would like to interface with both the LAPD and the LAFD to create a history of such events in our neighborhood. In order to "designate" a section of street or sidewalk, we must show that that location poses a particular and ongoing threat to public health or safety. Such circumstances may include, but are not limited to: **(i) the death or serious bodily injury of any person at the location due to a hazardous condition; (ii) repeated serious or violent crimes, including human trafficking, at the location; or (iii) the occurrence of fires that resulted in a fire department response to the location.**

As we all know, sadly, all of the above have occurred in our area.

Can you help us? Are these matters of Public Record? Would it be possible for you to write an objective letter outlining the events of this area over the past years?

Best Regards,

Tom and Marrikka

GOVERNOR NEWSOM, MAYOR GARCETTI, THIS IS ON YOU! WE ARE HOLDING YOU ACCOUNTABLE AND DEMAND ACTION NOW! All roads have led back to your egregious denial of the growingly hazardous conditions at 4th Street / Shatto Place in Rampart Village and will NOT be ignored any longer.

I am a resident of this area and I am calling to demand that you, Mayor Garcetti, help and clean up the expanding encampments occupied by houseless Angelenos that are currently taking over the neighborhood park, sidewalks and streets.

This diverse area, where families of all generations could once safely walk, whether day or night, to the community center, surrounding markets and public transportation, is now littered with old food, debris and objects that cover the sidewalks and street. Conditions were in rapid decline before the pandemic and now is in a state of undeniable chaos.

We have brought this to the attention of the offices of **Mayor Garcetti, Mitch O'Farrell, Juan Fregoso, Hector Vega, Ramona Solorzano, Senior Lead Officer Dikran Melkonian, LAPD, LADWP**, and the recurring response we've received is that the **circumstances have been acknowledged and "everyone's hands are tied. Garcetti, Garcetti, Garcetti"**. It is clear that you have debilitated everyone's ability to help us; your residents, taxpayers of Los Angeles and future votes.

Mayor Garcetti, it is now your opportunity to stand up and demonstrate to us that the millions of budgeting dollars that your administration claims to have allocated and committed to use towards rehabbing, rehousing and facilitating the houseless will be used **HERE** and **NOW**. If not, you are guaranteeing that the once clean, safe and peaceful environment of this area will be desecrated and WE will be the ones most impacted by this.

No one should have to struggle as much as our community has struggled during a crisis like this. We beg of you, please help our neighborhood feel safe and supportive once again. Thank you for your time.

From the Residents of Villa Adobe (404 Shatto Pl.)



ANTI-CAMPING ORDINANCE

October 20, 2021

ATTN: CITY COUNCIL (LOS ANGELES)

To whom this may concern,

We hope this letter finds you well. We were very much enthused with the passing of the anti-camping ordinance for Los Angeles. Unfortunately, it appears that the neighborhood for 400 S. Westmoreland Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90020 (4th Street and Westmoreland Avenue) has not been included.

This particular neighborhood is in desperate need for your assistance. This area must be included for this ordinance as the homeless encampments have been flooding the sidewalks and streets. Pedestrians are not able to exercise their right to the sidewalk as blocks of camps are set up blocking each pathway. Not only this, obviously those camped outside are not going to reside peacefully. Every day and night is filled with endless fights, screaming, and drug abuse. There have been countless calls to LAPD as our Tenants have not been able to enjoy their own (rightfully deserved) residencies and even with many in dreadful concern for their own safety. We cordially request that you take immediate attention to this neighborhood that is in dire need for the help and cooperation of our City Council Members.

We hope we can count on your aid in the immediate future. Thank you very much in advance for your time.

Cordially,

Michelle Pak
Property Manager

Daniel J. Lee
417 S. Westmoreland Ave.
Unit 501
Los Angeles, CA 90020

Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90021

October 25, 2021

To the Honorable City Council:

My name is Daniel Lee and I live in the condominium building located at 417 S. Westmoreland Ave., L.A. 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!

Sincerely,
Daniel Lee
Resident
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dlee_7@yahoo.com

Sue Choi

417 S Westmoreland Ave Unit 403

Los Angeles CA 90020

Los Angeles City Council

200 N Spring St

Los Angeles CA 90021

October 20, 2021

Dear City Council,

I am the owner of 417 S Westmoreland Unit 403. I am the one of the builder of this condominium complex and I have owned this condo for 14 years. These area became intolerable due to homeless camps along 4th St on Westmoreland Ave and Shatto Place. We have constantly fights outside the building and neighbors feel unsafe. They sneak into our building following cars and residents. Please help us and anti-camping law should be enforced for this area. Thank you so much in advance.

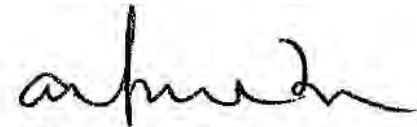
Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sue Choi', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Sue Choi

To City Council members:

I have owned this condo since it was built as new. I really enjoyed this area over a decade. Since homeless camps have grown in the area, I have great fear and I am afraid to come to the building. Please help us and relocate all the homeless camps. I appreciate your help.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Seoung Sook Lee'.

Seoung Sook Lee

417 S Westmoreland Ave Unit 504

Los Angeles CA 90020

10/28/2021

City Council of Los Angeles,

Please enforce the anti-camping ordinance law for Shatto Park on 4th St. in Los Angeles.

I reside on Virgil Ave. between 4th St & 5th Street. The disgraceful site that has invaded our neighborhood has left me angry and baffled at the city officials. How can we let this happen? Do we not show pride in the environment within our city? We are allowing trash to accumulate, urine to stain our streets, tents to block our sidewalks and parks. This health hazard in our neighborhood is attracting rodents, disease and crime. This not only is a health concern but a fire safety issue.

I am a grandmother who frequently entertains my four grandchildren. They live in Anaheim Hills where their sidewalks are clean, safe and accessible. It is extremely embarrassing when they visit. We cannot walk to Shatto Park to enjoy the tennis courts, basketball courts or the park area. We cannot walk to Rite Aid via 4th street for an ice cream cone. The sidewalk is impassible. The air reeks with urine, the environment is in dismay and the remarks made to pedestrians are unsuitable for the children's ears. Our guest that drive through this encampment and throughout our neighborhood, question our safety along with their own.

Council Members, I urge you to clean up Shatto Park. Enforce the laws that you have created. Keep our park safe, our neighborhoods clean, our attitudes positive. Clean up our streets and parks. And please enforce the anti-camping law at Shatto Park.

Sincerely,

Paula Dailey

Paula Dailey

I am in support for 41.18c for Shatto Recreation Park. Please with a resounding "YES" support this motion. I am the President of the Virgil Courts Homeowner Association on 435 S. Virgil. I have been a resident and a homeowner for nearly 10 years ago. Our building has 90 households that live here. Due to the encampments on Shatto, Westmoreland and 4th street, our residents and community suffered tremendously the last 3 years. We had car break ins; our lobby door door was broken into; we have drugged people banging our lobby door at 11 pm to 2 am in the morning especially on weekends. Our mail man got assaulted. Because of so much violence, we had to hire security guard all through the week and raise all the homeowner's HOA fees. This is not right.

Please approve this motion immediately. We suffered enough as a community. And of course, we don't feel safe walking on the streets anymore. People no longer feel safe here. Make sure that this ordinance covers 500 feet from Shatto Park. Thank you.

Angela Joo

Dear City Council of LA,

I am a homeowner and resident in the Shatto Park neighborhood.

The homeless encampment in our beautiful Shatto Park area continues to worsen. While I am saddened and sympathetic to the unhoused community, in addition to the drug paraphernalia, trash, human waste, and collection of personal items continue to fill the sidewalks and streets that are supposed to be for public use, it is very unsafe to drive on 4th street. On 4th and Westmoreland, the tents block the view of cars driving east on 4th when I am trying going north on Westmoreland and turning Left to head west on 4th. Pedestrians, both the house and unhoused, walk in the middle of the street on 4th and I have nearly hit pedestrians walking the dimly lit areas because they cannot walk on the sidewalks.

I had to stop walking to my job because I no longer felt safe to walk even half a mile. I can no longer walk 2-3 blocks to go grocery shopping or support the local restaurants and businesses.

I urge that Shatto Park be listed as a permanent cleanup site of the Anti-Camping Ordinance (48.18) for the safety of everyone.

Alyna Choi

October 27, 2021

Councilman Mitch O'Farrell:

I have, until the last two years, always felt safe traversing 4th street along Shatto Park, from Westmoreland Avenue, one of its nearest cross streets as I have been living there for 20 years now. On my motorized wheelchair, I could brave the accessible streets and run my errands to the stores, seek hair care at the salons, socialize with my friends at the Sizzlers and take the Metro and Dash buses around town and Koreatown. Today, I dread traversing these streets—I have lost the federal and legal mandates to the accessible sidewalks and pathways because they are now populated by the unhoused, their stuff and many of their daily living necessities littered everywhere. To get to my destinations, I have to risk my life, limbs and wheelchair on the street where I sit very low, without reflectors or lights to warn speeding drivers that they need to slow down or get me killed.

My friend Nancy and I had to curtail our Friday dinners at the Sizzlers because it gets scary at night when there are people following us in the dark as we head home taking the much longer detour because the streets are no longer accessible. After winning the class action suit against the City on its failure to comply with the access requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, we are back to square one. As an oppressed minority, we hate to find ourselves pitted against the homeless who also need legitimate assistance and attention.

I witnessed this urban decay infesting our district in a very surprisingly fast pace. I took it upon myself to call out the people pitching their tents merely 10 yards from our front door as they started using our garden hose for water and our community amenities for their toileting and bathroom needs and I was met with a man brandishing a knife that he chose to cut his ropes around our next door neighbor's fencing of his empty lot. We also suffered scary impromptu fires during the winter months when the homeless needed to warm up next door. During the last incident and thanks to my insomnia, I had to rouse my neighbors as the fire was fast aiming for our building—the fire was actually about a foot from my window after it flared up my neighbor's dry tree. Without the ability of escape, how would I be spared when everyone else can just run downstairs? So I took a chance at the elevator and got out—either way, I was going to die, I told myself. Thank God, the fire department arrived with dispatch!

But here's the point: how do you secure us your constituents? The police I've spoken to are livid about certain policies that have deteriorated the city: dropping the prohibition on drugs as they cause people to lose their faculties for self-care and self-determination and the policy of allowing people to violate and sully public places and public accommodation. Worse of all is the defunding of police. In the 38 years I have lived in LA, only during this administration have I experienced being thrown garbage on my head, shouted down by a disturbed soul who swooped down his head to my face, shouting expletives. No, Councilman Mitch—this is not my City—this is not your city

**either. Los Angeles is the city that used to be my/our
home—clean, orderly, respectful of people and beautiful!
Let's recapture it once more and make it grand and truly of
the angels!**

Thank you!

Lillibeth Navarro, a voting City resident

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Lnavarro@calif-ilc.org

October 27, 2021

Dear CM O'Farrell:

This happened last Monday October 18, approximately 5:30 pm. I was walking in my neighborhood (Near 500 Shatto Pl) & a homeless (white man) started yelling at me. He approached me yelling racist comments & started lunging toward me w/ his fist. I froze for few second, pulled back & pulled out my camera pointed right at him- he backed off briefly. I saw people watching across the street so I ran over. He saw there were people & didn't follow me. I took pictures and called the police. Also wrote to the FBI.

Shannon Yu

October 27, 2021

Dear CM O'Farrell:

My name and my wife and I's name are CHUN SONG/ YOUNG JI HONG. We live at 400 S Westmoreland Ave Apt 502, Los Angeles, CA 90020. I and my wife uncomfortable to complaint regarding homeless peoples who are tenting and living very Infront of our apartment building. They are tenting along at Westmoreland Ave and 4th Street. They are not one or two, they are 50 and more. What my wife and I are complaining about is, they are screaming at 2:00 A.M almost everyday and they argue with very noisy voices everyday. My wife is scared to go out on the street even in the evening, especially at night time. We could not park on the street because the homeless people were tenting very next. We wish the city and/or government would do some action for those people and let my wife and I feel safe and quiet while living in our apartment building.

Chun Song, Young Ji Hong

October 27, 2021

Dear CM O'Farrell:

Thanks for the opportunity to voice my opinion. I'm a tenant at 400 S Westmoreland Ave, LA CA 90020. I can't even find words or where to start with homeless encampment around the area. It has been longer 4 years since we had homeless tents in town and it's growing bigger and bigger. I've reported to my 311 many times but didn't see any changes only once every 3months cleaning and even that cleaning work was in vain because they were waiting block away and go back to cleaned street again. They're making loud noises at night really late night yelling, putting loud music till 1 or 2 am, riding loud motored bicycles at 1am, trashing our streets worse than India, I've saw half or naked bodies walking around and harassing pedestrians, I don't see students walking our area anymore because there's no room to walk in the first place and so scared and dirty. We have a school just street behind (3rd street) and college on 4th+Shatto place to. I don't feel safe living in my community with these homeless tents around they don't make us feel safe. It's out of our hands and we need serious procedures take there homeless to better place for them as well. It's not living for neither of parties. Safety, sanitary, sanity reasons, we want them out of our town so we can make our town how it used to be. Can't deal with bad odors, yelling, harassing, late night pounding sound, damaged fire hydrant, or being targeted can lead to crime. It's not fair to us. Please make firm procedures and changes for our community and town so we can enjoy living here.

Grace Kim

October 28, 2021

Dear LA City Council

Hi, I have lived at Aju apartment for a while, and homeless problem always has been an issue to residents in shatto village. I would share my story to support our village community that have worked on resolving the issue. I experienced that the homeless ran away with my soccer ball once when some of my friends and I played with the ball at the park located next to my apartment; also, I saw homeless never came out for a while from the public restroom at the park and got into apartment parking lot through gate and looked for something in garage chute. Honestly, there are lots of more bad happenings that people including me may have seen and experienced by the homelesses occupied around our safe and quiet village. I hope LA city can do something ASAP to make shatto village safe and clean same as before.

Thank you, Jack Kang

October 28, 2021

Dear LA City Council

Hello. I live at 400 S. Westmoreland Ave. The homeless problem is very difficult and scary. And I can't sleep at night because they fight each other day and night and scream and make noise. Also, there is a lot of rubbish on the road, so I have to drive almost in the center line when I drive. And every morning when I exercise at Shatto park, the smell of garbage is very strong. In particular, I can not walk on that road, day or night. Please fix this issue as soon as possible. thank you.

Eric Ham

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

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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.

**Our Ongoing Petition supporting
Shatto Park being listed as a
“sensitive use site” per 48.18**

**FROM YOUR CONCERNED NEIGHBORS OF SHATTO
PARK, PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING OUR PETITION:**

17 Signatures

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x Ashley Crockett

x Rosa Valdez

x Samantha

x ~~Jade Torres~~

x Jade Torres

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x Cirage Ossman

x Rebecca L. Porras

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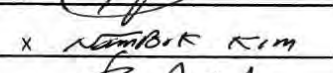
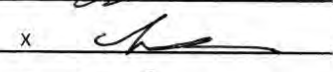
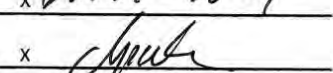
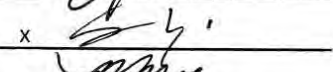
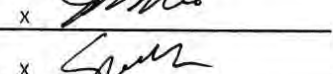
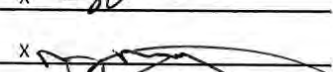
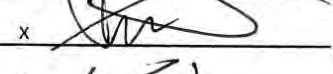
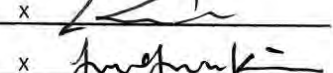
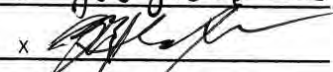
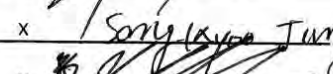
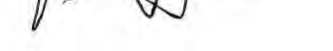
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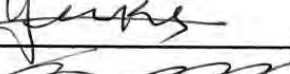
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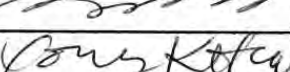
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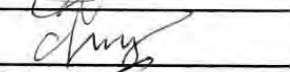
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Communication from Public

Name: Callie Rogers

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 08:22 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Until you fix the housing problem in Los Angeles you can't criminalize being a person. That is wrong. I think this is abhorrent and we need a different solution.

Communication from Public

Name: Lillibeth

Date Submitted: 10/31/2021 11:55 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I have, until the last two years, always felt safe traversing 4th street along Shatto Park, from Westmoreland Avenue, one of its nearest cross streets as I have been living there for 20 years now. On my motorized wheelchair, I could brave the accessible streets and run my errands to the stores, seek hair care at the salons, socialize with my friends at the Sizzlers and take the Metro and Dash buses around town and Koreatown. Today, I dread traversing these streets—I have lost the federal and legal mandates to the accessible sidewalks and pathways because they are now populated by the unhoused, their stuff and many of their daily living necessities littered everywhere. To get to my destinations, I have to risk my life, limbs and wheelchair on the street where I sit very low, without reflectors or lights to warn speeding drivers that they need to slow down or get me killed. My friend Nancy and I had to curtail our Friday dinners at the Sizzlers because it gets scary at night when there are people following us in the dark as we head home taking the much longer detour because the streets are no longer accessible. After winning the class action suit against the City on its failure to comply with the access requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, we are back to square one. As an oppressed minority, we hate to find ourselves pitted against the homeless who also need legitimate assistance and attention. I witnessed this urban decay infesting our district in a very surprisingly fast pace. I took it upon myself to call out the people pitching their tents merely 10 yards from our front door as they started using our garden hose for water and our community amenities for their toileting and bathroom needs and I was met with a man brandishing a knife that he chose to cut his ropes around our next door neighbor's fencing of his empty lot. We also suffered scary impromptu fires during the winter months when the homeless needed to warm up next door. During the last incident and thanks to my insomnia, I had to rouse my neighbors as the fire was fast aiming for our building—the fire was actually about a foot from my window after it flared up my neighbor's dry tree. Without the ability of escape, how would I be spared when everyone else can just run downstairs? So I took a chance at the elevator and got out—either way, I was going to die, I told myself. Thank God, the fire department arrived with dispatch! But here's the point: how do

you secure us your constituents? The police I've spoken to are livid about certain policies that have deteriorated the city: dropping the prohibition on drugs as they cause people to lose their faculties for self-care and self-determination and the policy of allowing people to violate and sully public places and public accommodation. Worse of all is the defunding of police. In the 38 years I have lived in LA, only during this administration have I experienced being thrown garbage on my head, shouted down by a disturbed soul who swooped down his head to my face, shouting expletives. No, Councilman Mitch—this is not my City—this is not your city either. Los Angeles is the city that used to be my/our home—clean, orderly, respectful of people and beautiful! Let's recapture it once more and make it grand and truly of the angels! Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: June
Date Submitted: 10/31/2021 11:55 AM
Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: My name is June and I live in an apartment building that faces Shatto Park. It is surrounded by the encampments. I thought for a long time the homeless people here were not bad but I see things differently now. They are so violent and it keeps getting worse. I know our building had experienced several fires caused by the homeless people here. Loud music, fighting, and yelling happen all the time. I can't even walk alone anymore because I have been yelled at very racist things. It is easy to come by and bring food and water to these people and then go home to your area that does not experience the same thing. But for us, it is night and day. I keep reading that there is a lot of concern that winter is coming but a large reason why the homeless gravitate to LA is because of the pleasant weather year round. This is not the east coast or NY where winter is a true threat. Within hours of the last clean up here, they have all settled back into the area of 4th street and it looks almost as if nothing happened. This is a recurring issue this area faces. Without more hands on support from the city to protect this area, it will continue to get worse. Please enforce 41.18 at Shatto Park

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/31/2021 11:58 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: It would be gracious if people from the neighborhood posted and commented on something that would directly affect their own neighborhood. Many of the posters are not from the neighborhood and it isn't right that you try to sway a vote for something that doesn't affect you directly.

Communication from Public

Name: Kerry

Date Submitted: 10/31/2021 12:07 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Please enforce Shatto Park as a sensitive use site per 41.18. The conditions of this area are shocking to anyone who resides right here. There is nowhere to walk except for the middle of the street. People on the street are fighting all the time. Sirens at all hours. Trash is everywhere. Even on the days that the city comes to clean up the trash, there is the same amount of trash piled up in a few hours. Please say yes to 41.18

Communication from Public

Name: Joe Chen

Date Submitted: 10/31/2021 12:13 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: The enforcement of 41.18 ordinance clearly states "in order to sustainably address street homelessness, a trauma- informed approach that requires street engagement by trained professionals and offers appropriate interim and permanent housing, storage, and specialized services in the form of a Street Engagement Strategy must be suitably applied across the City;" There is no question that if this is enforced, it would provide immense relief to the families that neighbor these encampments. The homeless here need proper services and with this enforcement of 41.18, it will force them to start saying yes to the housing offered to them. The violence and crimes that have been caused by the homeless on 4th st need to stop. Most of them are gang members and need a different level of support than what can be found where they currently are. Even they do not deserve to live in piles of trash and allowing them to continue to do so is a form of enablement. Please enforce 41.18 at Shatto Park.

Communication from Public

Name: Henry Kim

Date Submitted: 10/31/2021 12:21 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: The 41.18 states: "WHEREAS, the homeless crisis has reached epic proportions across the City of Los Angeles; WHEREAS, in order to sustainably address street homelessness, a trauma-informed approach that requires street engagement by trained professionals and offers appropriate interim and permanent housing, storage, and specialized services in the form of a Street Engagement Strategy must be suitably applied across the City; WHEREAS, it is the obligation of the City to keep its public rights of way clean and available for public use, and to protect the public health, safety, and access by City constituents; and WHEREAS, the City should seek to accomplish the aforementioned objectives in a manner that preserves the dignity and safety of all residents and exhausts alternative models to promote compliance." It does not feel like many of the commenters on this public space have actually read the language contained in this ordinance. The enforcement of 41.18 would be a huge support to the residents that surround Shatto Park as well as the unhoused. The influx of violence I have seen created by the homeless here is completely foreign to the peaceful, family oriented atmosphere this area historically was. As a neighbor, I would like to safely be able to walk in my neighborhood again. I would like the public health of this area to be more enforced. Please help us and say yes to 41.18. - Henry Kim, long term resident and neighbor to Shatto Park

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/31/2021 12:47 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Mitch O'Farrell is trying to clean up Korea Town and Shatto Park which has fallen into the abyss and he has the full support of the community. Advocates come in and try to press their agenda when many of them do not live in the 13th district. We do not want camping on the streets, we do not want crime, fire hazards and a sneak peak into what will become permanent ghettos and favelas.

Communication from Public

Name: Angela Choi

Date Submitted: 10/31/2021 12:48 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I support 41.18 and pass this motion for the families, elderly, and disabled that reside here. We are the ones affected most by this and need your supportive vote to make sure this area doesn't get even worse. I have lived here for many years and every year, I am shocked by how much worse it gets. It is escalating; the violence, the trash, the theft of electricity/ private property and the invasion of our personal spaces. I am not a homeowner here but I am a renter and it gives me and my family the opportunity to have access to so much within a few blocks. But now I can't walk anywhere, I have to drive the 2-3 blocks I would normally walk to get to the pharmacy and grocery store. Please protect us and vote yes to 41.18

Communication from Public

Name: Inho Kim

Date Submitted: 10/31/2021 03:17 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Illegal camping around Shatto Park neighborhood creates extremely dangerous situations. There are assault, theft, drug crimes in daily base. We can not access side walks, forced to cross a very dangerous corner of 4th and South Westmoreland Ave. Campers abuse city properties by destroying or modifying city electric and water properties. Also water drainage are used as toilets. There are rodents running around sidewalks near by the Shatto Park. I beg you to do something.

Communication from Public

Name: Young Moon

Date Submitted: 10/31/2021 08:01 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am senior 76 years old who resides in the Shatto Recreation Park community. I URGE YOU PLEASE PASS THE 41.18 ORDINANCE. I walk with a cane and had suffered with 4 strokes in the past. I have been a long term resident in this community. I can't stand to see the park and its neighborhood street turn into junk. Before the encampment developed, i was able to walk around my house on Westmoreland, 4th street and Virgil and its neighborhood streets. I can no longer do that. For my health sake, I need to exercise. Due to the severe crime and violent criminals in the homeless encampment, I and other elderly people who live 1-2 blocks away can no longer walk around. These homeless people that live here are not like those needy homeless people who want housing and want to do better. I've been seen them. They are young people who can work and find a job. They don't because they like to do drugs and sell drugs. And they on the streets because THEY CAN. They are aggressive people who only care about themselves not others. The encampment has brought tremendous crime to our neighborhood. Us, elderly people are scared to walk due to safety reasons. Even when my family picks up , we avoid driving there because I see homeless drugged people walking around roads where cars are supposed to be. They walk and roam around on the streets and are high on drugs. It is very dangerous for people to drive on those streets too so we avoid them. OUR life has deteriorated. Please pass this resolution with no reservation for the sake of people living here. We suffered enough. Please make sure that you city council designate this area as a sensitive zone that covers 500 feet around Shatto Park. Because we don't want these homeless encampments to spread to other streets nearby. We have a school here that goes from elementary to high school called New covenant Academy, and we no longer want these kind of people on our streets. It is sad enough that police don't even come and comes after 2 hours when there's a crime. Please protect our community. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/31/2021 04:21 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 dangerous, filthy and sidewalks are completely impassable. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Carolina Arriola
Date Submitted: 10/31/2021 11:20 PM
Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, I live in the neighborhood of Shatto Park. Homeless peoples encampments around our neighborhood is our biggest health safety concern. I have found several open needles outside our house where we live along with various bags of junk. They cross over our fence looking for recyclables and pee and poop wherever they please, right in front of our houses. Three times they have tossed bags of shit over our fence. The smell and trash along 4th street is disgraceful. The electric stations for EV cars along 4th street can no longer be used, as people are afraid to park there, and some of the stations are completely covered with junk. I cant believe that the homeless are allowed to encircle the Sizzler restaurant on Vermont and fourth. You can no longer walk or use a wheelchair on any sidewalk along 4th between Vermont and Virgil as they are covered with tents. The park has become unsafe for children or any other person that goes there or the community center. I support the resolution to add Shatto Park to the list of sensitive use sites.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/31/2021 08:15 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to support the 41.18 resolution for Shatto Park. Please pass this. I am a 78 year old elderly who is a resident of Shatto park community. I have elderly friends that are on wheelchairs and these homeless encampments entirely cover the sidewalks and people with disabilities or elderly people on wheelchairs can't go even on the sidewalk. My friends had to go on roads made for cars when they go to the market. This should not be. She almost got hit by a car! I am elderly and my friends and I that live in the neighborhood can't even go to the Park and walk to the supermarket nor can we walk around the neighborhood for brisk exercise due to safety reasons. We are scared for our lives. These homeless people store their huge property and they are dangerous. They are mentally unstable because they are on drugs and one time, one man on 4th street almost attacked me. There were incidents where our neighbor got attacked while walking on on 5th street too. These encampments are dangerous and breed crime. They bring crime into the neighborhood. I know that there were prostitutions happening on Virgil street and 5th street . I witnessed prostitutes walking around at night and there was also a big RV parked there for 6 months and people were reporting that too. This is a residential area with children, families and elderly people. This is supposed to be a walkable area and a safe area. it is no longer a safe community and it is much worse . Please pass this resolution and MAKE SURE that YOU as our city councilmen who represents us, designate this area as a Sensitive Zone that covers 500 feet from Shatto Park. We need the vicinity covered for enforcement. Just think about this. Would you want to live in a crime infested community ? I don't think so. Please do the right thing. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Clifford student parent

Date Submitted: 10/31/2021 09:06 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: It is a great concerning of the homelessness around my child's school. Unfortunately, many of the unhoused individuals suffer from mental disorders putting my child at risk of homeless sleeping, being around the school area. Please help us protect our children.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/31/2021 09:11 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I support the resolution to add Shatto Park to the list of sensitive use sites. I became a resident of Rampart Village 5 weeks ago. Since then, I have witnessed: altercations, theft or destruction of personal property (and of my own property, too!), bullying/physical violence against LGBTQ+ homeless, screaming/yelling, drug deals, casing parked cars, fire, hammering/loud banging, and loud music throughout the day and night, as well as passerbys walking in the streets because the sidewalks are blocked by tents. This is a daily occurrence! The only reprieve was for about 5 hrs when the city came and moved/cleaned up the homeless encampment before the homeless moved back or when I run errands. I am disabled and this is becoming worrisome. I want to enjoy the beauty of the Park but can't because I can't use the sidewalks for my own safety. Please add Shatto Park to the list of sensitive use sites.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/31/2021 09:45 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am a concerned citizen who works in 417 S Westmoreland Ave. My main observation within the Korea town is the prevalent existence of homeless living along the sidewalks particularly Shatto Place that most residents here are at risk using the streets instead of the sidewalks. Nowadays, we feel these sort of fear that we can't even feel the security. Now, we are anticipating to help us this so-called anti camping law for this unsafe area. Thank you.
Tino Villarta

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/31/2021 10:35 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of the neighborhood in question, and I support the free and easy access of public sidewalks in my area and also hope for others to freely access the public right of way and have these areas be kept clean and safe.