

Communication from Public

Name: David Charles Allen

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 11:49 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: My name is David Charles Allen and I live at 6650 Franklin Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90028. I am 61 years old and I use the senior center at the Las Palmas Senior Center, which is around the corner from where I live. I have a problem with my left leg above the ankle and I cannot walk for long distances. I have tried to use the sidewalk going to the senior center, but I cant because of the homeless encampment. I have to walk in the street to go around and it is not safe for me. Therefore, I ask that the motion to enforce cleanup be granted. I support council member O'Farrell's resolution, and I ask for other council members to vote in support of the motion. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle Dodgion

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 11:54 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Michelle Dodgion. I am 62 years old, and I reside at the Montecito Apartments (6650 Franklin ave.) I write to you in response to your flyer regarding ordinance 4118. I urge you all to support this motion and vote yes. The encampment has existed on Las Palmas for months, and to tell you the truth, I would not mind so much if they would keep the area clean. But too many times I walk by and it looks like the city dump. An attraction for rats, roaches, and if they are defecating there, hepatitis A. I have approached the people living there and told them this, but it has not worked. The tents also invite more tents, which leads to various individuals sleeping on the sidewalk near the Starbucks, etc. I fear all of this will invite more and more vagrants and an element of crime. This needs to be “nipped in the bud”. Many of us are retirees, and cannot easily move, nor should we have to. Lastly, this is a beautiful neighborhood. Please move forward with 4118 and remove the tents, ALL of them, and the people sleeping on the sidewalks too. Thank You,

Communication from Public

Name: Mike Gordan

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 12:03 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: please support 41.18 for Shatto Recreation Center. The homeless advocates like KtownLove all these socialist groups DO NOT LIVE HERE. They are not stakeholders of this area. please do not listen to them! They have an agenda and don't care about the safety and the well-being people who actually live here and pay taxes and support our government. They are a distraction and their are a bunch of brainwashed fools! that have no concept of reality. Please do not listen to them as THEY DO NOT LIVE HERE and do not support the people who actually resides in this area for more than 10 years. We have our kids here, going to schools, we were raised here and go to the grocery markets here. We want our neighborhood to be kept clean and safe! So we can walk around without constant fear of these encampments that bring crime! We are not enablers ! The government has to work for the people! We pay taxes in this area! And we would like to work with the city council offices to create a better community. Don't listen to these fools who DO NOT HAVE best interest for our community! Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Celia Williams

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 12:22 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilman O'Farrell, The Canyon School 1820 N. Las Palmas LA 90028 has been in existence since 1948 it started at the home of parents who wanted home-style daycare where parents are involved each and every day. We have survived COVID-19 and we have been given the okay to reopen ASAP. We cannot open due to the encampments along Las Palmas Ave in front of the Las Palmas Senior Center which housed The Canyon School Pre-school. The encampments have kept us from opening due to the actions that go on day to day. There is screaming and cursing all day, trash is tossed over the fence where the children would play, there are excrements that are found daily and there are needles in the yard. It is not safe nor healthy for our pre-school to open and we can protect the children from the calamities that occur daily. Seniors must walk in the oncoming traffic to enter the Las Palmas Senior center and that is so dangerous, (they step off the curb to walk around the encampments to reach the entrance of Las Palmas Senior Center, and this is what would occur if the children and their parents were walking into the Las Palmas Center). The scene on Las Palmas is not safe for Seniors or children. We need Councilman O'Farrell and the other supporting services to help us so that we can open the center. Help us to help parents who need to return to work and Seniors who would like to return to the Las Palmas Center. Thank you Celia Williams Director -The Canyon School inc
canyonschool1@gmail.com

Communication from Public

Name: Rainelle Saunders

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 12:08 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am a 63 year old resident at the Montecito Apts. I am in full support of the efforts to clean up the neighborhood. That corner of Franklin and Las Palmas was a mess with homeless tents before it was landscaped. The city needs to finish the job and get down the rest of the block to Yucca. I haven't walked on that block of Las Palmas in almost two years, almost the whole time I've lived here. I am active and don't mind going to different blocks, but why should I be forced to? And why should any of my older neighbors have to avoid a walk around the block? Safety, sanitation and security for the seniors in this area should be at the top of the list for Council Member Mitch O'Farrell, so if he can do something about it, then the rest of the "powers that be" should be in full support. Council members! Have empathy! Imagine you or your own elderly relatives living in that situation, unable to have their senior center safely accessible. I would hope there would be outrage. So be outraged, and do something about it. It will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 12:40 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles has a severe shortage of affordable housing. Mitch O'Farrell is distracting from his own failures by urgently focusing on displacement while Los Angeles still doesn't have enough shelter, housing, or services.

Communication from Public

Name: Derrick

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 12:47 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I'm a long time resident and I have seen the tactics Mitch O'Farrell and others who actively make the lives of our unhoused neighbors harder. There's been service removal, forced relocation, letting garbage accumulate, and then blaming the residents for unsanitary conditions. The unhoused remain unhoused simply because the council lacks the will to act. No other reason. What makes matters worse is that there never seems to be any input from the unhoused residents impacted or advocates when these policies are suggested and forwarded. Just like with Echo Park, Mitch O'Farrell is conducting his mass displacement operation with no input or contact with any of the residents, some of whom have been living there for years. Instead, his office met with virulently anti-homeless residents.

Communication from Public

Name: Dana Bell

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 12:43 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Creating zones where it is illegal to be homeless is an astonishing act of cruelty from the city council, especially as winter approaches and it becomes even more dangerous to be outside. There are not enough beds, not enough services, not enough options, and the city has done nothing to alleviate the causes of the crisis - rising rents, speculative investments, and increased development that displaces huge swathes of people. Displacing the communities around Barnsdall Park and Shatto Park is yet another targeted attack on citizens of Los Angeles. Rather than offering solutions like trash pick-up, public toilets, or hand-washing stations (which would actually be useful to members of the neighborhood), the council is instead choosing punishment and violence. These camps offer an opportunity for outreach and social services - Shatto Park receives outreach and services from social workers, which are solutions that can actually be effective. Consistent displacement only further isolates people from possible solutions and further deepens the crisis. It is unmitigated cruelty, and as a resident of CD13 I am disgusted by the acts of Councilmember O'Farrell who has shown that the only people he cares about representing are the developers who line his pockets.

Communication from Public

Name: Philip Meyer

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 12:44 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Councilmember O'Farrell use of state violence to punish the victims of housing commodification in Los Angeles. O'Farrell represents developers and landowners, not ordinary people, renters, and the unhoused. He serves those for whom housing's purpose is to "build wealth" for the landowner, not house human beings. The violent criminalization of people experiencing homelessness is an extension of his broader priorities that treat the actually existing residents of Los Angeles as natural resources to be extracted by capitalists in and outside of LA. This resolution worsens the harm that pro-landowner policies have created and should be defeated.

Communication from Public

Name: Julia

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 12:32 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I immensely disagree with the expansion of 41.18 to criminalize homelessness in more sites. There is no affordable housing! Where will our neighbors go? What you are doing is cruel and heartless. Moving people from block to block doesn't solve anything and only prolongs homelessness, especially as the winter is coming up. Have a heart and leave our houseless neighbors alone!

Communication from Public

Name: Asiya Mir

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 12:30 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Stop killing and disappearing my neighbors, this is an example of city mandated violence and it will end. Public land is for the people.

Communication from Public

Name: Rob Krauss

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 01:08 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I strongly stand behind Ktown For All's stance on not sweeping the Barnsdall park area of our unhoused neighbors. This is because: 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 his own failures 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. This is not how we as Americans or Angelenos should be treating our fellow citizens. 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. Mitch O'Farrell clearly doesn't care about a solution, he just wants to keep pushing the problem to other areas. No input from the unhoused residents impacted or advocates. Just like with Echo Park, Mitch O'Farrell is conducting his mass displacement operation with no input or contact with any of the residents, some of whom have been living there for years. Instead, his office met with virulently anti-homeless residents. Please do not vote in favor of Councilmember O'Farrell's motion.

Communication from Public

Name: Elena Popp

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 01:02 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to urge you to vote against this motion. Criminalizing and marginalizing those that do not have a place to call home is cruel and bad public policy.

Communication from Public

Name: Leonid Katsnelson

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 01:32 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

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

Communication from Public

Name: Clifford Parent

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 01:30 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Honorable Councilmembers: I support designating Clifford Elementary as a "sensitive use" site. Our young children are the future of our community and they deserve our protection and care. The unhoused persons who have camped immediately adjacent to the school property also merit humane treatment for the traumatic circumstances that have brought them to these edges of society, including basic housing, addiction treatment, sanitation, and healthcare. Making camp in medians and along offramps is safe for no one, particularly when mental illness and drug use bring violence to those least equipped to defend against it -- a category that includes both my young daughter, a student at Clifford, and the unhoused themselves.

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren Kushner
Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 01:49 PM
Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am deeply disturbed to learn that you are attempting to displace more vulnerable Angelenos and evict them from the corners you have backed them into without any viable, ***LONG TERM*** solutions. Displacing our neighbors before winter, and during an ongoing pandemic, when there are not nearly enough shelters and not even close to enough housing options is beyond cruel and dangerous and hurts our city more than encampments ever could. The funds spent on these costly, performative, short-term measures could be better spent trying to actually address the actual problem instead of trying to hide it. As a constituent in Atwater Village, I am taking responsibility for the role I've played in gentrifying this neighborhood and serving our unhoused neighbors as best I can through food donations, funds, and outreach. But this is a systemic and structural problem that you are making worse, not better. It is short-sighted and cruel and will result in deaths, the further spread of Covid, and other forms of harm. Each time you displace an encampment, there are awful blunders and a lack of responsibility for the damage caused - such as bringing in hundreds of police officers to Echo Park and pretending Mitch O'Farrell's office had no knowledge they would show up. And each time you claim you'll do better "next time" but you don't, because you feel your power is absolute and there are no consequences for your lack of effective governance. You must reach out to the community that is housed there and come up with long-term solutions. Not displacements. Not Project Roomkey with its many problems and unviable, short-term fixes. Not a few nights at a hotel. Are the folks in these encampments not your constituents as well? Do you not serve them as well? Or do you just serve constituents like me who can afford to live where we want, renovate duplexes into single-family homes, and put in ADU's that serve as our offices? You must stop trying to treat the symptom, and treat the cause. And before that, you must stop treating human beings as though they are anything but. Why don't you focus on cleaning up your own house first?

Communication from Public

Name: Suzanne Boretz

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 01:37 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose this list of sites. With shelter beds for only 39% of the unhoused population in Los Angeles, a mass displacement operation such as this is not a solution, and will in fact cause more harm especially as colder weather approaches. I have spent time giving out meals and supplies to the residents of Shatto Park Encampment, and it frustrates me to know that if they were displaced, many of them would lose contact with lifesaving support networks or caseworkers, or lose their place in lines for housing they have been waiting in for months. I spoke with a woman several weeks ago who had been receiving support and was heading to rehab for substance abuse; this is the type of help a displacement like this would be interrupting. The only effective way to address homelessness is through prolonged engagement led by outreach workers alongside supportive services, combined with the offer of suitable, permanent housing. Additionally, I am appalled that prior to proposing this zone, Councilmember O'Farrell met with anti-homeless residents but did not accept any input from unhoused residents of his own district or even advocates for that population. I hope the councilmember realizes that moving people block to block is ultimately the worst case for all involved, since forcing people to move block to block only worsens the cyclical nature of anti-homeless residents blaming their elected officials for not addressing what they see as a problem. We know these policies fail. Please vote no.

Communication from Public

Name: Alex Fierro-Clarke

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 02:17 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote no on this motion. 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 his own failures 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. Just like with Echo Park, Mitch O'Farrell is conducting his mass displacement operation with no input or contact with any of the residents, some of whom have been living there for years. Instead, his office met with virulently anti-homeless residents. Please vote no.

Communication from Public

Name: Joel Delman

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 03:53 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Council Members, I am writing to you in support of Agenda Item#39, Regarding Council File# 21-4118-S1, Mitch O' Farrell's 41.18 motion that includes Barnsdall Park. These locations have been the sites of increased crime for a concerning amount of time... including gangs, guns, shootings, stabbings, narcotics dealings, narcotics usage, sharp drug paraphernalia, stolen vehicles, sexual assaults, violent assaults, forced sex trafficking etc. These locations are next to elementary schools, where school children are endangered every day. One of the main locations that must be deemed a 41.18 location immediately is Barnsdall Park, which is a UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE, and is across the street from Los Feliz Elementary School. Gangs, Drugs and Guns have ruled this area within 500 feet of Barnsdall Park for too long and it is urgent that you bring safety and sanity back to the community so that everyone can feel safe. Please do not delay action any longer and immediately pass this 41.18 motion including Barnsdall Park as a location re: Council File# 21-4118-S1. Thank you, Joel Delman

Communication from Public

Name: Susan Collins

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 03:54 PM

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 03:40 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Can you please help keep our streets cleaner and safer? It is difficult for me to visit my brother when you hear people screaming and providing an unsafe environment in this community. Thank you for looking into this.

Communication from Public

Name: Sam W

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 03:42 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Lloyd J Cook

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 03:56 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: the streets need to be cleared of all the people camping out on the sidewalks in the Hollywood area. It's very unhealthy, unsafe and just plain dirty. I feel very uncomfortable walking anywhere South of Sunset Blvd.

Communication from Public

Name: Jenn

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 03:47 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am very concerned about the homeless around my children's school , I personally have seen multiple of the homeless using drugs in front of their school while i wait for them to get out if school i find this very concerning

Communication from Public

Name: Richard Cascioli

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 03:49 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Sarah P

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 03:35 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: This letter is in support of the resolution filed by Councilmember O'Farrell. I am a stakeholder in the greater Echo Park area and parent at Clifford Street Elementary Math & Technology Magnet. Thank you Councilmember O'Farrell. It is never okay for children to feel anything less than safe in and around their school. School must be a place for productive learning and positive socialization. In theory - it would be wonderful to solve the unhoused crisis and provide services to all unhoused individuals, however, the unhoused people who live near Clifford Elementary School all have been offered city and state services - and have refused. This has been confirmed to me both by police and staff in Councilmember O'Farrell's office. Therefore - the unhoused community near Clifford Elementary School should not be able to remain so close to the vicinity of our school and intimidate students, family members and other community members. If this resolution does not pass, none of the city council members will experience the direct, negative impact on every student that goes to this school - but the parents and staff and teachers will have deal with the fallout. Our children deserve more than this - they deserve to feel safe and secure while they learn. They deserve to walk home without fear of being attacked or cat-called by an unhoused individual. Over the summer - an unhoused individual jumped the fence at our school and scared many of the children participating in the summer program. This is wholly unacceptable. And while this resolution won't protect against that particular event happening again - barring unhoused individuals to make camp near the school might in fact make it less enticing. Thank you so much for considering this resolution. It means so much to the children who are attending Clifford Elementary School - the staff that commit to our children everyday - and our families. With Gratitude, Sarah

Communication from Public

Name: Valerie

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 04:25 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I've had some nasty encounters with the homeless living next to Camino Nuevo height by temple and hover I had to take my child and he saw when a homeless man turned on what I seem a glass pipe with white / clear substance and the child asking me what that was and this man lighting up that pipe next to Camino Nuevo field that are just feet not even 30 feet away from this homelessness and there breathing that drug not fresh air second there are some kids the unfortunately have working parent that can't take them to school and have to walk them self and the can't even walk in the side walk they have to get on the road where the cars are moving to get around those people .. if a disability or elderly person falls or trip that a sue in the city no one can pass by there. Last week a naked man walking my the school I don't know what need to happen a huge tragedy for the city or government to move quick these are kids we are talking about under a freeway where those homeless love to walk in like if it normal. That fact that it next to a school and no one has done anything about it is disgusting low embarrassing and not caring for the kids well-being .. what happen with removing all homeless from school parks and under bridges when will this finish when will the stop. When will the is be fix why don't start in the low income medium income community to help fix the problem and maybe the majority of our kids don't get into bad step in life exp. gang members drug use not wanting to work because they think it's okay to live in the street Again this are kids that are seeing this every day because they walk to and from school it is very disgusting what's under that bridge illegal activities happen everyday .. please clean up that area not for the people but for the kids let them breath fresh air not drugs ...

Communication from Public

Name: Nyla Arslanian

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 04:05 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Council Members, I am writing to you in support of Agenda Item#39, Regarding Council File# 21-4118-S1, Mitch O' Farrell's 41.18 motion that includes Barnsdall Park, Los Feliz Elementary and many other such sites throughout the greater Hollywood area. These locations have been the sites of increased crime for a concerning amount of time... including gangs, guns, shootings, stabbings, narcotics dealings, narcotics usage, sharp drug paraphernalia, stolen vehicles, sexual assaults, violent assaults, forced sex trafficking etc. These locations are next to elementary schools, where school children are endangered every day. One of the main locations that must be deemed a 41.18 location immediately is Barnsdall Park, which is a UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE, and is across the street from Los Feliz Elementary School. Gangs, Drugs and Guns have ruled this area within 500 feet of Barnsdall Park for too long and it is urgent that you bring safety and sanity back to the community so that everyone can feel safe. On Selma Avenue in Hollywood, Larchmont Charter School is affected as is Cheremoya and Grant Elementary Schools closer to central Hollywood. Please do not delay action any longer and immediately pass this 41.18 motion including Barnsdall Park, Selma Avenue, Grant Elementary on Bronson and Cheremoya Elementary on Franklin Avenue. as a location re: Council File# 21-4118-S1. Thank you,

Communication from Public

Name: Preschool Parent

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 04:14 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: My child had been attending the preschool located at the Las Palmas Senior Center for 3 years when the pandemic first caused schools to close and my child was forced to finish there over zoom. My family has been eager for it to reopen so my younger child can have the advantage of the high-quality preschool education offered there, as well. The encampments around the school and the unsanitary conditions they have created have delayed it reopening for month after month. We have searched for for alternative programs for my child to attend in the meantime but high quality preschool programs at an affordable price in Los Angeles are hard to come by, especially during the pandemic. The solution seems simple: the encampments need to be moved, especially when I have seen other encampments moved from retail thoroughfares with what seems like relative ease. In the meantime, the clock is ticking for my child who desperately needs to be socialized in a safe, loving and sanitary environment. Everyone seems to have moved on but my child continues at home. I truly wish that every person deserves the right to a place to live but not at the expense of our children and senior neighbors.

Communication from Public

Name: Laura Jones

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 04:10 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Zen Sekizawa

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 03:09 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Displacing people out of their community is cruel and immoral. Los Angeles wastes 8 million dollars a day on facist / racist LAPD, instead of spending money services that systemically address why people become unhoused. Homelessness is not the problem, it is the RESULT of the problem. All you cowards are making decisions based on greed, exploitation and racism - we see you.

Communication from Public

Name: Josh Hoffman

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 03:17 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

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Communication from Public

Name: Josh Hoffman

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 03:18 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

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Communication from Public

Name: Andrew Beale

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 04:42 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote no on this resolution, which will impose violent displacement on a community of folks who are simply struggling to survive. I live near this encampment and have had a chance to make the acquaintance of some of the folks living there. The people in the Shatto encampment are not violent or threatening or dangerous and they do not pose health or safety risks to the neighborhood. Many folks living at the encampment have told me they desperately want housing and are in touch with caseworkers about getting it, but the process is long and complex and difficult. One resident I spoke with has been working with a caseworker for three years and has yet to receive housing. Displacing the encampment will take away the little stability that these folks have and make it even more difficult for them to find their way out of homelessness. One woman I spoke with this weekend said she has been working with a caseworker for about six months to find housing and feels like she's on the cusp of getting it--but her phone was destroyed in the recent sweep and now her caseworker has no way to get in touch with her. This is a perfect example of why sweeps are not only cruel and heartless but also counterproductive to the goal of ending homelessness. Please vote no on this resolution. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Shellee Samuels
Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 04:59 PM
Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is Shellee Samuels and I am a teacher at the Canyon Cooperative Pre School located at 1820 N. Las Palmas. I am reaching out because it is extremely heartbreaking to see what has become of our beautiful facility. Canyon school is a Los Angeles gem. This school is such a special place. Once your enter the gates you're greeted with laughter of children, animals, a beautiful garden, happiness and cheer and sadly we haven't been able to experience this magic going on two years. We need the city to step up and clear out the homeless encampments. WE NEED CANYON SCHOOL reopened and the only way that can happen is if the encampments are cleared and a serious sanitation process takes place. Our beautiful facility has been violated by used needles and bags of feces. It is not okay. We need your help. Thanks so much for your consideration! -Shellee Samuels

Communication from Public

Name: Tee

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 05:02 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: 1. 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 his own failures by urgently focusing on displacement while Los Angeles still doesn't have enough shelter, housing, or services. 2. 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. 3. 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. 4. 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. 6. No input from the unhoused residents impacted or advocates. Just like with Echo Park, Mitch O'Farrell is conducting his mass displacement operation with no input or contact with any of the residents, some of whom have been living there for years. Instead, his office met with virulently anti-homeless residents.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 04:36 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: November 1, 2021 Dear Los Angeles City Council Members, I am writing to you in full support of Agenda Item#39, Regarding Council File# 21-4118-S1, Mitch O' Farrell's 41.18 motion that includes Barnsdall Park. Thank you Mitch O'Farrell! The locations listed on this important motion, have been the sites of extreme danger to the public, and increased crime for a concerning amount of time... including gangs, fires, guns, shootings, stabbings, narcotics dealings, narcotics usage, sharp drug paraphernalia, stolen vehicles, sexual assaults, violent assaults, forced sex trafficking etc., These locations are next to elementary schools, where school children are endangered every day, and have no access to ADA compliant sidewalks, forcing children into the street to possibly get hit by cars. One of the main locations that must be deemed a 41.18 location immediately is Barnsdall Park, which is a UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE, and is across the street from Los Feliz Elementary School. Gangs, Drugs and Guns have ruled this area within 500 feet of Barnsdall Park for too long and it is urgent that you bring safety and sanity back to the community so that everyone can feel safe. Please, please, please. Over the summer, I watched a FIRE erupt at Barnsdall Park, with towering flames over the park, behind Residence A, with the assailant speeding down on a bike. In addition, please ban all associated RVs in residential areas and in front of parks/schools at these sites. They sit in front of homes and schools, dumping human waste down storm drains, cooking meth, public is in danger of sexual predators, they block roadways and illegally dump trash and debris. RVs sit in front of homes and buildings, and also steal their electricity, like these encampments. Please ban overnight parking in residential neighborhoods. This is a major threat to public health and safety. Just last week, an RV hacked into a homeowner's electricity at Hobart and Franklin, completely burned down the RV and lit the front lawn of the home on fire. A couple weeks before that, a dead body on Winona and Franklin w/crime scene tape. Permitting this type of activity, is endangering the community. This is unacceptable. We are prisoners in our own homes and in fear for our lives and those of our children, and elderly. As a native Angeleno and someone who has lived in Los Feliz since 2003, I've never experienced this high rate of crime and violence in my life. Please return our

neighborhood back to the safe, beautiful neighborhood it has been for years. Please honor Tom Labange's legacy. We are under extreme fear and duress here. And as good law abiding citizens, on behalf of myself and others, I'm asking and pleading for our lives here. Please save lives and approve this motion. As council people, your charge is to protect the public the public, that means EVERYONE. Again, please do not delay action any longer and immediately pass this 41.18 motion including Barnsdall Park and ALL listed sites, as a location re: Council File# 21-4118-S1. Sincerely, Elizabeth Native Hollywood Angeleno + Los Feliz Resident, since 2003.

Communication from Public

Name: Amy Gustincic

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 04:33 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Council Members, I am writing in support of Mitch O'Farrell's 41.18 motion that includes Barnsdall Park (Nov 2, 2021 agenda Item #39). The locations in this motion, situated near elementary schools where school children may be endangered every day, have been the sites of increased crime for a concerning amount of time. Most importantly, Barnsdall Park, which is a UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE, and is across the street from Los Feliz Elementary School, must be deemed a 41.18 location immediately. Gangs have ruled the area within 500 feet of Barnsdall Park for too long and it is urgent that you bring safety and sanity back to the community for the good of everyone. Please pass this 41.18 motion including Barnsdall Park. Thank you, Amy Gustincic

Communication from Public

Name: Ami Adini

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 05:18 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: To the Honorable Los Angeles City Council Members, Please know that my wife and I, citizens of Los Angeles since 1980, di urge you to support of Agenda Item#39, Regarding Council File# 21-4118-S1, Mitch O' Farrell's 41.18 motion that includes Barnsdall Park. These locations have been the sites of increased crime for a concerning amount of time... including gangs, guns, shootings, stabbings, narcotics dealings, narcotics usage, sharp drug paraphernalia, stolen vehicles, sexual assaults, violent assaults, forced sex trafficking etc. These locations are next to elementary schools, where school children are endangered every day. One of the main locations that must be deemed a 41.18 location immediately is Barnsdall Park, which is a UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE, and is across the street from Los Feliz Elementary School. Gangs, Drugs and Guns have ruled this area within 500 feet of Barnsdall Park for too long and it is urgent that you bring safety and sanity back to the community so that everyone can feel safe. Please do not delay action any longer and immediately pass this 41.18 motion including Barnsdall Park as a location re: Council File# 21-4118-S1. Thank you, AMI ADINI, for AMI & RIVKA ADINI

Communication from Public

Name: Megan

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 07:09 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am in favor 41.18. Letting our brothers and sisters rot on the street is not compassionate. I can't believe anyone thinks this is a housing issue. We need safe streets, we need to help our residents with their addictions—NOT enable them by allowing them to live in filth.

Communication from Public

Name: Erin M

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 07:22 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 is a travesty. It's inhumane, illogical, and against CDC regulations. Stop the sweeps! No more 41.18!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 07:39 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: Emily L Barsh

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 07:24 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Council Members, I am writing to you in support of Agenda Item#39, Regarding Council File# 21-4118-S1, Mitch O' Farrell's 41.18 motion that includes Barnsdall Park. These locations have been the sites of increased crime for a concerning amount of time... including gangs, guns, shootings, stabbings, narcotics dealings, narcotics usage, sharp drug paraphernalia, stolen vehicles, sexual assaults, violent assaults, forced sex trafficking etc. These locations are next to elementary schools, where school children are endangered every day. One of the main locations that must be deemed a 41.18 location immediately is Barnsdall Park, which is a UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE, and is across the street from Los Feliz Elementary School. Gangs, drugs, and unlawfully possessed firearms have dominated this area within 500 feet of Barnsdall Park for too long and it is urgent that you bring safety back to the community -- for all who reside there. Please do not delay action any longer and immediately pass this 41.18 motion including Barnsdall Park as a location re: Council File# 21-4118-S1. Thank you, Emily Barsh

Communication from Public

Name: Phillip Kim

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 07:28 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Without real supportive housing, these special enforcement zones break connections with community and life saving assistance/relationships. This is a performative policy and a humanitarian failure to displace people and criminalize streets without a real place for people to go. This is segregationist, racist, and classist. Starting with real solutions like regular trash pickup, affordable housing (NOT repurposed toolsheds) and compassionate trauma-informed services could actually begin to address the crisis. Please vote NO on these cruel and harmful enforcement zones.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 06:43 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:

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 06:49 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: 41.18 clean up la. I can't stand seeing my city like this. It is not safe or sanitary.

Communication from Public

Name: Ryan Bonnell

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 06:49 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I support this list of sites for 41.18 in CD13. I also want to thank Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell for supporting this list to benefit his constituents and all residents of Los Angeles. As a homeowner in Los Angeles for twelve years, it's devastating to see the trash, biohazard waste, graffiti, crime, and fires caused by the unregulated camping that surrounds the Las Palmas Senior Center. My condominium has suffered a substantial increase in trespassing, break in attempts, and mail theft since the encampments were allowed. This neighborhood is home to several senior housing facilities, and I have witnessed my elderly neighbors, many using walkers and wheelchairs, moving along the actual street of Las Palmas, as the sidewalks have become completely unusable. The city must maintain these important public areas for everyone's safety and use. I truly appreciate Councilmember O'Farrell's support with this important matter.

Communication from Public

Name: Kate Willis

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 06:59 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to comment on Councilmember O'Farrell's proposal to turn the Shatto Park area into a 41.18 enforcement zone. It is clear after the mass displacement at Echo Park Lake that O'Farrell believes that forcing people experiencing homelessness out of parks in his district is the solution to the homelessness crisis in CD13. This is cruel and inhumane. Many of the residents of Echo Park Lake did not get placed into housing as they were promised and are still living on the streets, albeit without the safety and community they had created at Echo Park. The same will be true of the residents of the Shatto Park area. They have been swept and had their belongings taken on several occasions already, and were not given viable options for housing or shelter. O'Farrell has shown that his concern is not for housing the homeless, but for sweeping them out of view to appease wealthy constituents. I am a resident of CD13, and witnessed the brutality of Echo Park Lake. I regularly do outreach to the unhoused residents around Shatto Park and fear seeing the same happen to them. Many have set up shelter there after being pushed out of other areas. Many outreach volunteers come to this area regularly, providing food, hygiene items, and other support. However, the city has done little to nothing to help the people experiencing homelessness here. There are no toilets or handwashing stations. The city refuses to pick up garbage from the area. The residents try to keep the area clean and pile their trash for pickup, but it never comes. Councilmember O'Farrell should remember that his constituents aren't only wealthy homeowners, but also renters and the unhoused residents of CD13. He should focus first on providing services, support, and pathways to permanent housing for the homeless in his district rather than trying to sweep them out of sight. 41.18 is already a cruel ordinance criminalizing the homeless and poor, but adding Shatto Park as an enforcement zone is an intentional attack on the largest community of unhoused people in Koreatown.

Communication from Public

Name: Juan

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 05:38 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: As a concern Parent and a resident of Shatto park on 4th Street. It is time for the city to clean up and get these encampments moved of the streets. I will like my kids to actually be able to use the sidewalk as a form of getting to school instead of walking in the street and watching for speeding vehicles not to get hit. The frequent use of profanity, drug use and just mess on the streets is the not way our should look like.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 05:39 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Enforce 41.18 Clean up la

Communication from Public

Name: Mike Bray

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 05:31 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am in strong support of the resolution to add Shatto Park to the list of sensitive use sites. I am a 14-year employee of Children's Hospital Los Angeles, and have lived in the apartment complex directly across from the main Shatto Park recreation facility for approximately 10 years. Approximately 5 years ago I moved my young adult son who is blind into my apartment so that he could make use of the access that our neighborhood provides to transportation, shopping, and employment that are all available by walking in our relatively quiet neighborhood. Over the last 4 years though, homelessness on our streets has escalated and conditions of public safety and accessibility have deteriorated to the point that my son was no longer able to make use of sidewalks in our neighborhood. Because he is blind, he is unable to walk in traffic through our busy streets (4th street) as sighted pedestrians are forced to do much to their own peril and personal risk. This left him essentially cut-off and unable to safely access many of the local resources (grocery shopping, haircuts, etc.). A few months ago, my son was physically attacked and assaulted as he was walking home from his job at Target by a homeless person in our neighborhood. My 22-year-old daughter was verbally abused by a homeless person a couple of years previous as well. Due to the deterioration of safety and accessibility in our neighborhood, my son had to move back down to Orange County to live with other family members. Through inaction of local and state governments and agencies to address our homeless crisis, I have been robbed of my personal safety. I have been robbed of the right to peaceful enjoyment of my home and neighborhood. I have even been robbed of the close family ties, attachments, and rewards of having my own son living in my own home. The time to address and assure the needs and rights of me and my neighbors to engage in the safe and productive access to our own homes and neighborhood is long since past. It is past time for local government and city officials to take action to return simple and safe access and fair use of our streets and sidewalks to the residents of the Shatto Park area.

Communication from Public

Name: Kathryn Loutzenheiser

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 06:02 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: More banishment will continue to lead to more early deaths. There are many other viable ways to keep people alive and healthy in this city. This resolution will just lead to more blood on this city and its leaders' hands.

Communication from Public

Name: Clifford Parent

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 09:50 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Re The homeless encampment in proximity to Clifford Street Elementary School. While the debate and potential solutions for homelessness continue in Los Angeles, one thing is certain: The protection of ALL the school children of Los Angeles must be the highest priority. Homeless encampments should not be allowed to develop in proximity to any Los Angeles schools. The desperate conditions of these encampments can make them dangerous places, especially for small children. Already there have been numerous instances and reports of occupants from this encampment causing trouble by Clifford School. Therefore any encampments close to schools must be cleared immediately before children get hurt.

Communication from Public

Name: Crystal

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 10:36 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: The narrative that houseless residents pose any sort of threat to housed community members is a classist and egregious presumption on the part of a council member hellbent on upholding a culture of policing, fear, and scapegoating. Los Angeles has more than enough resources to provide tangible, effective solutions to the housing crisis and instead we have council members - O'Farrell in specific - who would rather criminalize poverty, mental illness, and drug addiction. These tactics have proven to be failures as evidenced by the disastrous events that occurred at Echo Park earlier this year and in countless other communities across the city. I urge every council and community member to consider more compassionate measures of change that bring real solutions to an ever-depending epidemic in our communities - communities in need of empathy and understanding and resolutions to easily remedied issues instead of shame, erasure and deprivation.

Communication from Public

Name: Seo Yun

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

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: The LAMC 41.18 ordinance is appalling. We are still in the middle of the pandemic and the most vulnerable community members in Los Angeles are being punished and criminalized for simply trying to survive. I am a constituent of Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell's District 13 and I do not approve of Shatto Park being turned into a 41.18 zone. I saw what my Councilmember did at Echo Park and was heartbroken to see many of its residents being displaced without any of their input. What's happening to our city is inhumane and utterly cruel. I urge all Councilmembers to speak up against these mass sweeps and displacement of our unhoused neighbors. The actual solution is homes, and not zones.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 10:38 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: As a grandparent of a Clifford Street Elementary school student, I would like to express my concern over the problem of unhoused persons' encampments encroaching close to the school creating safety and hygienic concerns for the children and staff of the school. While compassion for the unhoused is something we need to practice, we also need to keep our children, surely our most valuable resource, free from being subjected to violent incidents that are occurring. In addition, we need to ensure they are protected from diseases such as typhus, and hepatitis A that can occur due to the unsanitary conditions in encampments. Let's continue to find answers to help our unhoused neighbors but in the meantime let's keep our vulnerable children safe. There should be no encampments allowed near schools.

Communication from Public

Name: Steven MacCarthy

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 10:45 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Council Members, I am writing to you in support of Agenda Item#39, Regarding Council File# 21-4118-S1, Mitch O' Farrell's 41.18 motion that includes Barnsdall Park. It is common knowledge that these locations have been the sites of increased crime for an intolerable amount of time. This includes gang members pretending to be homeless in order to sell drugs to the genuinely homeless. Concomitantly, we have had gunfire, a shooting, stabbings, narcotics usage, sharp drug paraphernalia, stolen vehicles, vandalism, gang tagging, sex trafficking etc. These locations are next to elementary schools, where school children are endangered every day. One of the critical locations that must be deemed a 41.18 location immediately is Barnsdall Park, which is a UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE, and is across the street from Los Feliz Elementary School. Gangs, Drugs and Guns have ruled this area within 500 feet of Barnsdall Park for too long. How long will this area be left to fester and endanger the Public? It is urgent that you bring safety and sanity back to the community so that everyone in the area is safe. Please do not delay action any longer and immediately pass this 41.18 motion including Barnsdall Park as a location re: Council File# 21-4118-S1. Thank you, Steven MacCarthy Los Angeles Resident for 49 years.

Communication from Public

Name: Cindy Aguilar

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 11:37 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am a parent of a Kindergartener at Clifford St Math & Technology Magnet. I write to you today because I am deeply concerned about the challenges and negative impact close proximity of unhoused individuals to the school have had. These individuals do not have proper shelter, sanitation, medical attention, drug intervention and mental health support they sorely need. Considering the poor conditions, lack of sanitation and potential unpredictability of some individuals that may endanger public safety, I believe setting up camp near the school is not in the best interest of the health and well-being of local parents and children. I strongly urge the Councilmembers to find relief for the unhoused and create a safe zone for parents and students to be able to take their kids to school without risking their health and safety. I support Councilmember O'Farrell's motion and urge all councilmembers to support. Thank You, Cindy Aguilar

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 09:33 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Council Members, Please support of Agenda Item#39, Regarding Council File# 21-4118-S1, Mitch O' Farrell's 41.18 motion that includes Barnsdall Park. These locations have been the sites of increased crime for a concerning amount of time... including gangs, guns, shootings, stabbings, narcotics dealings, narcotics usage, sharp drug paraphernalia, stolen vehicles, sexual assaults, violent assaults, forced sex trafficking etc. These locations are next to elementary schools, where school children are endangered every day. One of the main locations that must be deemed a 41.18 location immediately is Barnsdall Park, which is a UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE, and is across the street from Los Feliz Elementary School. Gangs, Drugs and Guns have ruled this area within 500 feet of Barnsdall Park for too long and it is urgent that you bring safety and sanity back to the community so that everyone can feel safe. Please do not delay action any longer and immediately pass this 41.18 motion including Barnsdall Park as a location re: Council File# 21-4118-S1. Thank you,

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Garcia

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 09:08 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am in favor of this as I live right by one of these streets and it is horrible that I can't even walk with my children through there because of the homeless doings drugs or running around naked or on drugs! It is horrible to have to deal with these people! The ones that really want help, have taken it, consider that before you spend millions of tax payer dollars on people that don't want help. They live like this because they want to!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Clifford Staff

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 09:11 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA City Councilmembers, Our school, Clifford Math & Tech Magnet is home to a beautifully diverse community of students, families, and staff and we ask you to support us by supporting this resolution. Due to our proximity to two large encampments on Glendale Blvd. and Allesandro, all of our stakeholders have been impacted directly by the homelessness in our city. While we want to show empathy, kindness, and be good neighbors to our unhoused populations, safety and security is and will remain our top priority. From parents, we receive numerous concerns, photos, and reports of violent encounters in or around the encampments, public drunkenness, drug use, used syringes scattered about, public urination, theft of property, aggression towards adults and children, and human urine/feces near the perimeter of the school. Our families want to walk their children to school safely without fearing that they will be harmed by individuals under the influence that are dangerously unpredictable. The encampments are less than 500 feet away from the steps to our school and is a daily area of concern for our families. As a staff, we try to assure them that we are doing our best to make things safer. We have been working with community agencies and organizations for years. But, we are limited in what we can do. From staff, there is great concern due to several incidents of trespassing of unhoused individuals during the school day. No one on staff is qualified, trained, or physically able to handle adults that are under the influence. By supporting this resolution, we hope that unhoused individuals that take part in drugs or alcohol during the day will decrease in the area around our school. Our custodial staff will be able to focus on cleaning spilled milk instead of picking up empty alcohol containers. Our staff will be able to continue using our outside spaces for learning instead of moving students indoors to avoid unhoused persons shouting at the school from the fence. Our priority and purpose is to educate all children; including homeless children in a safe, clean environment that fosters learning and a true sense of security. Thank you for supporting the Clifford Math & Tech Magnet Community.

Communication from Public

Name: Clifford Parent

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 09:13 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Thank you to Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell for proposing Resolution 21-4118, which names Clifford Street Elementary School as a protected area from encampments and behaviors that are unsafe. I strongly support this Resolution to maintain the safety of and sanitary conditions for the elementary school-aged children who attend Clifford daily. We have witnessed violent interactions and unsanitary conditions during school pick-up and drop-off, and fear that our children are in harms way alongside the encampments nearby the school.

Communication from Public

Name: Vivien Kotler

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 09:13 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am a parent of a first grader at Clifford Street Elementary and I wholeheartedly support this measure. The homeless encampment has led to prostitution and drug dealing going on directly across the street from our school. Cars are parked on the side of the road buying drugs all hours. We desperately need this 500 foot buffer for our kids and school staff to be safe.

Communication from Public

Name: Luis Avalos

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 09:41 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I live near and have been frequently visiting the park. It is obvious that the families and community groups who spend time here do not fear the survivors that have been using this space to live. Criminalizing the people who stay here to survive is outrageous and shameful. Instead of focusing on displacement focus on the need to provide more shelters. Where do you expect people to go when they aren't even given the most basic of human decency? These cruel sweeps have done nothing but destroy people's shelters and endanger the lives of those who most need support, especially as winter approaches. Please vote no.

Communication from Public

Name: Julia Goldberg

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 09:41 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: As someone who used to work near Shatto Park, I am deeply concerned about the motion to criminalize homelessness in this area and the remaining 8 sites. Ordering a mass displacement operation as colder weather approaches is inhumane and dangerous for everyone involved. "Sanitary" sweeps that destroy people's shelter and belongings, including resources for the cold, lead to death for people who have nowhere else to go. There are shelter beds for roughly 40% of the unhoused population in Los Angeles currently, so relying on temporary housing for the communities caught up in these sweeps is not a viable solution. Displacing unhoused communities also interferes with service provision, prolonging people's conditions for homelessness. The Shatto Park Encampment has been around for years and is currently receiving outreach, food, supplies, and visits from social workers. Criminalizing sweeps often cause people to lose touch with lifesaving support networks or caseworkers, putting people's lives at risk as they regress on the path to finding housing. Vote No.

Communication from Public

Name: Clifford Parent

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 09:53 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: It is extremely important to me as a parent of a 1st grade Clifford student that this resolution passes. It is critical for the safety and well-being of our students. Every morning and afternoon we see people in various states of distress, whether they are under the influence of drugs or alcohol, experiencing mental illness, or being subjected to human trafficking. These people need help and services, without a doubt. But it is damaging to our children to have this taking place on the doorstep of their school. They have questions for which we as parents cannot provide sufficient answers. There have also been several incidents where individuals have breached the low wall of the Clifford campus, including while students have been present. We need to be sure we are doing everything within our power to protect our students. Please support this resolution.

Communication from Public

Name: Miguel Rios

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 09:53 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Please pass this for the sake of us Angelenos. This homeless issue has gotten out of hand. I grew up here in Los Angeles in the rampart area. My mom worked in Hancock park area. I remember taking the bus line 14 sometimes by myself. No way could that happen today. It's so sad. Homeless people seem to have more rights then hard working Angelenos. Please start by working on this homeless issue. Get them off our sidewalks. Have any of you seen how students from junior highs and high schools have to walk all the way around these encampments to avoid the homeless. Have any of you witnessed how these encampments and the people that live in them act towards regular citizen's like your self and I. It's sad. What's worse is having friends from around the world tell you and ask you what's going on with the homelessness issue please step up and do something.

Communication from Public

Name: Clifford School parent

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 10:03 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Clearing homeless encampments near Los Angeles schools is NOT about criminalizing them. Until better solutions can be found, cleared encampments will have to relocate to other areas away from schools. FOR THE SAFETY OF THE SCHOOL CHILDREN OF LOS ANGELES.

Communication from Public

Name: Sheila S.

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 07:59 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA City Council Members, I support Agenda Item#39 (Council File# 21-4118-S1) which is Mitch O' Farrell's 41.18 motion that includes Barnsdall Art Park. The location that must be immediately deemed a 41.18 location is Barnsdall Park, which is a LA's one and only UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE, and it also sits across the street from Los Feliz Elementary School. We cannot risk this UNESCO site which houses Frank Lold Wright's Hollyhock house to go up in flames due to the dangers of drug encampments at its base. There was a fire on top of Barnsdall over the summer and LAFD believed it to have started by the unhoused. There has also been too many instances of drug seeking, gunshots, gun arrests and sexually harassment of females at its based for almost 2 years now. This is an immediate danger and this 4118 resolution will fix the wrongs this city has enabled for too long. We need our community safe again for everyone here. The Barnsdall location is directly next to an elementary school, where school children are endangered every day to have to walk in the middle of traffic to bypass encampments that are littered with needles and feces. Please immediately pass the 41.18 motion including Barnsdall Park as a location regarding 21-4118-S1. Thank you, Sheila S.

Communication from Public

Name: Matt Ciaglia

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 08:01 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Having people live on the streets is horrible a cruel. We need to end the clip-board mobs rule and provide funding to agencies that actually show results. The gray area needs to be closed. People are hopeless addicted to drugs and suffering from mental illness beyond there control. Allowing this to go on is ruining the fabric of the city and community of Los Angeles. The public streets must be cleaned and enforced so there people can be moved into shelters and rendered aid. You have shut down schools and businesses for the greater good but have done nothing to help these homeless. You should be ashamed of yourselves and the oath you have taken. You need to declare a state of emergency and stop all luxury housing permits and only allow low income, and change the zoning laws to allow for more buildings.

Communication from Public

Name: Matt Ciaglia

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 08:02 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Veronica O

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 08:02 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Please clean up all the junk left behind from all those homeless encampments surrounding our school. It is a shame to see how dirty the city's sidewalks are because of trash, metal, tents, clothes & food that is left behind from homeless people living in these encampments. How is the city not cleaning up?!?!?! Please don't ignore our voices.

Communication from Public

Name: Gus Casillas

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 08:24 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am a parent of two kids at Clifford elementary and I strongly encourage immediate action to lessen the homelessness and criminal activity that occurs regularly around our kids campus it is horrible to see the amount of safety, sanitation issues and illegal activity around the school every day when we drop our kids off. There have been lockdowns where students are trapped at school due to this activity and it is a worsening problem. I Strongly encourage action to be taken and prioritize kids safety over illegal activity.

Communication from Public

Name: Richard Powels

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 08:46 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I appreciate your consideration of this resolution that will help protect students around Clifford Street School. Unpleasant encounters between the occupants of the encampments and people having business at the school are increasing. This resolution will help maintain a decent distance between these groups.