

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 10:51 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Councilman Mitch O'Farrell, I write this in desperate hope to see if it reaches you for immediate plan on our community's dangerous homeless encampment situation in urgent need of action. I am a current resident at 456 Shatto Place, I chose this neighbor back in 2011 in almost direct relation and excitement of the efficiently nice Shatto Recreational Center, where I envisioned taking our kids as frequent as possible if not daily. Fast forward to today, several blocks covering from Vermont -> Virgil on 4th street and all surroundings of our Recreational Center (3191 W 4th St, Los Angeles, CA 90020) is absolutely covered in encampments since ~late 2017, with what it appears to be 35~70 homeless person with at least 30~50 large tents permanently set up to: 1. Block off all surrounding sidewalks for accessibility (No wheelchairs) 2. Tamper nearby fire hydrants daily for illegal and dangerous water steal/drain 3. abandon metal frames and other large hazardous trash constantly/heavily on to roads, for vehicles having to stir around them, if not dodge them Aforementioned are just what's happening 24/7 not to mention half of the crowd there needing urgent attention in all aspects of neglected habitual mental/physical/sanitary everyday conditions, where in many times lead to aggressive/violent behaviors we witnessed. We definitely as a community did our part to make constant reports to our Olympic police department for years, but it didn't seem enough to enforce this largely growing encampment site to be managed if at all. I learned of the 17 spots where your action would directly take in affect to ban such encampments, and was devastated to learn that our encampment site was not included in your planned spots, we need our neighborhood addressed and enforced at once too, for our surrounding area is continuously affected by the growing encampment for at least half a decade now, we have waited long enough. This might be a stretch, but a couple minutes visit to our area would give you an understanding of how out of control/urgent the situation is with us. I request this with all my sincerity and care for all members of our SHATTO ALLIANCE community. Thank you much, SHATTO ALLIANCE 11/2/21

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Name: Amel Zeroug

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 10:56 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I'm an Echo Park resident and am frankly embarrassed by some of the fear-mongering comments that have been expressed on this call. I'm here today to adamantly oppose the Pending resolution to designate and enforce ordinance 41.18. Sweeps and criminalization cause people to lose contact with lifesaving support networks and caseworkers, setting people back on the path to finding housing. Sanitation issues can be addressed by implementing common sense services, including regular trash pickup. But instead, Mitch O'Farrell has been removing services, including toilets and handwashing stations, letting garbage accumulate, and then blamed residents for unsanitary conditions. 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 lead to deaths. Yet again, Mitch O'Farrell has refused to listen to unhoused residents impacted or advocates and just like with Echo Park, Mitch O'Farrell is pursuing a mass displacement operation with no input or contact with residents, some of whom have been living there for years. Stop criminalizing homelessness!

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Name:

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 11:12 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: We are in favor of clearing the encampments they are fire hazards and the holeless smoke drugs openly in front of everyone. My cousin is in a wheelchair and we cannot use the sidewalk..please clear the sidewalks.

Communication from Public

Name: Dahma C

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 11:06 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: This ordinance further criminalizes homelessness and poverty. I ask that the council to please explore other ways to address the homelessness crisis in Los Angeles, rather than this hack job of banishing unhoused Angelenos in efforts to manicure the city and further criminalize poor community members. Instead of supporting and taking bribes from developers and corporations who buy rental housing and spike up the rent that push out city residents and further contributes to housing insecurity for L.A. residents - people the council are supposed to represent - it would be more productive to work on providing unhoused members of the community housing and resources including for mental health and drug addiction. How about setting up basic services like handwashing stations, trash bins, and portapotties like Mike Bonin had set up at one point during the height of the pandemic? How about addressing the problems in the foster care system that lead to homeless youth? How about increasing the low minimum wage? 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. 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. 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. The city needs services, not sweeps.

Communication from Public

Name: Ina

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 10:48 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: It is entirely unacceptable that rather than moving away towards a model of displacement, violence, and criminalization against our unhoused neighbors that has been publicly known as ineffective, traumatic, and inhumane for decades by activists, academics, and unhoused people, Councilmember O'Farrell is seeking to INCREASE mass displacements when people have nowhere else to go. I am adamantly opposed to the proposed Shatto Park motion and urge you all to vote NO.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 10:25 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Hello - I am a resident of Shatto Villas. When we purchased our condo, we were thrilled to be living in a safe and clean neighborhood. It is a complete different environment now. We are desperately requesting for support in our community's dangerous homeless encampment situation. My husband and I planned taking daily walks with our kids and also taking them to the Shatto Recreational Center but due to the danger, we are not even able to walk with our kids for just a block. We have encountered dangerous situations where the homeless approached us aggressively asking for money and when we refused, they said horrible things and threatened us in front of our child which I remember vividly until this day. I am not able to set foot outside my home especially with my son because I'm afraid for our safety. This is definitely not what we envisioned when we purchased our condo. The growing encampment is outrageous now. It is covering blocks after blocks where pedestrians cannot even walk anymore. It is heartbreaking to us that our constant reports and complaints to the police department did not weigh heavily enough for our neighborhood to be considered for any sort of management. I ask you with sincerity and for all members of our community in the surrounding area to please list the Shatto Park area as a permanent cleanup site of the Anti-Camping Ordinance so that we are not always in constant fear of our safety. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Paul

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 10:26 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: With respect to item 39, this resolution is an exceptionally cruel response and a complete failure to respond meaningfully to the homelessness crisis in Los Angeles. Not only are we still in the middle of the pandemic, but the fact that winter is approaching means that displacing unhoused people from their residences will result in cruel and unnecessary suffering. We need to put people in homes, not push them outside of public spaces.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 10:01 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: vote no on the expansion of 41.18 zones. the continued expansion of these zones is an attempt by the city to distract residents from the abject failure of electeds and city government by scapegoating and criminalizing homeless people. homeless people do not make our neighborhoods and cities unsafe; they are the ones forced into unsafe conditions. the things that make our city unlivable and unsafe? a long list: an eviction 'moratorium' that allowed evictions to be filed and ruled on, resulting in thousands of evictions during the pandemic; the demolition of public housing, replacing it with privatized, publicly-subsidized housing; inadequate or nonexistent economic support for the millions that lost their jobs; a mental health crisis; health crisis; economic crisis; the constant failures of neoliberalism and capitalism. the city and county funnels money into the bloated budgets of the cops and sheriffs while emaciating the funding for a social safety net. the result? when the only tool you have is a hammer, everything looks like a nail. vote no on the expansion of 41.18. defund the police, expropriate housing from the largest corporate landlords, and expand public housing.

Communication from Public

Name: Tamara Hossain
Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 10:03 AM
Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Our homeless neighbors are human beings! Stop dehumanizing them and kicking them out so you no longer have to look at them. 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. 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. VOTE NO on Mitch O'Farrell's 41.18 resolution!!!!

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Name: Chris cohen

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 10:13 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I do not support 41.18 and respectfully ask that the city council reject it. 41.18 criminalizes the mere existence of the unhoused community, preventing them from inhabiting the only places that are available to them. This is unethical. We have not offered unhoused community members much of a safety net and research shows that that is the only way to reduce the numbers of unhoused people. Thats what i want to see happen, not more regulations and incarceration of unhoused people, and certainly not the suffering and and destruction which the enforcement of 41.18 certainty leads to.

Communication from Public

Name: soon Yi Kim

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 10:11 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear honorable member of council, I am a neighbor of Shatto Park and a member of the community that resides here. An Homeless Encampment of Shatto park should be removed immediately. Me and my family has be attacked, intruded by them for past 4 years. They broke my house during the night and attacked us with sharp knife. They are not homeless who needs a help. Most of them are criminal who using homelessness as a weapon against your community and family. Please save our community from these criminal activity. Please save our beautiful city. Let us be proud.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 09:31 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Invest in real solutions that work to end homelessness. Short-term: public bathrooms, trash pick-up, and services that treat our unhoused neighbors with the respect and dignity they deserve. Long-term: housing and services. These are more cost-effective and productive, harm no one, and benefit every single person who lives here. Vote NO.

Communication from Public

Name: Ezra Barahona

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 09:25 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Citizens of this city are so tired and overwhelmed by the homeless population that terrorizes, sets afire, and smears feces all over our sidewalks. As an Angeleno that was born and raised in Hollywood, seeing what happened with the homeless was so scary and disturbing. Protect tax paying Angelenos from the predations of the homeless please.

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Name: Janis Robertson
Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 09:38 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Special enforcement zones and sweeps are not the way to solve the housing crisis in Los Angeles. This issue needs comprehensive services and outreach that show that the citizens of LA care for each other, not criminalize each other. Vote no!

Communication from Public

Name: Emilee

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 09:39 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I live near Shatto and even if I didn't, I can say with full confidence that 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. People need resources and housing, not sweeps that displace and disrupt the lives of our most vulnerable community members. There has been no input from the unhoused community and their advocates and I am disgusted. Vote no, and if you don't, know that more people will die because of it.

Communication from Public

Name: Peter

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 09:40 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I love Los Angeles. And I love the people in it -- all of them, including the unhoused community. They are our neighbors and our loved ones and, most importantly, they are human beings. And they are your constituents. I saw what happened in Echo Park. I saw people who have found community, who love and laugh and dance and pray. Then I saw them losing their homes. It is fruitless to criminalize and displace people who experience homelessness. There is nowhere for people to go if the encampments are swept. There are also not enough shelter beds in L.A. for the unhoused. It is especially cruel to displace these communities, given that winter and the holiday season are coming up soon. Those of us who are lucky enough to have housing can stay warm and enjoy the seasons, but homeless people can die of hypothermia. People can die during sweeps, as their protection from the cold is stripped from them. The Shatto Park encampment is already 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. This perpetuates homelessness. A mass displacement is not in the best interests of our unhoused loved ones. And it is not what L.A. stands for.

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabetth Sommer

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 09:44 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Criminalization and limitation of where people are allowed to be will not solve issues rooted in a lack of affordable housing and resources provided by the city. It's particularly cruel to displace people as the weather cools, especially considering that more unhoused people die of hypothermia in Los Angeles than almost anywhere else in the country. Sanitation issues can be addressed by implementing common-sense services, including regular trash pickup. Instead, Mitch O'Farrell has been removing services that would increase sanitation and cleanliness for all. Listen to impacted unhoused residents and advocates. Provide services, not displacement.

Communication from Public

Name: Carey Bennett

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 09:36 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Josh

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 08:49 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Voting NO on the measure is a YES vote for humanity. Instead of criminalizing homelessness, why don't you come up with solutions. Like having enough safe shelter beds for EVERYONE who is unhoused. Like stopping landlords from jacking up rent so people can't afford rent anymore. God is watching...

Communication from Public

Name: Will Wang

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 08:45 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Hello City of LA Council Members, Thank you for looking into homeless issue near Shatto park. This issue has been haunting us who live in the area for years. This is a serious public safety concern. My wife and my mother have been harassed multiple times by the homeless people to the point that they are too scared to go to the store by themselves. The homeless people has also been damaging the fire hydrant in the area causing water damage to cars in the street. I had to call the fire department to come out to stop the water from shooting out of the hydrant . Additionally, countless trash even human feces has been thrown directly into the traffic and streets. I sincerely request the council to vote to remove the homeless from our area and save our community. Thank you! Regards, Will Wang

Communication from Public

Name: Hava bazz

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 08:10 AM

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. 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.

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Name: Anna

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 08:36 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Our family supports the motion. The area around Clifford has become unsafe. My 8 year old has been accosted and is frightened to walk by the encampment. We have found needles, garbage, urine, right outside the school. Services are offered continuously but nothing has changed, the situation only gets worse. I have personally called 911 three times when I have encountered folks who have passed out with parts of their body dangerously in the street at risk of getting run over. It's a very sad state of affairs and we all hope these folks can get help and support. It's is not tenable to have this situation right outside an elementary school and forcing kids to walk right by the row of dwellings every day to get to school. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Phil Chang

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 08:37 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am writing to communicate my support of the passing of Resolution 21-4118. As a resident of the neighborhood that this would affect and as a parent whose child attends Clifford Street Elementary, Resolution 21-4118 would be a significant improvement from the disruption and safety hazards of loitering, sleeping, and encampments that have been occurring for the past 19 months. Please accept my full support of the passing of Resolution 21-4118. Sincerely, Phil Chang

Communication from Public

Name: Jonathan Darr

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 08:41 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Please help keep our children safe. Our schools need to be safe places where children can learn. Over the years as the homeless encampments have spread nearer and nearer to Clifford, we've found many needles and drug paraphernalia and even had frightening encounters where our children were threatened by unhoused people. The situation on Glendale Blvd and by the 2 Freeway on ramp are out of control. Please clean up the streets so our kids can get to school safely. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Dan Monick

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 09:03 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Using 41.18 to simply move people out of sight is not helping anyone. It's inhumane, irresponsible and shows no effort towards actually solving the problem. Criminalizing those living at Shatto Park helps no one. Services, not sweeps. Vote no.

Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie Shaw

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 09:01 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of CD-13 and I oppose Mitch O'Farrell's 41.18 resolution. 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. 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 - one of our many national-level embarrassments, and indicators of the limitless cruelty we're willing to inflict on poor people. 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. Further, displacement interrupts service provision, prolonging homelessness. Sanitation issues can be addressed by implementing common sense services, including public bathrooms and regular trash pickup. Most importantly, yet again, Mitch is moving with NO INPUT FROM IMPACTED RESIDENTS. 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. History will not look kindly on 41.18 and LA's "solutions" to homelessness. I am embarrassed to be an Angeleno.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 09:07 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: With local shelters full, and a citywide shelter capacity that can't accommodate even half of LA's growing homeless population, it is abhorrent that city council is considering further mass displacement of residents that have nowhere else to go. Criminalizing and jailing the homeless just because they are poor is a backwards thinking approach that time and time again has proven it will NOT solve our homelessness crisis. What does work is providing services such as bathrooms and showers, so that our homeless neighbors can have the dignity of being able to go to the bathroom somewhere other than in public, which is a public health issue for us all. What also works is providing dedicated service providers and mental health professionals to work directly with those impacted, to help them access services and get the mental health support that is so desperately needed. Every Angeleno who is fortunate enough to be able to afford an apartment in LA knows that we have a severe shortage of affordable housing all across the city, and this criminalization-first approach being touted by City Council is frankly a farce: the homeless literally have no other options and pushing them around from one area of the city to a different area is not a solution or even a stop-gap measure - it is inhumane cruelty, plain and simple.

Communication from Public

Name: Jacqueline Mejia

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 09:10 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Criminalizing and displacing houseless people, a vulnerable population that can easily be met with compassion (local volunteers practice this consistently), is absolutely deplorable. Shelters are full and people have no where to go. Displacing them is not a solution. The solution is housing, which you can easily work to provide. Many houseless people at this park are currently in contact with service providers trying to get housing and displacement would disrupt this process, keeping them on the streets you so desperately want to clear houseless people out of. Think logically. It's very simple. Stop criminalizing people trying to survive.

Communication from Public

Name: agnes borinsky

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 09:11 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Councilmember O'Farrell's continued war against unhoused people is cruel and shameful. I get depressed every time I walk past Echo Park lake, seeing the fence up, thinking about what was built before he tore it all down. Because what was built was more than just physical infrastructure, it was a sense of community, a sense of safety and mutual support, among both housed and unhoused neighbors. Continuing to criminalize homelessness, block by block, is not a solution. What's needed is not just physical space for sleeping, eating, showering. It's space that allows community to grow and be sustained. 41.18 continues to prioritize the cosmetic anxieties of the wealthy, and cost lives in the process.

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Name: Perry Radford

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 09:16 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the proposed motion to displace the unhoused people living in Shatto Park. There is currently no housing to move them to, so forcing them to leave will be a deadly and devastating proposition. These folks could lose the little they have in this forced displacement - personal items, important documents, medicine, contact information, and community. Especially considering the change in the weather, removing these people's possessions and forcing them to relocate also puts them at risk for hypothermia. It's irresponsible to move these people with no beds currently available in shelters, and ALL enforcement of 41.18 should be halted unless there is actual space to move these community members to. Anything else is illogical, unreasonable, and dangerous. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 06:52 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Clear the homeless encampments off public property such as sidewalks and underpasses.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 07:07 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: There is no place for our unhoused community to go. How about fixing homelessness in Los Angeles rather than criminalizing it? Do your job. Shame on you!

Communication from Public

Name: Carene Mekertichyan

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 07:22 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: The city needs to center the needs and well-being of our unhoused community members, not gentrifiers like Mitch O' Farrell who is responsible for so much displacement. There has been no input or contact with any of the residents of Shatto Park, some of whom have been living there for years. 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. There are shelter beds for only 39% of the unhoused population in Los Angeles. Further displacing people from their communal encampments is not a solution and puts a vulnerable population at further risk. Rather than address Los Angeles's lack of affordable housing, Mitch O'Farrell has chosen to focus on the continued displacement of our unhoused community with no sustained action, services, and alternative housing. It is also important to note that carrying out a mass displacement operation as winter approaches is cruel, and more homeless people die of hypothermia in Los Angeles than almost anywhere else in the country.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 06:38 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: On Friday, October 29, 2021, while sitting in the pick-up line for Clifford, a man and a woman came out of a small encampment and began screaming and then physically fighting in the street. They then separated on opposite sides of the street and continued to verbally argue for several minutes with the woman remaining on the Clifford side of the street. This encampment is too close to the school for the safety of the children and staff.

Communication from Public

Name: Brooke taylor

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 05:59 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: It is abhorrent that the city council is using its time and resources to criminalize and harm homeless folks instead of developing additional shelter and affordable housing units. Housing is the only solution to the issue of homelessness. There are only enough shelter beds for 39% of the homeless population in LA and the beds are full! There is nowhere for people to go because the city council and the mayor has failed them. Those in the shatto encampment have been there for years and are receiving lifesaving and life sustaining support from community outreach groups. If they are displaced these groups will not be able to locate many of them. This could mean hospitalization, starvation, and possibly death for these LA residents, many of whom are disabled. Stop this effort now and use your power to allocate funds to help, not harm, these vulnerable people.

Communication from Public

Name: JOHN YEN

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 05:23 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am part of the management of the local bowling center, Shatto 39 Lanes. The homeless population that reside near Shatto Park have become an obvious source of crime, violence, and drugs to the neighborhood. These facts can be witness from just simply observing their behavior throughout the day (especially after 2 a.m.) or communicating with the local police department (our video surveillance are useful to solve things like stabbings or attacks of homeless amongst themselves). The local news have posted videos of the huge unsanitary and unsafe homeless encampments on 4th street running from Vermont past the Shatto Park. These homeless encampments are fire hazards, rodent infested, drug using/dealing, have prostitution, stolen goods being resold and so much more. You can see people dropping clean needles and food for the homeless people. You should have seen the hundreds of rats that poured out of the homeless encampments as witnessed by the cleanup department, local police, shop owners, residents and pedestrians when they did a deep cleaning on October 12, 2021 (Tuesday morning). Even the portable bathrooms are used for drugs or sex (what would happen when you are stuck with a needle while taking a "dump"). The revenue placed electric cars and rentable bicycles near the heavily trafficked corner of 4th and Vermont were vandalized and used by the homeless as a source of power and light. Loss of revenue for the city and liability increased because they just keep building on city/public areas. Why have sidewalks for safe passage of people when the entire sidewalk is unusable because of the homeless encampments? The homeless go so far as to build onto the street itself (just look up the recent news in October with keyword Koreatown Homeless Bicycle). Just as the recent news headlines a prominent actor accidentally shooting a crew member after unsafe warnings were given, these homeless encampments are follow the same path. Please take more weight to those that actually live and work in the area. Not all homeless people are bad, but who will take responsibility for what comes next in the area? Let's make the City of Los Angeles a better place for everyone! Sincerely,
Concerned Citizen/Resident

Communication from Public

Name: Gerry Villero

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 05:38 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I live on 359 s Westmoreland ave for 29 years and have seen my community gone from better to worst especially this past 5 years. Neighbors who live east of Vermont use 4th st as their main route to all amenities they need. Saw seniors, people with disabilities, kids from school who use shatto park walked the streets instead of the sidewalk. The health & safety of my community is gravely in danger. Please enforce the law so we can have a safer neighborhood to live.

Communication from Public

Name: IHS

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 12:42 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a Hollywood resident for over 25 years, I fully support cleaning up these dangerous encampments. The unsafe and unsanitary conditions are well documented. It is unfair to everyone who live and work here to allow this to continue-especially when services are offered and refused. Please do the right thing and listen to the residents and not the activists.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 11:21 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, David Dosch

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle

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

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Displacing people who are poor from resourced public spaces is cruel and inhumane. Blaming and burdening individuals for LA's failed policy positions and it's housing crises is immoral. We know there are no available shelter beds and that temporary housing placements are dead end roads that offer nothing but empty promises of permanent housing and erode trust in government services. Mitch O'Farrell is distracting from his failed leadership by criminalizing folks for existing and sweeping them onto the societal fringes. 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. The Shatto Park Encampment has existed for years and is currently receiving outreach, food, supplies, and visits from social workers. Sweeps and criminalization 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. 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. Uplift the voices of people without housing. Vote no.

Communication from Public

Name: Resident of Hollywood

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 10:28 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to you in support of Agenda Item #39 - Council File# 21-4118-S1 - Mitch O' Farrell's 41.18 motion that inc Barnsdall Park Barnsdall Park should be a no brainer when adding it to the list of 41.18 NO FUCKING CAMPING. In fact, everywhere should be included in this. Mitch O'Farrell's district is an absolute unsafe garbage dump and he's done nothing to help the homeless as well as the residents. This area has the Hollyhock House, which apparently you don't know it's a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Again - no brainer and if any of you had one, you'd use it and not have to vote on this. Nury Martinez - please keep a close eye on Mitch O'Farrell and Nithya Raman as they are running our neighborhood into the ground. It's blown up in terms of crime, drugs, homeless, garbage on the streets, no passages on sidewalks, sex trafficking and sexual abuse... It's pathetic you all let it get this out of control. You still want to hand hold but GET A FUCKING MOVE ON WITH THIS BULLSHIT and clean up the streets. I walked down Hollywood Blvd this afternoon and saw two young kids around 20-25 and one was sticking a needle in his leg near his ankle. He was drugged out of his mind. This was in front of CVS/Target and also tons of tourists. It's literally an every day occurrence now. THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. You all have let this once beautiful city turn into a dangerous trash can. You should all be ashamed of yourselves for continuously tiptoeing around this mess. I'm in support of everywhere being placed for NO CAMPING. Btw, where is Nithya's list of places? We haven't seen it yet. Please press her for it.

Communication from Public

Name: Caelyn

Date Submitted: 10/30/2021 01:08 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose LAMC 41.18 I support of our unhoused community members because the city does not have the means to provide safer housing for them and moving their settlements would only force these people to find refuge elsewhere. Until there is a more permanent solution than uprooting our unhoused neighbors and chasing them from park to park, sidewalk to sidewalk, it is immoral to pursue this action.

Communication from Public

Name: Janet Chu

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 08:04 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: As a parent of a 4th grader at Clifford Elementary, I find it crucial for the city to be able to enforce a safe zone around our school. As city dwellers, our kids have already witnessed enough disturbing behavior in our own neighborhoods and on the drive to and from school, but their school should feel like a safe zone. It's not fair to our children to feel scared when entering/exiting the school, or witnessing inappropriate behavior just outside the fence. In addition, when we drop off our children we enter into a "contract" with the school where they ensure the students' safety. This can only happen if they are able to keep the area directly around our schools safe as well. Please help ensure that our administration has the correct tools and resources in place to keep our children safe and in a great mindset for learning. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/01/2021 08:42 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Displacing visibly unhoused individuals does not solve the problem that has been endemic in our city. The number of permanently housed individuals from Echo Park sweeps was last reported as 4. The fact is there are simply not enough beds to house people, how will imposing this ordinance help them in the long run? Of course, the goal is to give people a stable alternative to encampments, encampments are mostly dangerous to those who live in them and yet are still preferable the other, very limited options this city provides. These are our neighbors and city residents, they deserve empathy and opportunity, not to be regarded as a nuisance to be swept from view.

Communication from Public

Name: Kira King

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 03:44 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I very strongly oppose designating Shatto Park as a 41.18 zone. It is cruel and dangerous to displace people who call this park their home with winter approaching. Shelters are full, and there is a severe shortage of affordable housing. Haven't we learned our lesson? Sweeps are completely unhelpful, stripping these unhoused members of our community of possessions integral to their survival on the street (like warm clothing and shelter). Displacing them from the location social workers and services know to find them and disrupting their progress towards sustainable housing... Sweeps only serve to further criminalize and exacerbate homelessness, only to move people a few blocks away. Mitch O'Farrell - please stop with your red herring "solutions" that are harmful to our communities. You have majorly failed. Instead, offer your ear to the leaders and organizers that are working tirelessly and strategically with our houseless neighbors to ACTUALLY provide sustainable housing to every citizen of Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Aeran

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 02:51 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I live in the Shatto Park area where my kid joined the City Park's outreach programs. But no more. Due to the homeless encampment, we don't go over there. We were forced to walk on the car way, not on the sidewalks. This is very dangerous and sometimes we encountered threatening people. I am in support of the ordinance which is 41.18 for SHATTO Park. Thank you for all your efforts.

Communication from Public

Name: Dani
Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 11:40 AM
Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I am an LA resident living near Koreatown, and I implore the LA City Council to vote no on the 41.18 resolution. It is cruel and unjust to push our unhoused neighbors from block to block, destroying their property and any sense of stability. Instead, I urge my council member to consider common sense solutions to homelessness: sanitation services, social support and additional caseworkers, and REAL, PERMANENT HOUSING. Time and time again, we have seen that there is only one real solution to homelessness. It isn't bulldozing over tents or trashing belongings. It isn't short-term shelters. It is homes. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Isabella Roland

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 11:27 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I was born and raised in Los Angeles. I have been working with our unhoused population for years and my father was homeless. Displacing human beings for no reason whatsoever except that you don't have the moral capability to house them or provide them with adequate services is disgusting. Stop prioritizing people just because they have the privilege of renting or buying property in LA. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Justin

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 11:51 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the council to reject this measure of further banishing the homeless under 41.18 and I want to speak about the children. I'm hearing a bunch of grandstanding and ignorance which is deplorable. The children actually need to learn and see the travesty that has taken place under this City Leadership and with the approval of their well-to-do parents. There are at least 60,000 unhoused in the County, today. From The City of Los Angeles' own website, through 2013 to 2021 you've only approved 22,735 units of 172,613 new units as affordable. This lack of new affordable housing has led to a huge growth in unhoused populations that we have witnessed today. This City Council is both responsible for the production of homeless through its approval over the years of market rate housing and additionally responsible for the increased homeless death that has occurred, homeless death jumping from at least 458 in 2013 to over a 1,000 in 2018 to 1,383 2020 this year. All this death that's going on, there's a term for this, it's willful negligence. You're responsible for this increased death that has occurred and you need to allow the homeless to shelter where they need to shelter. When we consider how this City Council has over the years approved a plethora of market rate, luxury developments failed to meet the income profiles of local residents as opposed to affordable housing that would, we understand that City Council has greenlit an overall process of extricating people from their homes onto the street, and is now through 41.18 greenlighting a process of extricating people from the street into the grave; you're responsible for the increased death that has occurred, and the death is still growing. Your continual actions are killing people and you need to stop killing people. Children, need to learn, they actually need to see this, the children need to see what their City Leadership is responsible for, and their well-to-do parents ought to answer the difficult question of how the homeless were put onto the street in the first place. This is a war about visibility, and erasing death and the truth from the field of view. Between incarceration and death, you are leaving the homeless with no options. You have no moral right to make the homeless invisible and you need to stop killing people by banishing them from sheltering in locations. Kevin de Leon, in approving 41.18, now running for Mayor, you've surrounded yourself in the company of

a violent of thugs in City Council. There need to be some dramatic changes or many of us privileged intellectuals people will be working diligently to prevent you from becoming mayor.

Communication from Public

Name: Velvet Yvette S Victorian

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 11:52 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Small providers are the answer. These mega organizations are getting a lot of money but are not getting the job done. We need refresh spot aka drop in centers ran by people who have the passion to do the work.

Communication from Public

Name: Adriana Abich

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 11:53 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Good morning Council members. My name is Adriana Abich, and I am the CEO of Camino Nuevo Charter Academy, a network of public charter schools with a 20 year history of serving the MacArthur Park community. Today I speak in support of 41.18 on behalf of the 3500 students and families we serve. We believe all students deserve access to a quality education in a safe and welcoming environment. This includes classrooms, school property, the paths our students walk to school, and the surrounding neighborhood. Unfortunately, since reopening campuses this year, there have been: Items obstructing individuals' right-of-way for getting to and from school Incidents when students and staff were attacked physically or threatened verbally and Incidents of inappropriate behavior directly on or facing school property Our students deserve to feel safe inside and outside of the classroom. We support ordinance 41.18 as a commitment to the well-being of our students and community. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Rachel Dukes

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 11:55 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Nitzan Barlev

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 12:06 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: We need to STOP criminalizing and banishing unhoused neighbors when we have NO viable alternatives for them. There has been zero good faith effort in complying with the Street Engagement Strategy. We need services, not sweeps and #HomesNotZones! The unhoused need accessible storage, bathrooms, showers, trash collection, and REAL housing, not an offer of bridge housing. Please do not displace these individuals and continue re-traumatizing them.

Communication from Public

Name: Aristani Rodriguez

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 12:20 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: The criminalization of the unhoused would not benefit them nor the communities they currently belong to. Displacing people from one block to another often would just keep the cycle of their homelessness to be ongoing. They will keep being called on and be displaced again every time. This also causes them to lose contact with any support systems that they currently have.

Communication from Public

Name: Sung Lee

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 01:14 PM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA City Council, The homeless encampment near Shatto Recreation center has made our community unsafe to walk along the sidewalks. I avoid that area if I'm walking. I will never have my wife walk in that area. The trash is everywhere. I strongly oppose have a homeless encampment in this area. Sincerely, Sung Lee