

Fwd: Council File 21-4118-S1 - Public Comment

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Mon, Nov 1, 2021 at 10:44 AM

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From: **Hollywood Resident** <hollywoodresident4@gmail.com>
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Cc: <hannah.cho@lacity.org>

To the City Clerk's Office: I have tried to submit a public comment at [this City website](#) several times, but have not been successful in getting the "Submit" function to work when I press the Submit icon. Therefore, I am submitting this public comment via email:

Public Comment

I am a ten-year Hollywood resident, and I am writing to support the pending resolution to designate and enforce LAMC Section 41.18 provisions at the existing encampments identified in CD 13 (CF 21-4118-S1), in particular, the encampments outside the Las Palmas Senior Citizen Center at the intersection of Franklin and Las Palmas Avenues. I live on the first floor of a residential building directly across from the Las Palmas Senior Citizen Center encampment (as Franklin Avenue is the boundary between council districts, I live in CD 4). I very much appreciate Councilmember O'Farrell's leadership in addressing the complex issue of homelessness, including his support of solutions such as tiny home villages and permanent supportive housing, much of which has been constructed in CD 13.

Maintaining the status quo and allowing the growing encampments to remain is NOT a humane solution and presents health, safety, and quality of life issues for unhoused and housed residents. Below is a summary of issues that have all emerged and rapidly grown over the past year-and-a-half in my neighborhood as encampments have emerged and grown along Las Palmas, Franklin, Highland, and other nearby streets and overpasses/underpasses.

1. Sidewalks are no longer accessible. Tents, furniture, and structures cover the entirety of sidewalks, so pedestrians have to walk in the street. This is particularly dangerous for seniors seeking to visit the Las Palmas Senior Center.
2. Fires are happening on a weekly basis. Nearby encampments are using electricity by running wires off of streetlamps and utility boxes. This is not safe, and encampment fires literally occur on a weekly basis in Hollywood (the most recent large fire happened on Oct 30 at El Centro and Hollywood Blvd), damaging nearby structures and threatening areas within the High Fire Severity Zone. My view of the Las Palmas Senior Citizen Center is of a blackened/dead segment of ivy that burned in an encampment fire (see attached exhibit).
3. Illegal dumping has proliferated next to encampments. At the Las Palmas Senior Citizen Center encampment, there are significant piles of garbage that never go away. Streetsweepers ignore the piles, and in the event that Bureau of Sanitation removes them (after countless residents file 311 reports, or in many cases, neighbors voluntarily work to clean up the area), the piles remerge within days. As the wind blows, the trash spreads through the neighborhood. It is remarkable how much trash exists along the curbs, streets, and sidewalks--in the heart of a tourist-oriented neighborhood which provides a first impression of LA (see attached exhibit).
4. Rodents have become prevalent day and night. The rise in trash has contributed to a notable increase in vermin running along the sidewalks day and night. My residential building is having a difficult time managing this growing issue on our own property, especially when the issue grows on abutting streets.
5. Drug use has become prevalent. I now see people dealing and using drugs every week. A semi-secluded portion of sidewalk/stairs along Las Palmas (north of Franklin) has become a common spot for these activities.
6. People have mental health episodes/screaming angrily (possibly also a reaction to drug use) on the adjacent streets now happens several times every day (and night). Several encampment residents pace the streets outside our building every day, screaming and acting violently. The unpredictability can be very frightening, especially when the screaming (which often includes violent threats like, "I'm going to f&\$% you up!") happens immediately outside your window and wakes you up in the middle of the night--it's honestly VERY scary. Items 5 and 6 in my public comment underscore how critical it is to provide drug recovery and mental health services to unhoused Angelenos. But allowing people to live on the street and go

unchecked as these issues grow is not a solution.

7. Trees are being killed, and safety is jeopardized. One of the angriest people who regularly paces the street yelling will direct his anger to street trees. It's not uncommon to see huge branches on the Franklin Avenue sidewalks that have been ripped off of trees during his angry outbursts, and in one case, he ripped down an entire small tree on the north side of the Las Palmas/Franklin intersection. Knowing his capacity to harm/kill trees, I worry what he might do to other living creatures/people during an unpredictable outburst.

8. People are breaking into our building. Residents of the adjacent encampment have increasingly been jumping over our fences to sleep in our elevators and outdoor common spaces.

These are challenging times, and there is so much more our City/society needs to do to solve homelessness, but maintaining the status quo of allowing encampments (and associated issues) to grow/go unchecked is not the solution. Thank you all for your consideration of Councilmember O'Farrell's motion.



Las Palmas Senior Center - Before and After.pdf

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Las Palmas Senior Citizen Center – Before and After
Images from Google Street View



May 2019 – note how clean the streets and sidewalks were



January 2021 – note the accumulation of trash in gutters and sidewalks (that never seems to go away). Also note the extensive damage to park landscape due to fires, etc

10-29-21

My name is Mireille Forcier and I am 67 years old. I am a member of the Las Palmas Senior Center and I come here every day to participate in classes. I take the dash to get here and it drops me off at the corner of Franklin and Las Palmas Ave. I must walk past the encampments to get to the center. The encampments block the entire sidewalk so I have to walk in the street with oncoming busy traffic. I am fearful for my safety when I walk in the street. I might get hit by a car. I support Council member O'Farrel's motion to clean up the encampments and I urge other council members to vote to pass this motion so we can have a safe environment.

Thank You

Dear Nicole:

My full name is James Edward Pratt, Age 71, Resident of the Montecito Apartments near the Las Palmas Senior Center in Hollywood. I am writing this to voice my support for Mitch O'Farrell's resolution for addressing this issue.

First, thank you for addressing this. For over 2 years, Las Palmas Avenue between Hollywood Blvd and Franklin Ave has been a homeless encampment. I am certainly for housing and getting all needed assistance for these unfortunates, but Eric Garcetti's approach (and I do blame him for this crisis) is a miserable failure. Especially in this time of COVID, how we have avoided a pandemic in Los Angeles with the homeless encampments all over the city is a miracle. Angels must be watching over us indeed. Certainly a city with L.A.'s resources could find a way of housing and attending to this homeless population by finding abandoned warehouses and other buildings that could be rehabbed to serve for this purpose and if necessary finding areas outside the city limits that could be designed to house the necessary shelters. You literally cannot walk on the sidewalk between Franklin Ave and Hollywood Blvd because of the density of the tents. It is a dangerous situation even in broad daylight.

This situation has become intolerable and must be radically address with all due speed. The City of Los Angeles can serve as an example to the world on how to address this problem. The only thing lacking is political will. Garcetti needs to stop playing politics with people's lives and the citizens of L.A. Again, thank you for addressing this.

Eddie Pratt
(Resident, The Montecito)

William J Squier

6650 Franklin Ave. Apt.1001
Los Angeles, CA 90028

squilly@mac.com
212.203.6389

10-28-21

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is William Squier. I am a 58 year old disabled person living in senior housing at The Montecito apartments, right around the corner from The Las Palmas Senior Center.

I am writing this statement to express my strong support of Council Member Mitch O'Farrell's resolution to enforce the no camping, sleeping and loitering ordinance.

I require a mobility device to get around. Two to three times every single day I feel like I am putting my life in jeopardy in order to take my emotional support dog Herbie out for a scoot around the block. Because of the homeless encampment that takes up the entire width of the sidewalk, I have two options. 1. Cross the street at Franklin & Las Palmas, which is a very dangerous intersection where I've almost been hit numerous times by drivers not paying attention. Or 2. Drive my mobility scooter in the road to get around the encampment, also very dangerous.

I urge all other council members to vote in support of this motion. I truly believe that doing so is likely to save at least one life.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'WJ Squier', with a stylized flourish at the end.

William J Squier

To Mayor Garcetti/Mitch O'Farrell & Councilmembers:

I, Edward Elkhenovich, am a senior resident living at 1776 N. Las Palmas Ave. Apt # 222, Hollywood, CA 90028.

I cannot walk on my sidewalk because all the homeless encampments on my street. Cars speed up and down our street and my life is in danger when I have to cross to get around the encampments.

Please revise and enforce the **4118 Ordinance** and have the homeless removed so I can live safely in my neighborhood.

Sincerely,

X Edward Elkhenovich

Date: 10/28/2021.

To Mayor Garcetti/Mitch O'Farrell & Councilmembers:

I, John Sean, am a senior resident living at 1776 N. Las Palmas Ave. Apt # 110, Hollywood, CA 90028.

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Sincerely,

X John Sean

Date: 10/28/21

To Mayor Garcetti/Mitch O'Farrell & Councilmembers:

I, Felix Schoen, am a senior resident living at 1776 N. Las Palmas Ave. Apt # 116, Hollywood, CA 90028.

I cannot walk on my sidewalk because all the homeless encampments on my street. Cars speed up and down our street and my life is in danger when I have to cross to get around the encampments.

Please revise and enforce the 4118 Ordinance and have the homeless removed so I can live safely in my neighborhood.

Sincerely,

x F. Schoen

Date: 10-28-2

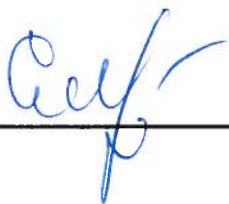
To Mayor Garcetti/Mitch O'Farrell & Councilmembers:

I, Valentina Samarkina, am a senior resident living at 1776 N. Las Palmas Ave. Apt # 117, Hollywood, CA 90028.

I cannot walk on my sidewalk because all the homeless encampments on my street. Cars speed up and down our street and my life is in danger when I have to cross to get around the encampments.

Please revise and enforce the **4118 Ordinance** and have the homeless removed so I can live safely in my neighborhood.

Sincerely,

X 

Date: 10/28/21

To Mayor Garcetti/Mitch O'Farrell & Councilmembers:

I, Zhorra Basgazan, am a senior resident living at 1776 N. Las Palmas Ave. Apt # 202, Hollywood, CA 90028.

I cannot walk on my sidewalk because all the homeless encampments on my street. Cars speed up and down our street and my life is in danger when I have to cross to get around the encampments.

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Sincerely,

X Tracy

Date: 28 10 21

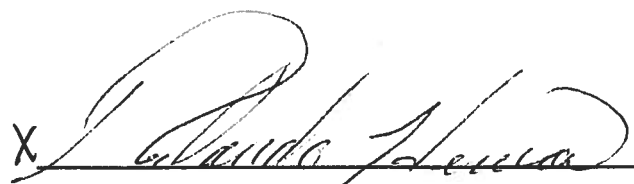
To Mayor Garcetti/Mitch O'Farrell & Councilmembers:

I, ALICIA & ROLANDO HERRERA, am a senior resident living at 1776 N. Las Palmas Ave. Apt # 113, Hollywood, CA 90028.

I cannot walk on my sidewalk because all the homeless encampments on my street. Cars speed up and down our street and my life is in danger when I have to cross to get around the encampments.

Please revise and enforce the **4118 Ordinance** and have the homeless removed so I can live safely in my neighborhood.

Sincerely,

X 

Date: 8-28-2002

To Mayor Garcetti/Mitch O'Farrell & Councilmembers:

I, Eusebio Román Jr, am a senior resident living at 1776 N. Las Palmas Ave. Apt # 120, Hollywood, CA 90028.

I cannot walk on my sidewalk because all the homeless encampments on my street. Cars speed up and down our street and my life is in danger when I have to cross to get around the encampments.

Please revise and enforce the **4118 Ordinance** and have the homeless removed so I can live safely in my neighborhood.

Sincerely,

X Eusebio Román Jr

Date: 10/28/21

To Mayor Garcetti/Mitch O'Farrell & Councilmembers:

I, Khanna Kozhenskaya, am a senior resident living at 1776 N. Las Palmas Ave. Apt # 201, Hollywood, CA 90028.

I cannot walk on my sidewalk because all the homeless encampments on my street. Cars speed up and down our street and my life is in danger when I have to cross to get around the encampments.

Please revise and enforce the **4118 Ordinance** and have the homeless removed so I can live safely in my neighborhood.

Sincerely,

x Kozhenskaya

Date: 10-28-21

To Mayor Garcetti/Mitch O'Farrell & Councilmembers:

I, Valentina Russkik, am a senior resident living at 1776 N. Las Palmas Ave. Apt # 204, Hollywood, CA 90028.

I cannot walk on my sidewalk because all the homeless encampments on my street. Cars speed up and down our street and my life is in danger when I have to cross to get around the encampments.

Please revise and enforce the **4118 Ordinance** and have the homeless removed so I can live safely in my neighborhood.

Sincerely,

X 

Date: 10.28.2021

To Mayor Garcetti/Mitch O'Farrell & Councilmembers:

I, Natalya Moysyenko, am a senior resident living at 1776 N. Las Palmas Ave. Apt # 206, Hollywood, CA 90028.

I cannot walk on my sidewalk because all the homeless encampments on my street. Cars speed up and down our street and my life is in danger when I have to cross to get around the encampments.

Please revise and enforce the **4118 Ordinance** and have the homeless removed so I can live safely in my neighborhood.

Sincerely,

X



Date: 10/28/21

To Mayor Garcetti/Mitch O'Farrell & Councilmembers:

I, George Kornilov & Inna Kornilova, am a senior resident living at 1776 N. Las Palmas Ave. Apt # 207, Hollywood, CA 90028.

I cannot walk on my sidewalk because all the homeless encampments on my street. Cars speed up and down our street and my life is in danger when I have to cross to get around the encampments.

Please revise and enforce the **4118 Ordinance** and have the homeless removed so I can live safely in my neighborhood.

Sincerely,

X Kornilov, Inna

Date: 10/28/2011

To Mayor Garcetti/Mitch O'Farrell & Councilmembers:

I, Svetlana Makaryan, am a senior resident living at 1776 N. Las Palmas Ave. Apt # 209, Hollywood, CA 90028.

I cannot walk on my sidewalk because all the homeless encampments on my street. Cars speed up and down our street and my life is in danger when I have to cross to get around the encampments.

Please revise and enforce the **4118 Ordinance** and have the homeless removed so I can live safely in my neighborhood.

Sincerely,

X ~~10.25~~ 

Date: 10.28.21

To Mayor Garcetti/Mitch O'Farrell & Councilmembers:

I, Maria Pacas, am a senior resident living at 1776 N. Las Palmas Ave. Apt # 214, Hollywood, CA 90028.

I cannot walk on my sidewalk because all the homeless encampments on my street. Cars speed up and down our street and my life is in danger when I have to cross to get around the encampments.

Please revise and enforce the **4118 Ordinance** and have the homeless removed so I can live safely in my neighborhood.

Sincerely,

X Maria f/oxdee pacas

Date: 10/28/2021

To Mayor Garcetti/Mitch O'Farrell & Councilmembers:

I, Tatyana Vinogradova, am a senior resident living at 1776 N. Las Palmas Ave. Apt # 301, Hollywood, CA 90028.

I cannot walk on my sidewalk because all the homeless encampments on my street. Cars speed up and down our street and my life is in danger when I have to cross to get around the encampments.

Please revise and enforce the **4118 Ordinance** and have the homeless removed so I can live safely in my neighborhood.

Sincerely,

X Vinogradova

Date: 10 / 28 / 21

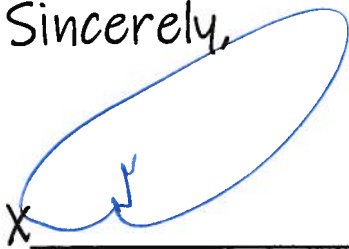
To Mayor Garcetti/Mitch O'Farrell & Councilmembers:

I, AKRAM EBRAHIM NEJAD, am a senior resident living at 1776 N. Las Palmas Ave. Apt # 102, Hollywood, CA 90028.

I cannot walk on my sidewalk because all the homeless encampments on my street. Cars speed up and down our street and my life is in danger when I have to cross to get around the encampments.

Please revise and enforce the **4118 Ordinance** and have the homeless removed so I can live safely in my neighborhood.

Sincerely,

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Date: 10-28-21

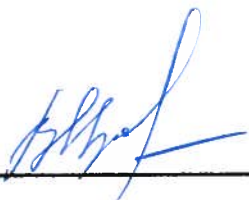
To Mayor Garcetti/Mitch O'Farrell & Councilmembers:

I, Valery Ciricunov, am a senior resident living at 1776 N. Las Palmas Ave. Apt # 104, Hollywood, CA 90028.

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Sincerely,

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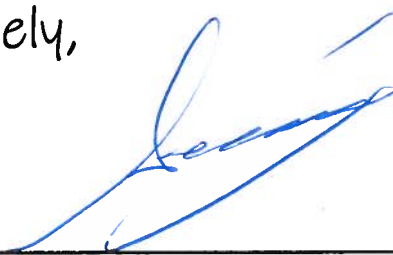
To Mayor Garcetti/Mitch O'Farrell & Councilmembers:

I, Armando Roman, am a senior resident living at 1776 N. Las Palmas Ave. Apt # 225, Hollywood, CA 90028.

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Sincerely,

X  _____

Date: 10-28-21

To Mayor Garcetti/Mitch O'Farrell & Councilmembers:

I, MARY ATROLIAN, am a senior resident living at 1776 N. Las Palmas Ave. Apt #303, Hollywood, CA 90028.

I cannot walk on my sidewalk because all the homeless encampments on my street. Cars speed up and down our street and my life is in danger when I have to cross to get around the encampments.

Please revise and enforce the **4118 Ordinance** and have the homeless removed so I can live safely in my neighborhood.

Sincerely,

X MARY ATROLIAN

Date: 10.28.21

To Mayor Garcetti/Mitch O'Farrell & Councilmembers:

I, Erlinda Revilla, am a senior resident living at 1776 N. Las Palmas Ave. Apt # 306, Hollywood, CA 90028.

I cannot walk on my sidewalk because all the homeless encampments on my street. Cars speed up and down our street and my life is in danger when I have to cross to get around the encampments.

Please revise and enforce the **4118 Ordinance** and have the homeless removed so I can live safely in my neighborhood.

Sincerely,

X Erinda Revilla

Date: 10-28-21

To Mayor Garcetti/Mitch O'Farrell & Councilmembers:

I, Ida Lomicle, am a senior resident living at 1776 N. Las Palmas Ave. Apt # 308, Hollywood, CA 90028.

I cannot walk on my sidewalk because all the homeless encampments on my street. Cars speed up and down our street and my life is in danger when I have to cross to get around the encampments.

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Sincerely,

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Date: 10/28/21

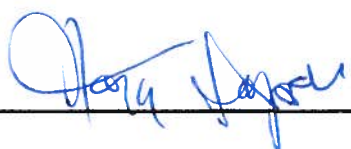
To Mayor Garcetti/Mitch O'Farrell & Councilmembers:

I, NORA LOPEZ, am a senior resident living at 1776 N. Las Palmas Ave. Apt # 310, Hollywood, CA 90028.

I cannot walk on my sidewalk because all the homeless encampments on my street. Cars speed up and down our street and my life is in danger when I have to cross to get around the encampments.

Please revise and enforce the **4118 Ordinance** and have the homeless removed so I can live safely in my neighborhood.

Sincerely,

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Date: 10-28-21

To Mayor Garcetti/Mitch O'Farrell & Councilmembers:

I, René D. Washington, am a senior resident living at 1776 N. Las Palmas Ave. Apt # 323, Hollywood, CA 90028.

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Please revise and enforce the **4118 Ordinance** and have the homeless removed so I can live safely in my neighborhood.

Sincerely,

X René D. Washington

Date: 10/28/21

To Mayor Garcetti/Mitch O'Farrell & Councilmembers:

I, ESTA LESHCHINSKAYA, am a senior resident living at 1776 N. Las Palmas Ave. Apt # 326, Hollywood, CA 90028.

I cannot walk on my sidewalk because all the homeless encampments on my street. Cars speed up and down our street and my life is in danger when I have to cross to get around the encampments.

Please revise and enforce the **4118 Ordinance** and have the homeless removed so I can live safely in my neighborhood.

Sincerely,

X Esty Leshchinskaya

Date: 10/28/21

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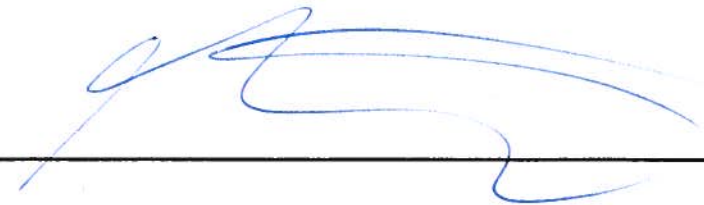
I, GREG Goetz, am a senior resident living at 1776 N. Las Palmas Ave. Apt # 105, Hollywood, CA 90028.

I cannot walk on my sidewalk because all the homeless encampments on my street. Cars speed up and down our street and my life is in danger when I have to cross to get around the encampments.

Please revise and enforce the **4118 Ordinance** and have the homeless removed so I can live safely in my neighborhood.

Sincerely,

X



Date: 10/22/21

To Mayor Garcetti/Mitch O'Farrell & Councilmembers:

I, Lucia Rogan, am a senior resident living at 1776 N. Las Palmas Ave. Apt # 108, Hollywood, CA 90028.

I cannot walk on my sidewalk because all the homeless encampments on my street. Cars speed up and down our street and my life is in danger when I have to cross to get around the encampments.

Please revise and enforce the **4118 Ordinance** and have the homeless removed so I can live safely in my neighborhood.

Sincerely,

X Lucia Rogan

Date: 10/28/21

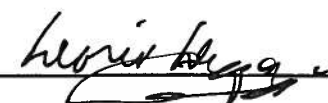
To Mayor Garcetti/Mitch O'Farrell & Councilmembers:

I, Dieges, Doris, am a senior resident living at 1776 N. Las Palmas Ave. Apt # 114, Hollywood, CA 90028.

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Sincerely,

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Date: 10.27.2021

To Mayor Garcetti/Mitch O'Farrell & Councilmembers:

I, Gregory Ayzenberg, am a senior resident living at 1776 N. Las Palmas Ave. Apt # 218, Hollywood, CA 90028.

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Sincerely,

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Date: 10.28.21

To Mayor Garcetti/Mitch O'Farrell & Councilmembers:

I, Flora Angelwyn, am a senior resident living at 1776 N. Las Palmas Ave. Apt # 220, Hollywood, CA 90028.

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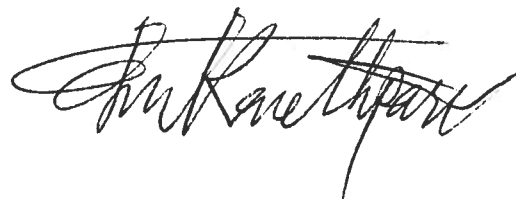
X Flora

Date: Flora
10/28/21

Request the homeless people remove
from my town.

We want clean and safty town for
the all of the people.

Kereth Park
1776 N. Las Palmas AVE. #223
Los Angeles CA. 90028



10/28/2021