Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember Soto-Martínez: I am a concerned resident, parent and business owner in Silverlake, and I vote in Council District 13. I am writing about the Council's 10–3 vote on August 18 to rescind the twelve 41.18 enforcement zones in Hollywood, East Hollywood, Silver Lake, Echo Park, and Glassell Park. I strongly oppose this decision to rescind the Section 41.18 designated zones as I believe it will bring more crime, drugs, fires, blocked accessibility and sanitation issues to the doorsteps of the people you are supposed to be representing. I usually do not have a strong opinion on things that you do (even though I am not in agreement with much of what you are doing), but this is going too far. I have seen an improvement since the designated zones have been enforced. Now you and 9 other council members want to take that away. The other 9 council members voted with you, but why only in our district? Why not theirs as well? Honestly, the city is having major difficulties keeping up with many issues and not just the homeless. We deal with day to day problems like potholes, not working street lighting (sometimes for months at a time), all kinds of vandalism, trash in the streets, and the list goes on. This is basically everyday in the district you represent. Now you want to add another issue that I believe will put further strain on your office which already has difficulty dealing with the basic needs. I live near the Sunset junction and have noticed an improvement in the past few years because nearby encampments were not allowed to flourish as in previous years. I have personally had unpleasant and sometimes confrontational encounters with homeless people up and down Sunset Blvd., Bellevue Park, Laurel and Hardy Park, Silver Lake Blvd. and other surrounding areas. These encounters have made me not only feel unsafe, but angry as well. As an added plea, please do not take away the enforcement at the parks. My business is adjacent to the Silver Lake Blvd/Sunset Blvd underpass — the first site listed for rescission on C.F. 21-4118-S14 . Before the 2021 4118 designations took place in CD13, we had major issues regarding homeless people displaying violence, drug use and dealing, prostitution and property damage. We have had much fewer incidents since 2021/2022. I'm afraid that if the encampments come back, my family, friends and customers will have to deal with those types of issues once again.

I am not an expert in mental illness or other issues homeless people deal with, but my experiences tell me that when homeless encampments are around, there is also a more dangerous atmosphere. Why did you spearhead this to happen only in our district? I understand your office's position that enforcement zones can complicate outreach. But constituents were told this change would be paired with services and with prevention of long-term encampments. We are asking you to put that commitment in writing. Specifically, I request that your office: • Publish a written plan, with timelines, for how the twelve former zone locations will be monitored, what outreach cadence will occur there, and what specific conditions will trigger city action; • Confirm in writing that the protections that remain law citywide — the 500-foot school and daycare restrictions under LAMC 41.18, the park camping prohibition under LAMC 63.44, and the sidewalk-obstruction and ADA-access provisions of 41.18(a) — will be fully enforced in CD13, and identify who in your office is accountable for enforcement requests; • Report publicly, at least quarterly, on conditions at the former zone locations, including encampment counts, fires, and crime reports; and • Commit to specific, objective criteria under which your office would support re-designating a location if conditions deteriorate. I am joining with neighbors, other small business owners, and our Neighborhood Council on this issue, and we will be following up with your field deputies, at public comment, and — respectfully — at the ballot box. We would welcome a meeting with you or your district director. Please include my opposition in the public record for Council Files 21-4118-S1 and 21-4118-S14. Sincerely, Glenn C. Resident and Business owner in Silverlake, 90026