

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 02/22/2022 08:13 PM

Council File No: 22-0158

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose motion in CF 22-0158, and any changes to the City's zoning regulations that would allow homeless shelters to be constructed by right in R1 areas, without regard to otherwise applicable zoning restrictions, location, or consideration of impacts on the community, and in any other zones where they are not currently allowed by right. I also oppose any proposal to make temporary or interim homeless shelters permanent, without regard to otherwise applicable zoning restrictions, location or consideration of impacts on the community. I would also want my Neighborhood Council to provide CIS on the proposed motion.

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Name: FRANK DEFURIO

Date Submitted: 02/22/2022 04:04 PM

Council File No: 22-0158

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose opposes the motion in CF 22-0158, and specifically oppose any changes to the City's zoning regulations that would allow homeless shelters to be constructed without regard to otherwise applicable zoning restrictions, location or consideration of impacts on the community. I also oppose any proposal to make temporary or interim homeless shelters permanent, without regard to otherwise applicable zoning restrictions, location or consideration of impacts on the community.

Communication from Public

Name: Judith A Esposito

Date Submitted: 02/22/2022 03:38 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: WE CAN NOT HAVE THIS PASS.... as we all know from non-stop first-hand experience, the Bridge Housing, and all the homeless projects have been magnets to hundreds of people from all across the country. The horrific crime, and filthy that we have all suffered must be remedied and NOT by making these homeless housings permanent! We have a convicted rapist living part time in the Ramada Inn !!! NO NO NO to CF 22-0158 Judy Esposito Venice Pamela Harbour Venice Pamela Harbour Venice

Communication from Public

Name: Rev. Caleb Crainer

Date Submitted: 02/22/2022 11:13 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing in support of Council File 22-0158 that would allow religious institutions to more easily meet the needs of our most vulnerable neighbors. Los Angeles needs to adopt an "all hands on deck" attitude toward addressing the housing needs of people experiencing homelessness. This motion would allow religious institutions to more quickly establish temporary shelters to help people in many different neighborhoods. Do you know where the nearest homeless encampment is? Do you know where the nearest shelter is? Religious Institutions have contact with neighbors living on the nearby streets regularly and many of us know them by name. Do you know what the median rent for an apartment is in your neighborhood? This motion would facilitate an important connection of resources and needs at the local level. This motion clearly states that these are for temporary shelters during a declared shelter crisis. I know how close people in my community are to living in their cars and then living on the street. It could really happen to anyone. We will only solve the current crisis by working together and this motion will help us do just that.

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Name: Olga Lexell

Date Submitted: 02/22/2022 09:36 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is a fantastic motion. I am asking my rep CM Koretz to pass this and help alleviate the pressure on shelters.

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Name: Venice Homeowner

Date Submitted: 02/22/2022 10:51 AM

Council File No: 22-0158

Comments for Public Posting: This Motion is yet another example of pandering to the Homeless Industrial Complex. How utterly hypocritical of Bonin to pretend that churches and synagogues are asking to provide housing for mentally ill and drug addicted homeless. None of those institutions will receive any funding since it is extremely unlikely religious institutions will want "wet" shelters and all the problems they bring located next to their synagogue or church. This motion allows nonprofits to continue to increase real estate portfolio at the expense of the hard-working, tax-paying citizens of Los Angeles. It will only further destroy residential neighborhoods. Between SB9 and this proposal, if passed, the quality of life in Los Angeles, already negatively impacted by the homeless and LA's failed housing first policy, will continue to deteriorate. LA has failed to hold the homeless service providers accountable. Millions and Millions of dollars have been spent with little or nothing to show for it. Just look at the Venice Bridge Housing-the number of people served and permanently off the street is so small as to be laughable considering the cost of building and running this facility.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew Marton

Date Submitted: 02/22/2022 08:41 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose motion CF 22-0158. This motion should not be fast tracked and communities should have an opportunity to provide input on it as it changes the city's zoning regulations thereby allowing homeless shelters to be constructed by right in R1 areas. This is an important community issue that requires input from your constituents. I also oppose any proposal to make temporary or interim homeless shelters permanent, without regard to otherwise applicable zoning restrictions, location or consideration of impacts on the community. I also want my Neighborhood Council to provide a CIS on the proposed motion. Please respect the concerns of your community and allow us to be heard.

Communication from Public

Name: Westchester/PDR Coalition

Date Submitted: 02/22/2022 07:33 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: We register strong opposition to CF 22-0158 because constituents and Neighborhood Councils in the city have not been given sufficient time to comment on the motion. Because of the requirements of NCs, it has been impossible for most to call special meetings, develop positions, and file Community Impact Statements. The filing of this motion on February 9, 2022, followed by an Agenda filed last week for a hearing today has deprived constituents and NCs has effectively denied the public of making input. This is not consistent with Due Process. Council Members Bonin and Raman propose that we waive those building and environmental regulations which could lead to people who are homeless being exposed to substandard building conditions and perhaps even being exposed to toxins. This motion, if enacted, would render many environmental laws, including the California Coastal Act, irrelevant. Mr. Bonin asks this committee to do this without sufficient time for public input. In addition, we note that the placement of homeless shelters in CD-11, Mr. Bonin's district, has not worked, as evidenced by the Bridge housing in Venice. The neighborhood surrounding that facility has become a crime hot spot that is dangerous for people who are homeless and also for other community members. People who have beds in the shelter also have tents outside the shelter, so the shelter has not had the effect of reducing homelessness. Rather, homelessness has increased exponentially in Venice. Mr. Bonin now proposes that make that and other temporary homeless shelters permanent--also on the fast track and without sufficient time for public input. We ask that this hearing be put over to give constituents and NCs the opportunity to respond. We also ask that this motion be referred to city departments for a study on how this motion if passed, would affect public safety, the city, and the environment. The study should also address how the waiver of building standards would affect people who are homeless and others. In addition, the study should address security measures and rules at homeless shelters that would be necessary to protect public safety if this measure were to pass.