

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Homeowners of Encino

**Date Submitted:** 06/22/2022 09:34 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0158

**Comments for Public Posting:** RE: Opposition to Council File 22-0158 Homeowners of Encino (HOME, a 501(c)(4) non-profit) is horrified by this motion. It is an insult to everyone's safety, serenity, and security. It turns Los Angeles into an even bigger open-air drug scene and untreated mental illness ward. Without public input, this motion can put a "homeless" shelter anywhere in the City, no matter how inappropriate it is to situate that shelter there. Unsheltered addicts and mentally ill, estimated to be over 70% of the street people, without demanding anything in return, enables the behavior we seek to stop. The City Council must understand that giving free shelter, free money, and toiletries without requiring treatment is counterproductive in restoring these people to productive citizens. People in the throes of addiction can only make decisions that advance their addictions and antisocial behavior. As a result, too many people die from drug overdoses on the streets. Michael Shellenberger MD has detailed practical strategies that are used successfully in Europe to stop the mentally ill and drug addicts from running amok in their cities. It is high time Los Angeles adopted some successful strategies that cities like Amsterdam and Lisbon have implemented. In those cities, one can walk safely down the street at 3:00 AM. You do not see open-air encampments, which are drug scenes and little rape villages. It is time that we already use the laws on the books to police and force people into treatment.; then following up with appropriate psychiatry, psychological counseling, and probation to ensure that these mentally ill and drug-addled persons get the treatment they need. So they don't die unremarkable preventable deaths on the street because the City of Los Angeles thought it was more humane for them to run wild, commit crimes on law-abiding citizens, and smoke crack and shoot fentanyl all day, every day. Therefore, HOME vehemently and resolutely opposes this motion Council File 22-0158 until the community has veto power over the inappropriate placement of homeless shelters. Eliot Cohen-President, and the Board

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