

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 11/20/2022 12:13 AM

**Council File No:** 22-1326

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not go along with Bonin giving 2.3 million to St Joseph's to help move homeless. Where is the money going. So much money has poured into the homeless these last years and nothing has changed. Just more homeless. We have our share in Westchester Playa del Rey, how about putting the homeless in Pacific Palisades. Will Rogers park off Sunset has restrooms and is perfect for their tents. We bear the brunt of air traffic and pollution the jets cause, also traffic problems. We have homeless everywhere threatening people in the parks using our cities as their trash dump. They need mental health care and drug and alcohol rehab, many are not from California! Why do we bear that burden too? Let our new council-member help our community. Bonin shouldn't have a say, the city council has been shameless on so many levels this needs to stop now! There has been no accountability on where the money is going. Lining pockets of our deadbeat politicians. No to Bonin's request. It's his final finger to those that expected better of him!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Heather

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**Comments for Public Posting:** This motion by soon to be ex councilman Bonin is unacceptable and I object to it. The recipients of this no bid, no plan and costly contract, St. Joseph's Center and LAHSA, have a failing track record of solving homelessness. They have received and wasted countless dollars with ineffective strategies that don't meet the needs of the unhoused and fail repeatedly. They continually use strategies like their disastrous Encampment to Home operations in Venice that only result in a waste of taxpayer dollars and punish those same taxpayers with the loss of public sidewalks, community spaces and recreation areas. The only apparent objective of this motion is to spend \$2.3M to move the unhoused in the Ballona wetlands to Westchester/Playa. Since the motion requires no bids and has no thought-out plan, it would seem to be just another move by Bonin to punish the Westchester and Playa communities that have fought him over and over to reclaim our public spaces and return them to their original uses safe and sound. Parks and beaches are for families, children and community events, Senior Centers should be open and safe for Seniors, and Libraries should have safe access for all. All sidewalks and walkways should be clear and safe for housed residents to utilize and enjoy. Many if not all of the individuals at the wetlands have been offered assistance, but they refuse to take it. Giving this enormous sum of money to unsuccessful organizations so they will simply relocate the unhoused and their RV's will not solve the actual problem. It will only succeed in Bonin's true goal of penalizing the Westchester/Playa community members that have fought him and his repeated attempts to permanently destroy our public spaces. Do not fall for this expensive motion lacking a bidding process and real plan. Do not approve this motion.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael S Ginsburg

**Date Submitted:** 11/20/2022 01:04 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I object to this waste of tax payer funds.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 11/20/2022 05:03 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My family and I are residents of Westchester, and we are shocked by this motion that would move RVs, other vehicles, and their occupants from the Ballona Wetlands in Playa Del Rey into the Westchester community. Many homeless vehicle dwellers will not park in the Wetlands because it is so dangerous there because of the RV and other vehicle dwellers who reside there. It is inappropriate for an out-going council member to decide to move these vehicle dwellers to our community, and we ask for your "no" vote. Westchester, unlike other communities in CD-11, has hundreds of units of permanent housing, 50 safe parking spaces (nighttime only), and several RV communities and tent encampments. We still have homeless people living in Westchester Park. Because of large concentrations of people who are homeless, hundreds of Westchester residents, including children and seniors, have been victims of crime. There have been shootings, homicides, robberies, incidents of indecent exposure with children as victims, attacks on children, and more. Concentrating more homeless in Westchester, when some other communities in CD-11 have no permanent housing and no safe parking, is not equitable and is not consistent with the settlement of the Alliance case because of this lack of equity. We have elected Traci Park who is well aware, I'm sure, of the requirement of equity in council districts as to where housing interventions should be placed. Westchester has more housing for homeless, either in existence or already approved, than any other community in CD-11, and Westchester has the only safe parking program in CD-11. Please vote no on this motion and allow Traci Park to employ a rational plan to clear the Wetlands, in coordination with her plan to provide housing and safe parking in a rational and equitable manner in CD-11. Thank you for your consideration.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ron Leigh  
**Date Submitted:** 11/20/2022 06:51 AM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** I object to using \$2.3 million of my taxpayer money to relocate homeless to Westchester Playa Strongly OBJECT.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sara

**Date Submitted:** 11/20/2022 07:49 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** It is well past time for The Freshwater Marsh/Jefferson Blvd. To be cleared. What more are we waiting for, there have been: at least 5 fires, a multi person shooting, unspeakable destruction of a "protected" natural area, the inability of inner city schools to visit/run their nature program, people left in filth and addiction, and on and on. The situation at the marsh is helping no one, and we have to stop pretending it is.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly object to \$2.3 million of my taxpayer dollars going to a no bid contract with no plan.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lily S Laykin

**Date Submitted:** 11/20/2022 08:03 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I object to \$2.3 million of my taxpayer dollars goint to a no bid contract to St. Joseph Center and LAHSA to move the Jefferson vehicle dwellers to Westchester/Playa with no detailed plan.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Erik Laykin

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## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 11/20/2022 08:26 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Good day, It has come to my attention that Mike Bonin filed a motion asking for \$2.3M to give a no-bid contract to St. Joseph Center and LAHSA to move the Jefferson vehicle dwellers to Westchester/Playa with no detailed plan. I cannot find any information about this plan anywhere. Where are the dwellers going? Last I read, there are about 60 RVs. Have public safety concerns been addressed? Can Mr. Bonin just spend millions of taxpayer dollars with no bid and no plan? As you may already know, Mr. Bonin has a reputation for not following policy (suits have already been filed) and his timing is suspect. Our next councilperson will be taking over next month. These dwellers have been on Jefferson Blvd. (The Wetlands) for years and their stay was extended in the spring. We can wait for this to be done the right way. As a homeowner here, I'm very concerned. I thank you in advance for giving this matter serious and thoughtful consideration.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lucy Han

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please approve items 86. The vehicle dwellers & encampments on Jefferson Blvd are destroying the Ballona Wetlands & Marsh. They are defecating, urinating, dumping septic tanks, disposing of hypodermic needles in these environmentally sensitive habitats. Stolen vehicles, bike chop shops and a meth lab exist here. The dwellers have assaulted residents. Others have been shot at. Per LAPD Report (5/9/22) ,the dwellers have caused a 266% increase in crime! Of the 49 most dangerous hot spots in the City, the Ballona Wetlands & Marsh are the ONLY "environmentally sensitive habitats". The dwellers were responsible for a 5 acre fire last year. There have been several more in the past month. Santa Anas will blow a wild fire onto the adjoining Gas Company and ignite their gas reservoir causing a major explosion. Thousands of residents would be affected and possibly killed. Endangered species inhabit this area. It is vital that these areas are preserved. LA is park poor. There is very little urban green space available in our city. The Wetlands/Marsh provide a space for people to recreate. Ancient burial grounds of the Gabrielino Kizh Nation Native American Indians' are being desecrated. This group is being discriminated against. It is imperative that these areas are preserved. Please return the Ballona Wetlands/Marsh to safe public use. We ask that you make this area a priority and approve item 86.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Glenn Kane  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly support this measure as a means to humanely resolve the crisis at the Ballona marsh.