

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 11:21 AM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to see the RVs and encampment moved away from the Ballona Wetlands. I have personally seen the massive negative impact that it's causing to the wildlife. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Jan

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 01:57 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

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.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 08:49 AM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: The homeless encampment is hurting our protected land and the animals. The amount of trash and filth that has accumulated needs to be removed as well as the people living there.

Communication from Public

Name: Pamela Stacey

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 09:54 AM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: Regarding the proposal to fund St. Joseph's to relocate campers on Jefferson Blvd. for 2.3 million dollars: - There are currently no details provided as a part of this motion to approve 2.3 million dollars in funding to St. Joseph's. How will this process begin and how will the money be spent? - St. Joseph's is not involved in wetlands restoration, after the encampment is removed, it will need to be restored. Is there more money being allocated to the restoration of this area? - Will any of the 2.3 million dollars be able to be spent on restoration of the marsh/wetlands, the perimeter of the wetlands and walking path? - Will any of the 2.3 million dollars be allocated towards installing k-rails or other preventative measures to ensure that oversized vehicles do not return after they are forcibly removed from this area? - Where will the vehicles be towed to and how can St. Joseph's ensure that these vehicle dwellers will not move into other residential areas or back into Westchester Park, Playa Lagoon Park and the beach areas? This years-long situation is disturbing, potential dangerous to motorists, bikers, pedestrians and destructive to protective wetlands. Our community needs details as to how the funds will be effectively and humanely administered and which entities, if any, benefit. Please understand the wider community is concerned and affected and waiting for appropriate action. Thank you, Pam Stacey

Communication from Public

Name: Karen Jones

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 09:55 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: For God's sake, stop listening to Mike Bonin, CD11's one-man wrecking crew! Bonin has done nothing, NOTHING in the last years of his tenure except allow our community, including people living in encampments and broken-down RVs, to flounder in filth and helplessness. He "supports" people getting into housing, but his methods have been abject failures. He cares nothing for the environment, nor for any reasonable idea for addressing our growing problems that don't support his narrow, stubborn, ego-driven ideas. This vote should be delayed until our new council member Traci Park is installed. Don't let Bonin, a lame duck whose vote could affect a very important issue with ramifications for a long time to come, decide this. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Neysa Frechette
Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 11:41 AM
Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of the Ballona Wetlands Housing Intervention Motion (CF 22-1326). My name is Neysa Frechette and I am the Manager of Scientific Programs at Friends of Ballona Wetlands. I lead our wildlife and vegetation monitoring efforts for our programs and have watched habitat at the Ballona Freshwater Marsh be destroyed over the last several years as the RV encampment spread into the protected area. We have had to re-route our tours and scientific research to avoid this area due to numerous hazards and risks to safety. Recreation at the marsh has severely declined in response to more than ¼ of a mile of the public trail (about one-third of the entire length) being overrun with the encampment. The few remaining visitors have been accosted by people in the encampment, attacked by dogs, witnessed drug use and step carefully over dis-guarded needles, fecal matter, and seemingly never-ending piles of trash and waste. Illegal fires and shootings also occur here. The RVs are leaking oil into the street that lead to the wetlands and appear to be dumping waste into the marsh and Ballona creek. This area is also being used as car and bicycle repair shops, resulting in chemicals and heavy metals being released into the highly sensitive wetland area. This is a crisis that impacts public access, public health, wildlife habitat, water quality, and more. These funds are desperately needed to find safe homes for the RV dwellers and repair the damage done to the wetland habitat and trail system. The Ballona Freshwater Marsh is an ecological gem in Los Angeles and home to more than 265 species of birds, including Federal, State, and Local endangered species. It deserves to be protected and repaired to continue to serve as a wildlife sanctuary and rare recreational opportunity for Angelenos with little access to the outdoors and even more limited access to wetland habitats.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 11:58 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of the Ballona Wetlands Housing Intervention Motion (CF 22-1326). I support the motion because I have participated in environmental research at the marsh and have seen wildlife habitat be heavily damaged by the encampment. Furthermore, as a researcher, safety is always an important aspect to what we do, and this shouldn't be something we should worry about. Additionally, green spaces such as wetlands have been found to improve mental health, so by providing safe spaces, the wetlands should be used for recreational and educational activities. By cleaning up the encampment, it allows for people to feel safe while also protecting the different habitats of the wetlands. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Cherie Thorp
Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 11:58 AM
Council File No: 22-1326
Comments for Public Posting: I object Bonins proposal to move homeless into playa and Westchester communities. His plan in Venice was an astronomical failure

Communication from Public

Name: Dr. Edith Read

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 12:06 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: As a biologist and manager of the Freshwater Marsh for the past 20 years I am voicing my strong support for the motion as described by 22-1326. For too long, public access to the wetlands, include access for people with disabilities and students from underserved communities, has been blocked illegally by this encampment. Our understanding is that housing has been found for occupants of the encampment and they will not simply be moved to another neighborhood. This is a win-win solution for everyone.

Communication from Public

Name: Kristen
Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 12:11 PM
Council File No: 22-1326
Comments for Public Posting: This is an important step in helping to conserve and preserve this wetland.

Communication from Public

Name: Joyce L Seldon
Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 12:28 PM
Council File No: 22-1326
Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to item 86 on the agenda 11/22 at 9:45am. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Amy Fadhli Raymond

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 12:55 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I vehemently oppose 2.3 million of my tax dollars for this ridiculous attempt to move RVs and dilapidated vehicles into my family neighborhood of Westchester/PDR. Once again, Bonin is trying to crowd all these RVs and derelicts into our neighborhood. We already have so many lining the streets around our home. We don't need more!

Communication from Public

Name: Tito Raymond
Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 01:07 PM
Council File No: 22-1326
Comments for Public Posting: I oppose spending \$2.3 million to move RVS from the wetlands to my town of westchester utilizing my tax dollars. Move them to a commercial area

Communication from Public

Name: Playa Vista Resident

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 01:08 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: The permanent encampment on Jefferson blvd at Lincoln Ave has created a filthy and unsafe environment for recreational use of the Ballona wetlands by Los Angeles families. I have also seen numerous homeless dangerously panhandling in the turn-lanes of the large, fast jefferson/lincoln intersection. The city needs to support immediately finding a better home for these folks and to stop condoning illegal, unsafe and unsightly permanent camping in our city. Nowhere else in America do we treat Ecological Reserves as a free-for-all anarchist campsite. Clean it up!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Tiffany

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 01:21 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a home owner in Playa Vista and am writing regarding the RV and homeless encampment on Jefferson next to the federally protected freshwater marsh. This encampment has been a problem for years and has gotten much worse. The encampment is hurting federally protected land with endangered species and has been a hub of crime, filth, and fires. I have personally witnessed the destruction of the marshland and increased crime in our neighborhood. I urge the committee to take action and relocate the homeless to housing and cleanup the mess that continues to pollute the protected land. Parking enforcement has been nonexistent and the lawlessness continues to harm the human and animal inhabitants of the area.

Communication from Public

Name: David W Kay

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 09:06 AM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, I am a property owner and resident in Playa Vista, Los Angeles 90094. I support the referenced Council action to transfer \$2,283,313 from the Additional Homeless Services General City Purposes Fund No. 100/56, Account No. 000931, Additional Homeless Services to the Los Angeles Housing Department Fund No. 10A/43, in a new account titled ;Westchester/Playa Vehicular Homelessness Intervention Program ;for the vehicular homelessness interventions within the Westchester/Playa vicinity of Lincoln/Jefferson Boulevards and the Ballona Wetlands. For far too long, unhoused persons and their vehicles have blocked access to the Ballona Freshwater Marsh, one of the premier birdwatching locations in the City. The failure of the City to enforce parking restrictions on this stretch of Jefferson Boulevard since the onset of the covid pandemic prevent any other citizens from parking there. Furthermore, the natural habitat of the adjacent Freshwater Marsh has been severely damaged by these persons who are living in an area designed only for limited daytime visits, for the purpose of enjoying the natural habitat. I urge you to approve this funding transfer and to execute its intended purpose; to relocate and remove the unhoused/vehicular-dwelling persons to another appropriate City location where proper services are available to serve their needs. David W. Kay 13060 Discovery Creek Playa Vista, CA 90094

Communication from Public

Name: Deepak Jain

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 09:16 AM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I have two young children and would love to bring them to the wetlands - however doing so with the current situation would not be wise. Please pass this measure to help restore the wetlands.
Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Anna Neil
Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 09:20 AM
Council File No: 22-1326
Comments for Public Posting: Encampment on on Ballona wetlands is putting in danger the federal protected land and hurting animals living there.

Communication from Public

Name: L Games

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 09:21 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The wetlands need to be saved before they are completely ruined. Please remove the RVs and all “campers” so this sensitive ecosystem can begin to repair and heal itself.

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Name: Theresa Smith
Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 09:34 AM
Council File No: 22-1326
Comments for Public Posting: No

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Name: Bill Smith
Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 09:37 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: No

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Name: M. Bauer

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 09:45 AM

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Name:

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 10:31 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support the removal of the homeless encampment due to the threats to wildlife and federally protected land there has already been several human made fires to the wetlands, as well there has been a major spike in crime to my neighborhood.

Communication from Public

Name: Yasmin Thadani

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 10:38 AM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the motion to move the RV's and Tents from the wetlands to the Westchester/Playa vicinity. All we are doing is shuffling them around to different locations and not finding solutions. Their circumstances have created an environmental hazard as well as safety issues for residents nearby. This is not the solution to helping the homeless, they need more humane assistance, public services and a more appropriate living environment. Shame on you, Bonin, for going under the pretense of 'helping them' - you're not.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 10:39 AM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not let Mike Bonin waste millions more dollars feeding St. Joseph Center and LASHA. The fact that these are non bid deals should say enough. We must do better with tax payer dollars. Please vote to reject this last minute middle finger from Bonin to CD11 as he departs.

Communication from Public

Name: Carolyn Everhart

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 11:06 AM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Council Members, I am writing to support the Ballona Wetlands Housing Intervention Motion (CF 22-1326). As the Manager of Environmental Education for Friends of Ballona Wetlands, I am proud that the original impetus for the creation of the non-profit I work for was the protection of Ballona Wetlands from further development of homes, businesses and more. Unfortunately, with the start of the pandemic, “development” of homes and businesses in the shape of RV’s, tents and full wooden structures, was allowed to occur along and within Ballona Wetlands, especially Ballona Freshwater Marsh. With the rapid growth of encampments and proceeding growth of trash and sanitation problems, the area became an educational resource that could rarely be used and then only with safety protocols in place and still plenty of concerns expressed by parents of participant children. With the passage of the funds described within Motion CF 22-1326, not only will the unhoused be provided the means and opportunities for housing and much needed services, but Ballona Wetlands will be allowed to recover from the damages seen over the last two years. Most importantly for me though, as an educator, is the return of Ballona Freshwater Marsh to the public as a treasured respite from the city and a place to explore nature. Friends of Ballona Wetlands will be able to once again fully use the site for educational field trips for students of all ages. Thank you for your consideration on this important matter. Carolyn Everhart Manager of Environmental Education Friends of Ballona Wetlands

Communication from Public

Name: Ammy Rojas

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 11:08 AM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: In Regards to Ballona Wetlands Housing Intervention Motion (CF 22-1326): LA City Councilmembers, My name is Ammy Rojas. I am an Environmental Education Coordinator for the Friends of Ballona Wetlands (the Friends). Our education program brings children from all over Los Angeles to Ballona Wetlands to create positive experiences in nature and inspire the next generation of nature stewards. Students who do not often experience nature in this way build meaningful connections and memories to carry with them as they continue to grow as lifelong learners. The Ballona Freshwater Marsh is a resource we would use to create these connections, and where we would often find birds flying above us or swimming in the water and talk about some of the unique plants that grow in this habitat. The encampments adjacent to the Ballona Freshwater Marsh (FWM) have impacted nature experiences like these in that it is no longer safe for the public to access certain areas. The impacts have harmed the native flora and fauna of this beautiful habitat and stripped people of a natural resource for hiking, birdwatching, exercise, and fun nature exploration. As colder weather approaches, I continue to feel sympathetic toward our unhoused neighbors and wish for them to have access to safe and suitable places to stay. I believe the funds allocated to this project will provide these individuals with any services needed and will support in housing the unhoused. These funds will also help bring back a valuable resource for all to experience. We urge you to please pass this motion. Thank you.
Best Regards, Ammy Rojas

Communication from Public

Name: Samantha Mariscal

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 11:09 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: November 21, 2022 Ballona Wetlands Housing Intervention Motion (CF 22-1326) LA City Council Members, My name is Samantha Mariscal and I am one of the Environmental Education Coordinators at the Friends of Ballona Wetlands. I am writing to support this motion to pass and use the funds to help the issue of the unhoused near the Ballona Freshwater Marsh (FWM). Growing up in the city of Los Angeles, I have always seen a battle with homelessness. Homelessness is increasing and has caused a greater issue for not only the unhoused, but the environment that these encampments surround. Unfortunately, there is an encampment near the Ballona Freshwater Marsh, a wetland that is home to native wildlife. I ask you to imagine this freshwater marsh, a natural space in a city where nature is extremely limited, and think of all the resources it provides not only for the wildlife, but for children in schools and the general public of nature lovers. Majority of the general public living in Los Angeles, do not have access to these inspiring natural spaces and become nature deprived. Nature deprivation is part of the nature gap, where Black, Indigenous, and people of color are less likely to engage in natural spaces. A natural space where children can learn about wildlife they never seen before or a space where adults can take a morning stroll and work on their mental and physical health. The outdoors and natural spaces inspire outdoor education and support different learning styles for young children and adults in the city of Los Angeles. The FWM is a natural space where Friends of Ballona Wetlands would like to host environmental education programming for schools and the general public. It is a valuable resource for the city of Los Angeles but, due to the encampment near the FWM this resource is currently not safe to the public. The unhoused people who have an encampment near the FWM need a secure and healthy living space where they do not become part of a problem to an existing wetland habitat that also provides environmental education for schools and the general public in the city of Los Angeles. Why should the city of Los Angeles keep this valuable resource away from those who are nature deprived? Instead, you LA City Council Members, can take a step in the right direction and pass this motion. Best regards, Samantha Mariscal Environmental Education Coordinator

Communication from Public

Name: Playa Vista Resident L.G.

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 11:16 AM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: Please clean up the encampments near the Ballona wetlands and Playa Vista. The area is filthy. There has been a significant uptick in crime, human feces on the street, and individuals with mental health problems wandering and sleeping in private patios in Playa Vista. There are multiple schools in the area, including WNS with encampments, trash, and needles next to it, not to mention late night damage to the school. Please help.

Communication from Public

Name: Tracy Thrower Conyers

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 05:06 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: This motion is so thin, it's laughable. A no bid contract for \$2.3M with no plan on the eve of Bonin's departure? This is pure pork for his cronies. He claims the model is his "successful Encampment to Home operations" in Venice, which program has been an unmitigated disaster. ?? ??????? ?????? ?????????????????? ?????????????????? ?????? ?????????????????? Wait for CF 22-1313 and wait for Traci Park (a candidate who won by an impressive margin) to do it in a more organized, comprehensive manner. Do not spend my tax dollars on the chaotic porky hand out contemplated by Bonin's 11th hour motion.

Communication from Public

Name: Kaitlyn

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 05:13 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Playa Vista, I am writing in support of the motion to provide supportive indoor housing for those experiencing homelessness along Jefferson Boulevard. The RVs and encampments are dangerous and unsafe for those who are living in them. Moreover, the situation blocks public access to the bike lane and ultimately severely limits public access to the Ballona Wetlands - in turn abridging the ability of the public to learn about and experience this natural treasure. There are few other wetlands remaining in Southern California, and it is our responsibility to protect them for future generations while equally, and humanely, supporting our neighbors who require more stable shelter.

Communication from Public

Name: Dana Millikin

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 04:54 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council, We do not need to spend \$2 million on another agency to come up with a "plan" to move people living in RVs along Jefferson Blvd. by the Ballona Wetlands. We already have plenty of agencies getting tons of taxpayer money to deal with the unhoused. Plus this will take unnecessary time to get St. Joseph's Center involved. The environment in the Wetlands is being destroyed every day by the waste from the people being allowed to park and dump their sewage and trash into this area. Please have the City use LADOT to get done this immediately. You are wasting our money on these schemes that just enrich the pet organizations of Mr. Bonin while they "study" an issue and come up with a new plan. The house is burning down! We don't have time to put together another "plan." We also do not need to waste the money to figure out what to do. You should be spending the money on the people who need housing not on yet another plan.

Communication from Public

Name: marcia basichis
Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 05:22 PM
Council File No: 22-1326
Comments for Public Posting: The Jefferson RV and homeless encampment is ruining the wetlands, creating crime and endangering the neighborhood with crime increase, drug addition and health issues. Please use this money to remove the encampment. Or at the very least enforce the overnight parking ban on this street and the obstruction of public sidewalks as well.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 05:28 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: Please REJECT this last-minute attempt by Mr. Bonin to squander yet more funds to shuffle the homeless around the Westchester/PDR area. Enough already! All of his previous attempts to "take action" on this matter have wasted millions to only exacerbate the problem and further deteriorate the quality of life of his property-tax paying constituents who have suffered the ongoing negative impact of the crime, drug and health hazards created by his failed policies. Our neighborhoods have unified for change, and Traci Park has won. Let's give her time to properly assess the situation and bring fresh air (literally) and a new approach to solving this horrendous issue that has worsened over time due to Mr. Bonin's "policies." Thank you - from an exhausted, yet hopeful, Westchester resident of 35 years. Enough already - we would like to see our lovely neighborhood restored to its former self as a family-friendly, cleaner, and safer place to live.

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Name: John
Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 05:33 PM
Council File No: 22-1326
Comments for Public Posting: I completely object to this motion !!

Communication from Public

Name: Neil Budde

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 05:46 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: Please approve items 86. This unmitigated ecological, humanitarian and criminal debacle has gone on long enough. 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, to say nothing of the hub of crime this formerly pristine, protected wetlands has become. These are not residents - they are illegal campers that are actively destroying a protected wetland and depriving the community of its use. The criminal element is using this as a home base to raid the surrounding neighborhoods, property crime has skyrocketed in our community. Several stolen cars, bikes, e-bikes, and other property has been traced back to this illegal encampment. Stolen vehicles, bike chop shops and a meth lab exist here. The dwellers have assaulted residents, and I have personally threatened while attempting to walk the trail with my dog. 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 months. 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.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 07:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Item 86- encampment must be removed from Jefferson, west of Lincoln. The amount of crime that is flowing into Playa Del Rey is unmanageable. Car theft is up, and feeling of being unsafe in Playa.

Communication from Public

Name: Eunice Yang

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 07:08 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I object to \$2.3 million of my taxpayer dollars goint to a no bid contract with no plan. As a taxpayer and resident of Westchester, it is absolutely unacceptable to pass such a ridiculous bid without any details. You would essentially be giving a huge handout to those that ALREADY have money!! I've had enough of the homeless community being able to live as they please without ANY restrictions. My family and I don't get to live where we please unless we can afford to live there!!!

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Name: Kyle Yang
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Name: Susan

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 06:28 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Agenda Item 86: (86) 221326 CD 11 CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (BONIN – RAMAN) relative to allocating funds and coordinating a comprehensive service-led response for housing and services targeted for vehicular homelessness at West Jefferson Boulevard, between Culver Boulevard and Lincoln Boulevard, near the Ballona Wetlands? and related matters. Recommendations for Council action? SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR: 1. DIRECT the City Administrative Officer (CAO), with the support of all relevant City departments, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), and the St. Joseph Center, to coordinate a comprehensive service-led response at West Jefferson Boulevard, between Culver Boulevard and Lincoln Boulevard, modeled after successful Encampment to Home operations in Council District 11, and incorporating best practices from vehicular homelessness interventions by West Valley Homes Yes (WHVY) and L.A. Family Housing in Council District 7. The operation shall commence only upon the determination by Council District 11 that housing and vehicular interventions are in fact available for potential clients, and will provide for a minimum of three weeks of active engagement with people experiencing homelessness at the location. 2. AUTHORIZE the transfer of \$2,283,313 from the Additional Homeless Services General City Purposes Fund No. 100/56, Account No. 000931, Additional Homeless Services to the Los Angeles Housing Department Fund No. 10A/43, in a new account entitled "Westchester/Playa Vehicular Homelessness Intervention Program" for the above described vehicular homelessness interventions within the Westchester/Playa vicinity. 3. INSTRUCT the General Manager, Los Angeles Housing Department, or designee, to amend the LAHSA General Fund Contract (No. C140706) to reflect the funding allocation as mentioned above. 4. REQUEST the LAHSA execute a new or amend an existing sole source subcontract with the St. Joseph Center for an amount of \$2,283,313 to implement the Council District 11 Westchester/Playa Vehicular Homelessness Intervention Program. 5. AUTHORIZE the CAO to prepare Controller instructions or make necessary technical adjustments, including to the names of the Special Fund accounts recommended for this report, to

implement the intent of these transactions? and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement these instructions. 4. REQUEST the LAHSA execute a new or amend an existing sole source subcontract with the St. Joseph Center for an amount of \$2,283,313 to implement the Council District 11 Westchester/Playa Vehicular Homelessness Intervention Program. 5. AUTHORIZE the CAO to prepare Controller instructions or make necessary technical adjustments, including to the names of the Special Fund accounts recommended for this report, to implement the intent of these transactions? and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement these instructions.

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Name: Ryan C Jansen

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 06:37 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: M Johansen

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 04:23 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose Item 86 on the Agenda for Nov 22,2022. Bonin's plan to give \$2+Million to St. Joseph to create a new program which will take time and staff with no timeframe, is duplicative to existing RV to housing services offered by the city. And I understand that those are available to begin immediately through LADOT and CAO. The wetlands can't wait for another agency to be developed. The damage to nature and environment is happening every day. Bonin shouldn't be allowed to impose his own criteria on all of us on his way out. Democratic representatives voice the the will of the people, not dictate and manipulate to impose his /her personal views and much less when it involves wasting city money paid by all of us taxpayers.

Communication from Public

Name: Jon

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 04:25 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: Agenda Item 86: (86) 221326 CD 11 CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (BONIN – RAMAN) relative to allocating funds and coordinating a comprehensive service-led response for housing and services targeted for vehicular homelessness at West Jefferson Boulevard, between Culver Boulevard and Lincoln Boulevard, near the Ballona Wetlands? and related matters. Recommendations for Council action? SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR: Crime and assault in Playa Vista has increased as a direct result of the homeless encampments located in the surrounding areas. The problem can easily be fixed by preventing 'overnight parking of any kind'. Or limiting parking to only two hours - if it is enforced with towing, not tickets that people can ignore. Wildfires have also been started in the precious Ballona Wetlands (sadly, which are dry tinder due to the drought. This not only endangers surrounding home structures, but it wastes emergency personnel time and endangers their lives putting out fires that could have been prevented by not allowing overnight camping and parking and homeless dwellings to occur in these areas. Playa Vista is known for being a very family friendly area with it's own school with young children, and large homeless encampments located nearby, and rising crime and drug use are a very dangerous combination that the city will likely need to pay for up front to remove and keep out, or when a young child becomes the victim of a crime due to the close proximity of these homeless encampments. That will obviously become a much more expensive and widely publicized problem for the city. It will happen. It always does. It just hasn't happened yet. Such a tragedy will cause very wealthy families (Playa Vista as I'm sure you know is one of the most expensive areas in Los Angeles) to leave and that will affect taxes, property values, the rating and future of the Playa Vista school, the jobs, and the surrounding smaller businesses who all depend on that wealth to stay in Playa Vista. Thank you for helping to keep our city safe. 1. DIRECT the City Administrative Officer (CAO), with the support of all relevant City departments, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), and the St. Joseph Center, to coordinate a comprehensive service-led response at West Jefferson Boulevard, between Culver Boulevard and Lincoln Boulevard, modeled after successful Encampment to Home operations in Council District

11, and incorporating best practices from vehicular homelessness interventions by West Valley Homes Yes (WHVY) and L.A. Family Housing in Council District 7. The operation shall commence only upon the determination by Council District 11 that housing and vehicular interventions are in fact available for potential clients, and will provide for a minimum of three weeks of active engagement with people experiencing homelessness at the location. 2. AUTHORIZE the transfer of \$2,283,313 from the Additional Homeless Services General City Purposes Fund No. 100/56, Account No. 000931, Additional Homeless Services to the Los Angeles Housing Department Fund No. 10A/43, in a new account entitled "Westchester/Playa Vehicular Homelessness Intervention Program" for the above described vehicular homelessness interventions within the Westchester/Playa vicinity. 3. INSTRUCT the General Manager, Los Angeles Housing Department, or designee, to amend the LAHSA General Fund Contract (No. C140706) to reflect the funding allocation as mentioned above. 4. REQUEST the LAHSA execute a new or amend an existing sole source subcontract with the St. Joseph Center for an amount of \$2,283,313 to implement the Council District 11 Westchester/Playa Vehicular Homelessness Intervention Program. 5. AUTHORIZE the CAO to prepare Controller instructions or make necessary technical adjustments, including to the names of the Special Fund accounts recommended for this report, to implement the intent of these transactions? and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement these instructions. 4. REQUEST the LAHSA execute a new or amend an existing sole source subcontract with the St. Joseph Center for an amount of \$2,283,313 to implement the Council District 11 Westchester/Playa Vehicular Homelessness Intervention Program. 5. AUTHORIZE the CAO to prepare Controller instructions or make necessary technical adjustments, including to the names of the Special Fund accounts recommended for this report, to implement the intent of these transactions? and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement these instructions.

Communication from Public

Name: Robin Lynn

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 04:07 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE AMEND this motion AS INDICATED BELOW OR DENY. We all want the wetlands preserved but now is not the time to give \$2.3 Million Tax Dollars to the outgoing City Councilperson and his preferred service providers with no oversight. If funds are allocated, they must be done under the control of our incoming City Councilperson. She must have the decision making power as to how the funds are to be used. She can then hold recipients accountable. Mr. Bonin has refused over the past years to account for funds that have been allocated to these same service providers. To provide funds at his discretion at this time raises substantial issues of impropriety. We constituents have voted for a new City Councilperson. She must be entrusted with this important task and all governance going forward.

Communication from Public

Name: r murez

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 04:09 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE AMEND AS INDICATED BELOW OR DENY THIS MOTION. For the past several years we have begged our City Councilmember to provide alternative parking so that the Ballona Wetlands would not be polluted and damaged by RV's parking along Jefferson Boulevard. For years Mr. Bonin has refused. IF funding is allocated at this time, it MUST ONLY be done such that our INCOMING COUNCILPERSON has CONTROL and DISCRETION as to where and to whom it is going. She must hold recipients ACCOUNTABLE for the funds. If not, this appears to be yet another taking of tax dollars and a gift to service providers whose success records are far from satisfactory. Despite requests for public documents, we have yet to see how the \$5 Million Tax Dollars Mr. Bonin took to clear the Venice Boardwalk nor the \$1.5 Million Tax Dollars which he took to clear the Westchester Park encampment have been utilized. This appears to be a FAREWELL BONUS from Mr. Bonin to his friends, or perhaps to a position which he HIMSELF will assume once out of office. It reeks of impropriety. THERE MUST BE OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE USE OF OUR TAX DOLLARS. PLEASE AMEND AS INDICATED OR DENY THIS MOTION.

Communication from Public

Name: Marian Eleanor McDonell
Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 03:42 PM
Council File No: 22-1326
Comments for Public Posting: I oppose this.

Communication from Public

Name: CATHERINE NUSLEIN

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 02:47 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: THE RV'S and Tent dwellers on Jefferson and Lincoln, are killing the eco system. There should be absolutely NO parking there, like always. Until BONIN, allowed it during covid. You are allowing 50 unhoused occupants to destroy the taxed wetlands that are for everyone to enjoy. We used to enjoy the wetlands, now it is not safe for anyone. There are fires, there are drugs, and there are guns. It is not safe to even drive by there at night for residents who are paying property taxes and own their homes. The occupants fight, do drugs, defecate in the marsh lands. This is entirely out of hand. Please get help for the unhoused and get them off Jefferson and Lincoln. It is not an RV parking ground. It is a road.

Communication from Public

Name: Tom Brewster

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 02:49 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: The idea that Councilman Bonin, in his final few days should put forth a measure without having the input of the people in his district or the incoming Councilwoman is ABSURD. If the idea is valid then this matter should be tabled and brought up at another time.

Communication from Public

Name: Mathias P Morris

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 02:51 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I Object to Mike Bonin's proposed spending of taxpayers money for a reckless plan that does not follow the wishes of citizens living in the area. We have elected Tracy Park and no monies should spent without her authorization and support

Communication from Public

Name: Gina Cruz

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 03:16 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: As a long time resident of Westchester (Los Angeles) 90045 I am asking the Mr. Bonin's plan to request and approve over \$2 million for use by St. Joseph's to address homeless issues be rejected. The proposal is not well prepared and there do not seem to be any concrete plans or timeline associated with it. Dollar after dollar has been thrown at this issue with very small results. Please hold off on further waste of funds until our new city council member is in place for CD11. As a taxpayer, I would appreciate a well thought out plan and not just moving people in need from one place to another without respect for a long term plan that protects not just the unhoused but the neighborhoods affected by these actions. The neighbors have been ignored in these matters for too long. Please help us to protect the neighborhoods, those in housing need and our environment. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Jason Vishnefske

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 03:34 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I've seen several rats and mice running around the parked campers along the road. I suspect there is likely a health emergency brewing due to the unsanitary conditions the people living there keep. The rodents are natural inhabitants of the wetlands and now the people have encroached on the natural habitat and brought in food, trash and unsanitary human waste disposal. This propagates more rodents and can lead to fleas and disease among the humans. I think this is a bad situation that could explode.

Communication from Public

Name: LeAngela Davis
Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 03:35 PM
Council File No: 22-1326
Comments for Public Posting: Our public lands/marshes are being destroyed by the RV's lining Jefferson. We are seeing constant fires and folks living in squalor.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 01:25 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: It's really important to move the homeless at the Ballona Wetlands. This is a nature preserve that's being severely damaged by the fires, trash, human waste and killing of fish and birds for food. It's also a huge traffic hazard. Please move the unhoused and those living in vehicles to a place where they can get services and not impact a delicate eco-system.

Communication from Public

Name: Chrissy

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 11:50 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I object to last minute motion and allowing any amount of funds to go to a cause without any plans to help and solve a problem. Of what I have read since I have not been up on the current events, we continue to spend money to bandage a problem, or move it to another spot and there are no plans to help the person's needs once they get a room to lay their head. What happens the next day, week for this person. How about their future with an ability to care for themselves, to be self sufficient and be a proud citizen that they are making it with a job and putting a roof over their heads. You remove and house the first group of people living on the streets, but there are no answers about the next group who moves in. I believe the city has proven they can clear the people making the streets/sidewalks their homes, but they have not got answers how to help and stop the next group of people that comes along. We need to find the root of the cause of people who end up homeless. There are those who need the extra help with temporary housing, etc..., but there is a good portion of the population on the street needs medical, psychological help how to turn their thinking around that this lifestyle is not good for them. Unfortunately, I understand some are set in their ways, do not want to be controlled and mentally cannot change. We need to make their lives comfortable and we have to accept they might lose some of their rights, but hopefully we can find a sympathetic solution we can agree on to care for them. We need a plan how we can turn around those who can change before it gets to far gone the person in their ways. Hopefully in a couple of generations, we can reduce a lot with this mind set one can do whatever they want without consequences. It might start at a young age and if we can see a person has the start of hopelessness, maybe a support group setting to make these people feel they are not alone, we can get them on a better path in life. One might have to be discouraged with intaking the fun of drinking, drugs and letting go of their responsibilities if they have a family. I hope as a group of all concerns, can find a medium of how to enforce not to have people break the law with punishment/fees, making contact with other family/friends and to work with them to help the trouble person. We need input of all walks in life to find a solution in helping those who cannot help themselves. I do not know what Ms. Parks have in mind with the homeless on our streets, but she was voted

in by the citizens in this district and let her state her proposals. Hopefully she will have real solutions. Mr. Bonin had his time in office and the public has spoken he and his choice of candidate was not what the public wanted. We do not need to throw money without plans, answers how they will spend and improve the particular problem. People have plans and it is a good photo op to see a certain street cleared and clean, but in the long run, it did not fix the problem or provide hope for the rest of the homeless, and it was only a very small percentage of the L.A. City's homeless issue. One street vs. how many more streets, underpasses, abandoned homes, empty lots, public places that continue to have homeless and the negatives it brings in their neighborhood. Finding the root of the problem, starting help before things get out of hand, might be a path towards the other ills that affects other negatives in L.A. with the crimes, gangs, lost hope in kids in abandoned/broken households, lack of basic skills in education and learning a trade, etc... In closing, I would be more convinced for those who keep wanting our taxpayers to throw more money in feel good solutions, those people should adopt/sponsor a homeless person. Take the person in their home, help mentor them, get them back on their feet, etc... The Westside might have an extra bedroom in their homes to bring in a person, especially those who are empty nesters. Prove to me, you practice what you preach.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 08:44 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: My husband and I, longtime Westchester homeowners, are totally opposed to the latest Bonin proposal regarding more money to create more homeless shelters in Westchester. Again, there is no plan and impact research to address the safety of the Westchester Community and its housed citizens to achieve a positive solution for all. Why is he “pushing” this when this needs clear detailed planning and an impact study. His successor, Tracie Park should be the implementor of any new homeless shelters and decide where our tax \$\$\$ should be BEST utilized. Bonin’s track record is very disappointing and certainly should not be allowed to continue.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 06:26 PM

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 09:03 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly object to \$2.3 million of my taxpayer dollars going to a no bid contract to St. Joseph Center and LAHSA to move the Jefferson vehicle dwellers to Westchester/Playa with no detailed plan. I strongly oppose the movement of the RV dwellers into the Playa Vista and Westchester communities. 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. 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:

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 09:06 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose item 86

Communication from Public

Name: B Ruck

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 09:52 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: Please PLEASE PLEASE do something, anything, about the RV encampments that have been plaguing the wetlands. It is an open air chop shop for stolen cars and other criminal behavior, in an otherwise nice neighborhood.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 10:14 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: Please dont approve this 2.3 million dollar no bid contract. It's half baked.

Communication from Public

Name: Leo Turgeon

Date Submitted: 11/21/2022 10:56 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to see the wetlands cleared of the RV camps that have created so much damage. I am opposed to the Bonin proposal that will delay this process,