

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Committee Members, I urge you to reject approval of today's resolution, for the following reasons: The population it specifically targets is comprised of overwhelmingly disadvantaged residents - evicted, impacted, local service-reliant, poor and otherwise denied or lacking equal access to resources and benefits that should be available to, and are expected for, all members of our society. The resolution provides no background support for its action, standing alone as a "swat-the-fly" initiative. It fails to invoke, much less acknowledge, lessons from fifteen years or more of prior and ongoing experience with historical instances of, and action (including the fraught 85.02 order - increasingly deployed "under the radar" until final expiration, mobile showers, safe parking and more) to address and relieve mobile homelessness, wrongful eviction and transient homelessness - both in the Los Angeles area and several locations inside and outside California, each of which provided multiple generations of your body with significant positive choices to help craft effective temporary and permanent solutions to the issues that underlie the fly-on-the-curb swatting nature of this resolution as currently crafted. Out tax dollars provide Councilmembers with significant staff and resources to map, explore and incorporate the history of what did and didn't work here and elsewhere since 2010 and before. Recognizing that two or more powerful, extraordinarily well-financed "nonprofits" have exerted undue and often rowdy influence to frame the issue as "property owners' rights," the bottom line is that our City Council bears authority and responsibility for evening the odds so that voiceless and resource-bereft Angelenos have the opportunity, if not to thrive as does the mainstream, at least to survive without demonization and marginalization by members of the healthy and wealthy population. Some years ago, when I heard that a good friend had moved to Oregon and was traveling home from his summer stay in Mexico, I invited him to come visit our unique coastal Venice. He had driven his recreational vehicle all over the nation and south - and north - of our borders, visiting family and friends and enjoying early retirement. Howard thanked me and declined my invitation, specifically because of his knowledge that Los Angeles - and, in particular, Venice - had developed a reputation as cruelly inimical to people who drive recreational vehicles. With

overbroad parking and enforcement challenges, and with attacks on recreational vehicle users and their vehicles by neighborhood operatives, he had neither stomach nor tourist interest in traveling anywhere near our City of Angels. Please accept this good-will reminder that, regardless of of whoever paid the most money to elect you, your job description requires that you represent all of us. You have the resources to do this right. Please take the time. Again, please reject this short-order resolution, and keep in mind your reconsideration period between now and the next meeting should you realize that you voted "Yea" when you wish you had voted "Nay." Thank you, Jed Pauker For information only:
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