Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 01/21/2023 09:46 PM

Council File No: 23-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I fully support Council Member Traci Park's decision to enforce 41.18 at certain locations. I welcome more locations of enforcement and find horribly distasteful that we keep denying residents the right to safety in our public spaces. It is a disgrace to allow humans to perish on the streets whether they choose to do so or not.

Communication from Public

Name:	Laura
Date Submitted:	01/21/2023 03:43 PM
Council File No:	23-4118-S1
Comments for Public Posting:	I agree that sensitive land areas should be designated as such and protected from encampment.

Communication from Public

Name: Mark Ryavec
Date Submitted: 01/21/2023 03:55 PM
Council File No: 23-4118-S1
Comments for Public Posting: Venice Stakeholders Association, a non-profit organization committed to civic improvement and public safety, strongly endorses the designation of these parks and sites, in particular the Venice Beach Recreation Area and the Special Enforcement and Cleaning Zone centered on Sunset Avenue and Main Street in Venice, for application of the prohibition of lying, sitting, or sleeping or storage of personal possessions, as allowed by LAMC 48.18. For too long the city's failure to enforce any commonsense limits on sidewalk camping in proximity to residences and public parks have greatly harmed the lives of residents and visitors to Venice alike. This lack of enforcement of even existing ordinances in the Venice Beach Recreation Area has served to make it a magnet for the nation's mentally ill and drug-addicted homeless, while depriving the public of a recreational venue that was once drew almost as many visitors as Disneyland. The failure to enforce the "tents down" rule and maintain constant ADA passage along Third Street first led to a squalid third-world camp there, which in recent years grew to Hampton and Sunset with the coming of the Bridge Housing facility. These misguided policies of the previous administration represented an exercise in enablement of the truly self-destructive behavior of many homeless individuals, rendering camping outside more attractive than working to get off the street or returning to their home state. The City Council and city residents can be assured that "roping off" these few areas from camping will still leave a couple thousand miles of sidewalks throughout the city open for this audience until the new Inside Now program and other services can provide them shelter. Mark Ryavec, President/33-Year Resident of Venice, Former Community Officer, Venice Neighborhood Council

Communication from Public

Name:	Amahl Fadhli Raymond
Date Submitted:	01/21/2023 06:29 PM
Council File No:	23-4118-S1
Comments for Public Posting:	Please vote “yes” on Traci Park's order to implement 41.18 in CD11. Safe passage and usage of these sensitive areas where children & the elderly regularly visit should be protected against the trash, feces, drug use, & crime these encampments bring.

Communication from Public

Name: Zsuzsi Steiner
Date Submitted: 01/21/2023 05:01 PM
Council File No: 23-4118-S1
Comments for Public Posting: Westchester Park is an important park in my family's life. We use the playground and field space weekly. The public library is also a place we frequent often. In order to feel safe there, we support the motion to not let encampments reside in this area. My children need this space to continue to grow and thrive. During the encampments, we never went to the park. As a mother, I did not feel safe. Please do not allow encampments at the Westchester Park. The other places listed on this proposal are also places we frequently drive past. My children have often asked about the homeless and how horrible it would be to not have a bed. Allowing people to sleep on the street is awful. My children should not have to try to navigate why this is allowable when it's such a horrible way of life that we must walk/drive-by daily.

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 01/21/2023 05:17 PM
Council File No: 23-4118-S1
Comments for Public Posting: Very strong support for this motion. When people obviously struggling to care for themselves are given more latitude to get worse why is it presumed they'll get better? If any private citizen acted this way child endangerment, elder abuse, human neglect and endangerment charges would be filed. If someone died as the result of these conditions manslaughter to murder charges would be quickly filed. Yet the same worsening public heath, fire and safety hazards have led to hundreds of deaths while the march of madness to provide greater allowance has continued with impunity for accountability in the face of a high cost of life. When problems get worse it is a fairly good bet their diagnosis is wrong. When there is no accountability trickling down from the top it is a guarantee accountability will be lacking at every social level bearing heaviest on those in the greatest need. The Skid Row solution has only gotten worse for decades. Why would employing the same formula citywide be expected to make things better? The mental problem is not only with those suffering on the street. It is in the minds of people claiming things will get better as long as we continue to make them worse. We have enough evidence. Why not take a breath to consider a different approach may be sane enough to actually help? Insanity is commonly defined as doing the same thing and expecting a different result. We know what doesn't work.

Communication from Public

Name:	Victoria
Date Submitted:	01/21/2023 05:29 PM
Council File No:	23-4118-S1
Comments for Public Posting:	First identify an acceptable bed for the person that will be uprooted as well social services before eliminating the camp. Then, and only then, is it appropriate and humane to disband a camp. Although Bonin's method was slow, it helped to make sure the homeless person doesn't just camp out somewhere else.

Communication from Public

Name:	JANET SHAW
Date Submitted:	01/21/2023 03:02 PM
Council File No:	23-4118-S1
Comments for Public Posting:	As a 30-year Venice resident and homeowner, we fully support Traci Park in her plan to help keep our neighborhood safe and clear of encampments. The creation of a safe perimeter zone is the only logical solution for all. We have found too many discarded needles, human excrement, and other hazards as we walk the sidewalks of Venice. Our daughters have been cursed at, had things thrown in front of them, and risked their safety to avoid passing encampments - this is not acceptable. It is time for our city government to finally allow a leader to make bold changes to protect all of us, including the unhoused. Please vote YES on 41.18 safe perimeters. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:	Noreen Ahmed
Date Submitted:	01/21/2023 02:18 PM
Council File No:	23-4118-S1
Comments for Public Posting:	It is concerning how much priority is giving to outlawing places for those who are displaced. A state of emergency means you triage-- those who have an exponentially higher risk of death, assualt and/or further displacement should be prioritized. This City celebrates creating temporary housing with unconscionable, dehumanizing conditions and puts their focus on constituents who live in fear but have a low risk of being harmed. For those who are being harmed on a near daily basis, they are not heard. They are swept into one monolith that includes the people on the streets who are actually dangerous (there are housed people who talk as though they are targets when really countless vulnerable people who fear police are the ones facing constant assualts). If this City truly wants to end homelessness, they need to do what was not done during the era of "Separate but Equal" and for all the decades afterwards; they need to listen to those who are suffering the most. 41.18 won't protect them or end homelessness. The safety and voice of the most vulnerable is essential to creating peaceful conditions for EVERYONE in this city. Additionally, LA needs to work on making homelessness a national priority. For those of you fearing an influx of people flocking to LA for resources as homelessness is mitigated, put your energy towards making sure vulnerable people are better cared for everywhere rather than spend your time banning them from the places you don't want to see them (pretty much everywhere).

Communication from Public

Name:	BKL
Date Submitted:	01/21/2023 02:32 PM
Council File No:	23-4118-S1
Comments for Public Posting:	The first step in protecting our city and children is the cleaning up of a homeless encampments and creating a protected zone near libraries, parks, schools and other designated sensitive areas. Please enforce the law and support residents and parents and caregivers in giving our children an opportunity to go to school, the park and the library.

Communication from Public

Name:	Craig Ribeiro
Date Submitted:	01/21/2023 08:48 PM
Council File No:	23-4118-S1
Comments for Public Posting:	OK here is my comment on the situation: the homeless encampments cannot be 500 feet from storm drains for all the diseases that can go in their urine. The rat problem needles. Fecal matter all the single ride into the storm drains into the ocean. The rat problem is also beyond and with all the encampments everything going underneath and the rats in the homeless getting bitten by rats at night is a huge problem from this there are so many homeless being bitten by rats they can't sleep. And wraps or nocturnal. With typhus going on and MERSA out there AND MANY OTHER DISEASES vomit can get under the encampment and urine as we have all SEEN… the sidewalks need to be clean and safe for kids, mommies babies, dogs, and kids, and everybody else and the crime that this brings to the areas as well as hoard trafficking drugs, criminals, hiding prostitution it is no secret

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 01/21/2023 08:53 PM
Council File No: 23-4118-S1
Comments for Public Posting: I fully support Ms Park's effort to have 41.18 enforced to restrict encampments around schools, parks, libraries and other sensitive areas. I am a 20+ year resident of CD 11.

Communication from Public

Name:	Barbara R Kolod
Date Submitted:	01/21/2023 09:10 PM
Council File No:	23-4118-S1
Comments for Public Posting:	Please get these people help. Good luck and thank you for your work.

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 01/21/2023 09:30 PM
Council File No: 23-4118-S1
Comments for Public Posting: I am extremely supportive of the 41.18 designation for CD11. It defies logic how anyone could argue with safeguarding children coming and going from schools and parks. Enough is enough. Children matter and rely on adults to make good decisions for their wellbeing. But why not do the entire city 41.18 and at the same time erect a FEMA emergency shelter so there is a place for all homeless temporarily while longer term housing is built instead of the streets and sidewalks? Simply protecting small areas without provisional housing just moves the encampments down the street or to the next community. I know firsthand. Clearing Venice encampments moved those who refused housing to my community and now we are experiencing significantly higher violent crimes.

Communication from Public

Name: Josh
Date Submitted: 01/21/2023 08:49 AM
Council File No: 23-4118-S1
Comments for Public Posting: We 100% support traci park's no camping motion.

Communication from Public

Name:	Robin Acutt
Date Submitted:	01/20/2023 08:41 PM
Council File No:	23-4118-S1
Comments for Public Posting:	Please support Traci Park's motion for safe spaces in Venice & Del Rey to protect children at play.

Communication from Public

Name:	Michael
Date Submitted:	01/20/2023 11:21 PM
Council File No:	23-4118-S1
Comments for Public Posting:	Criminalizing homelessness is not the solution. Council member Park should show some empathy for once and work to find housing. Maybe take some money from the cops to actually help people.

Communication from Public

Name: Mark Barshop
Date Submitted: 01/21/2023 09:18 AM
Council File No: 23-4118-S1
Comments for Public Posting: Support Traci Park cleaning up public spaces

Communication from Public

Name:	Corey Spound
Date Submitted:	01/21/2023 09:19 AM
Council File No:	23-4118-S1
Comments for Public Posting:	Please support this initiative to help create law, order and safety in our city. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:	Marjorie Platzker
Date Submitted:	01/21/2023 09:25 AM
Council File No:	23-4118-S1
Comments for Public Posting:	I support Traci Park's 41.18 city law no camping ordinance to protect sensitive land uses.

Communication from Public

Name: Corinne
Date Submitted: 01/21/2023 09:26 AM
Council File No: 23-4118-S1
Comments for Public Posting: I absolutely endorse this.

Communication from Public

Name:	Courtney Paulson
Date Submitted:	01/21/2023 01:22 PM
Council File No:	23-4118-S1
Comments for Public Posting:	I am in full support of Councilmember Park's resolution, and ask for your "yes" vote. After living in Venice for over 15 years, I moved out of the area due to the inability to continue to visit the Venice Library, Linnie Park and the surrounding areas without feeling unsafe. I now live in Westchester where our seniors are currently experiencing the same level of safety concerns at our park, where their center is located. Our public spaces must be kept clean, safe and secure so that they can be enjoyed by all members of our local community.

Communication from Public

Name:	Jon Wolff
Date Submitted:	01/21/2023 12:31 PM
Council File No:	23-4118-S1
Comments for Public Posting:	Traci Park's recent "cleaning up" of unhoused people from Venice is too reminiscent of the German Einsatzgruppen during World War II making towns and villages "Judenrein", which meant "cleansed of Jews". History will judge the actions of Park and her collaborators.

Communication from Public

Name:	Marilyn L REILLY
Date Submitted:	01/21/2023 11:09 AM
Council File No:	23-4118-S1
Comments for Public Posting:	All areas subject to public use should be clear,clean and safe for all.

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 01/21/2023 11:14 AM
Council File No: 23-4118-S1
Comments for Public Posting: I am in favor of using 41.18 to protect sensitive land uses. However, more needs to be done to facilitate and provide safe housing for those effected.

Communication from Public

Name:	Will Hartshorn
Date Submitted:	01/21/2023 11:15 AM
Council File No:	23-4118-S1
Comments for Public Posting:	Please Remove and Relocate the many Homeless people and Encampments that are hampering our daily lives and existence. The people that need and want housing and addiction help, give them what they need... The ones that want to be lazy with their drugs and troll and ruin our neighborhood, get them out of here for good!! Give them acreage in Lucerne Valley so they can create Thier own Destiny and city of filth and drugs. I've completely lost my sympathy for these lifeless individuals!!! The ones willing to change and be a part of our City and better themselves, Let's help them out!!! Just get it done sooner than later!!! The nightmare on Venice Blvd between Sawtelle and Sepulveda under the 405 Freeway needs to be disbanded and removed for good!!! Fires, Graffiti, Drugs, Defication, Prostitution, and any other negative situation is and has been an ongoing Nightmare from Hell ?? You cannot walk on the sidewalks there and trash is strewn onto Venice Blvd like air!!! That HAS to be cleaned out ASAP!!!! I've lost All faith in our City Government and System and hope and pray that this will become a priority for our City to Cleanup and Clear out!!!! We Deserve Better than what's transpired over the last few years!!! WAKE UP AMERICA BEFORE ITS TOO LATE ????????????????????????????????????

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 01/21/2023 10:23 AM
Council File No: 23-4118-S1
Comments for Public Posting: I agree with Councelperson Traci Park that encampments should not be in public areas

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 01/21/2023 10:31 AM

Council File No: 23-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Please support Traci Park, this motion and Venice, keep our sites safe and clean for our neighbors, the city and the county, state, country and world....for all those who come to the beach to enjoy our nature and culture, stimulating our local economy, please remember that Venice gives the city over $5.50 in taxes for every 1 dollar it receives in services, most of which is wasted on policing crimes committed by our aggressive, drug addicted homeless population and providing services to the homeless that may seem humane, but actually keep them on the streets, impacting our neighborhood and economy. We went from the coolest block in the U.S. (GQ magazine 2016) to the most dangerous beach in America (Travelocity 2020) thanks to Bonin, Garcetti and Kruel. We have been suffering for far too long, CLEAN UP VENICE, NOW, thank you

Communication from Public

Name:	Robert Moore
Date Submitted:	01/21/2023 09:46 AM
Council File No:	23-4118-S1
Comments for Public Posting:	I wholeheartedly support Counselperson Parks' measure to apply City law 41.18 to the libraries, parks, beaches and adjacent parking lots, underpasses and other sensitive areas of Venice, and frankly all neighborhoods in Los Angeles. All residents and taxpayers of Los Angeles should have easy and safe access to these public areas.