

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I live in CD2. I was concerned when I heard about the motion to create more 41.18 zones. I went to both locations in CD2 myself, and I did not see any reason to make these 41.18 zones. The bike path at Chandler in particular did not have any tents or encampments. Regardless, creating these zones does not create public safety. 41.18 is not a solution to homelessness, it only makes it worse and endangers vulnerable people. We need motions that can address the root problem, such as rent control and financial assistance and access to medical care. I am a resident and I do not support this motion. I implore the City Council to do something that would actually be helpful for the unhoused. If we provide meaningful, real services with empathy and dignity, THAT is what will ultimately benefit public safety. I implore the city council to speak to our unhoused neighbors. They deserve a voice and to be heard. You owe them your discomfort if it means helping them and building connections. Do not pass this motion. Ban 41.18 entirely. We need to help people, not punish them for existing in public. Will you target other marginalized communities next? Or will you take a stand, go out there, and help them?

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Name: Oliver

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Comments for Public Posting: This seems like an absolute misuse of the 41.18 statute. Being uncomfortable or inconvenienced by seeing the suffering of others is not a "Public Safety" issue. This is just a thinly veiled excuse to allow police the discretion to hassle people. I'm tired of this council kicking the can of homelessness down the road. People need help and services, not criminalization. We can not arrest ourselves out of this problem. There is not enough friction in the universe to invent the money people need to afford housing in Los Angeles. Homeless people are struggling to survive. Every day is full of obstacles like finding a bathroom, or enough to eat, even just water. People who have no money can not pay fines. The cost of jailing the homeless far exceeds the cost of providing care. It just requires that you treat them as human beings and use some compassion. If you can't do that, you should likely not have sought a job in public service.