

CATEGORY: Policy

COMMITTEE: PHS & Homeless

PURPOSE: To Support WRAC's Motion

BACKGROUND:

On July 13, 2021, the MVCC approved a "FOR" Board Action regarding CF 20-1376-S1 by a vote of 11-2-2. The motion replaces Section 41.18 of the Los Angeles Municipal code with an ordinance that specifies the particular times and locations where it shall be unlawful for a person to sit, lie or sleep or to store, use, maintain or place personal property in the public right of way.

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) is asking for Neighborhood Councils who submitted a "FOR" Community Impact Statement (CIS) regarding CF 20-1376-S1 to provide a letter of support to them for the following:

{____ NC/CC} urges Councilmembers Bonin, Koretz, Raman and Ridley-Thomas (Councilmembers representing WRAC Member-Councils) to consult as soon as possible with their respective WRAC Member-Councils for input as to the designation of sites within their districts for enforcement pursuant to LAMC Sec. 41.18(c)(1)-(4) and 41.18(d), including: 1) schools, day care centers, public parks and public libraries, as defined in LAMC Sec. 105.01 ("sensitive uses") (41.18(c)(1)); 2) overpasses, underpasses, freeway ramps, tunnels, bridges, pedestrian bridges, subways, washes, spreading grounds and active railways, when public health, safety or welfare is served by the prohibition (41.18(c)(2)); 3) designated facilities opened after January 1, 2018 that provide shelter, safe sleeping or safe parking to homeless persons or that serve as homeless services navigation centers (41.18(c)(3)); 4) any locations in public rights-of-way for which there is documentation of a "particular and ongoing threat to public health or safety" (41.18(c)(4)). No enforcement action shall be taken unless the individuals have been offered shelter and have refused the offer.

[____ NC/CC] further requests that 1) Councilmembers bring resolutions in Council pursuant to LAMC Sec. 41.18(c)(1)-(4) and 41.18(d) as soon as any sites meeting the requirements of such sub-sections are identified to them by their respective WRAC Member-Councils; and 2) the distance of the radius prohibition set forth in such resolutions shall be as requested by the relevant WRAC Member-Councils, consistent with the distance set forth in such sub-sections.

During the PHS & Homeless meeting on October 13, 2021, it was moved by Wheeler, seconded by Marton, passed 15 to 1; 1 abstain, abstentions do not count in the vote tally.

THE MOTION:

The MVCC approves sending a letter in support of WRAC's motion requesting council members to cooperate with member councils re designation of sites under LAMC Sec. 41.18.