

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS RE RESOLUTION FOR ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE BETTER ENFORCEMENT AGAINST HOMELESSNESS USES IN VENICE

The proposed ordinance is based on the anti camping ordinance San Diego adopted in July 2024 which resulted in a 61% decrease in homeless camping in downtown San Diego. The San Diego ordinance is also in the Supporting Documents for this proposed ordinance.

The ordinance fills the holes in the current anti camping ordinance, LAMC 41.18. For example: 41.18 permits tents on sidewalks if they leave 3' of sidewalk space. The result is that tents can remain on sidewalks to the detriment of adjoining neighborhoods. The proposed ordinance does not permit any camping on sidewalks. 41.18 does not apply to people camping in vehicles. The proposed ordinance does apply to people camping in vehicles. 41.18 does not bar camping near "sensitive" uses established before January, 2018. The proposed ordinance applies to all "sensitive" uses.

The ordinance complements the 2 proposed homelessness ordinances Traci Park now has before City Council Committees. CF 23-0730 seeks \$500,000 for rent vouchers which will help provide housing, which is a prerequisite for enforcement of the proposed ordinance. CF 23-0914 seeks to find parking places for homeless vehicles outside residential areas. The proposed ordinance authorizes the City to cite people camping in vehicles in residential areas but the City would retain discretion not to cite people camping in vehicles outside residential areas.

The proposed Ordinance would only apply to Venice in the same way that LAMC Ordinance 181413 only applies to Venice. (It allows the City Councilmember for CD 11 by letter to the City Department of Transportation to direct the Department to post OVO signs on streets within Venice designated in the letter.)

The proposed ordinance applies only to Venice because Venice has more homeless than any other part of the City except skid row and Hollywood. Also, it allows the City to assess the effectiveness of the ordinance before applying it city-wide. Finally, the prospects for adoption may be better and quicker if the ordinance only applies to Venice.