

CATEGORY: Policy
COMMITTEE: PH&S Homeless Committee
PURPOSE: Support of Motion by Councilmember Buscaino in Council File 20-1376-S3

BACKGROUND:

The Buscaino motion proposes that the City Attorney draft an ordinance amending certain LAMC provisions that address camping in the public-right-of-way, to prohibit “sitting, lying, sleeping, and storing personal property within 500 ft. of a library,” *i.e.*, a ban on homeless encampments in the public-right-of-way (PROW) located specifically near **libraries**. The motion is now pending in the City Council Homelessness & Poverty Committee.

See CF 20-1376-S3:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-1376-S3>

See Buscaino motion:

https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-1376-s3_misc_06-03-22.pdf

This motion was introduced a few days after the City Council passed a similar motion calling for ordinance amendments to prohibit camping in the PROW within 500 ft. of **schools and day**.

THE MOTION:

The MVCC has taken numerous positions in the past supporting motions to ban encampments on all public property and in the PROW within 500 ft. of sensitive sites such as schools, day care centers, parks, and libraries in Mar Vista (per LAMC Sec. 41.81).

As such, PH&S Homeless Committee strongly supports the motion in Council File 20-1376-S3 (Buscaino) for an ordinance amending LAMC Sections 41.18 and 56.01 “to prohibit sitting, lying, sleeping, and storing personal property in or upon any street, sidewalk or other public-right-of-way within 500 ft. of a library.”

We urge the HPC to schedule this Council File for hearing at the earliest opportunity. Libraries are recognized as sensitive sites, as are schools. We hope and trust that HPC members will vote to pass the motion in CF 22-1376-S3 as you did recently with the proposed ordinance banning camping in the PROW near schools. The same rationale applies here.

DIRECTED TO: Hon. Kevin de León, Chair, City Council Homelessness & Poverty Committee (HPC); Hon. Nithya Raman, Vice-Chair, HPC; Hon. Bob Blumenfield; Hon. Joe Buscaino and Hon. Monica Rodriguez, members, HPC.

ACTION/VOTE COUNT:

YES: _____ / NO: _____ / ABSTAIN: _____