

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION

COMMITTEE: MVCC PLUM

TITLE: Squatting

PURPOSE: To make squatting an Illegal act.

BACKGROUND: Currently when a person sets up residence in a home or structure that doesn't belong to them, they are considered squatters and have rights that protect them. This prevents law enforcement from taking action, and owners are referred to a long civil process.

The burden of proof is wrongly placed on the property owner, which turns out to be costly. Some owners even lose their homes. Right now, squatting itself is not illegal. This creates a shield and desire to trespass and set up house. In most cases, a break in or trespass must be detected when it is happening for it to be a crime.

Making squatting an Illegal act will shift the burden of proof onto the squatter and make the crime punishable with restitution an option for damages.

THE MOTION: The Mar Vista Community Council requests that the city bring to a vote a motion that will report back on the feasibility of making squatting an illegal act in the City of Los Angeles.

DIRECTED TO: Jeff Khau & Ashley Lozada, Office of City of Los Angeles Councilmember Traci Park

ACTION/VOTE COUNT:

MVCC PLUM Committee Meeting, July 11th, 2024

Motion of support moved by MVCC _____, seconded by MVCC _____

Motion of support approved by MVCC PLUM COMMITTEE XXY-XXN-XXA

MVCC Board Meeting, Month Day, 2024

Motion of support moved by MVCC _____, seconded by MVCC _____

Motion of support approved by the MVCC Board XXY-XXN-XXA