

Policy Motions June 2020

June 12, 2020:

12.1 [POLICY][HOMELESS ISSUES][PH&S] Recommendations for Changes to L.A.M.C. 41.18 – Discussion and possible action regarding recommended changes to L.A.M.C. 41.18 (SIDEWALKS, PEDESTRIAN SUBWAYS – LOITERING).

[Motion to approve \(Stemar/Rubin\)](#)

[Motion Approved \(6Y/0N/4Abstentions/3Absent\)](#)

Amend LAMC 41.18.

MOTION: The Mar Vista Community Council calls upon the Los Angeles City Council to Amend LAMC 41.18 as follows: (d) No person shall sit, lie or sleep in or upon any street, sidewalk, or other public right-of way as follows:

- (1) At any time in a manner that restricts fifteen feet of clearance from any utilizable and operational entrance, exit, driveway or loading dock.
- (2) At any time in a manner that restricts passage to less than 36" in any and all directions, as required by the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- (3) At any time:
 - (i) Within 150 feet of any structure, with a Certificate of Occupancy, that is in residential use.
 - (ii) Within 500 feet of a park.
 - (iii) Within 500 feet of a school.
 - (iv) Within 500 feet of a daycare center.
 - (v) In or upon any tunnel, bridge or pedestrian subway that is on a route designated by City Council resolution as a school route.
 - (vi) Within 500 feet of a facility opened after January 1, 2018 to provide housing, shelter, supportive services, safe parking, or storage to homeless persons.
 - (vii) Bike and other recreational paths.
 - (viii) Public areas (non-sidewalk) posted with No Trespass signs for safety purposes.
 - (ix) Public areas posted with closing times for safety and maintenance purposes.
 - (x) Crowded public sidewalk areas like those exempted in the citywide vending ordinance and other large venue-adjacent areas.

Upon passage this Resolution shall be presented as a Community Impact Statement to the City Council.

12.2[POLICY][HOMELESS ISSUES][PH&S] Housing Solutions - Discussion and possible action regarding proposed solution to the City of Los Angeles' housing crisis.

[Motion to approve \(Wheeler/Shure\)](#)

[Motion approved \(7Y/1N/2Abstentions/3Absent\)](#)

Housing Solutions
Letter From MVCC to:
Mayor of Los Angeles and City Council Members

Problem:

There are too many people living on the street in Mar Vista. Living on the street has an increased risk of death for the unhoused person (ten times risk compared to housed person). Living on the street has an increased risk to the neighborhood due to increased incidence of rats, diseases (tuberculosis, measles, typhus, COVID-19), trash, lack of sanitation, and crime.

Solutions:

1. Massive Emergency Temporary Shelter(s) needs to be built in an area with affordable land, away from residential neighborhoods, to provide: medical care, mental health, drug treatment, safety, hygiene, and services to reintroduce people back into society (job training, relocation, family reunification).
 - 1.1.1. Anyone sleeping on the street is required to go to shelter.
 - 1.1.2. This will be converted to permanent structure to provide all services.
2. Subsidized Affordable Housing (with services on-site) needs to be built in residential neighborhoods to re-integrate people back into society.
 - 2.1.1. Will increase density of living, traffic, drug use, and crime in surrounding area.
 - 2.1.2. Has to be done for long-term solution, re-integration into society is a must.
 - 2.1.3. People eligible for this option need prior connection to the neighborhood:
 - 2.1.3.1. Lived as member of that community for at least 3 years.
 - 2.1.3.1.1. Previous: Job, Residence, or School
 - 2.1.3.1.2. Became: Disabled, Elderly, Mental Health Disease, or Drug Addiction
3. "Low-Barrier" Shelters Do Not belong in Neighborhoods
 - 3.1. Shelters that allow drug use and are open throughout the night are detrimental to the children and working members of the community.
 - 3.2. Services that allow people to remain on the street will enable homelessness and encourage more to come live in desirable areas.

12.3[POLICY][PLUM] Rent and Mortgage Moratorium – Discussion and possible action regarding a position statement in support of rent and mortgage forgiveness.

[Motion to approve \(Hill/Watkins\)](#)

[Hanna proposed amendment to replace the word "forgiveness" for the word "relief"](#)

[Amendment approved \(7Y/1N/2Abstentions/3Absent\)](#)

[Motion, as amended, approved \(7Y/1N/2Abstentions/3Absent\)](#)

**MVCC Position
Statement**

CITY-WIDE RENT AND MORTGAGE FORGIVENESS

Los Angeles is in the middle of a pandemic and a public health crisis. Every aspect of our lives and City has been impacted by COVID-19. The Governor and Mayor have issued stay-at-home orders. Millions, who have been forced out of work, are not able to earn a living. The virus has claimed over 100,000 lives and has changed our communities for the foreseeable future.

Currently, many states and cities have eviction moratoriums in place for individuals impacted by COVID-19; however, the moratorium that the City of Los Angeles has implemented does not go far enough to offer **Rent and Mortgage Relief**. People need to know that they will be protected and will not be thrown out of their homes.

Elected officials from multiple U.S. cities - Boston, New Orleans, New York City, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Seattle, St. Paul and right here in Los Angeles - have stood up and joined the call for State and Federal legislators to provide rent and mortgage relief during the duration of this crisis.

We, the Mar Vista Community Council, on behalf of a proud, diverse, and inclusive Westside Community, stand with our stakeholders, neighbors, family, and friends in supporting City-wide rent and mortgage forgiveness, as provided for in Congresswoman Ilhan Omar's proposed Congressional Bill, Emergency Rent

and Mortgage Cancellation Legislation, that provides for rent and mortgage relief.

12.4 [POLICY][PLUM] Conditional Use Permit Regarding 3407-3409 Overland Avenue – Discussion and possible action regarding a letter of support for the Doughroom restaurant’s plans for expansion, sale of alcohol, expanded hours of operation, and support of decreased (shared) parking at the site.

[Motion to approve \(Wheeler/Stemar\).](#)

[Motion approved without objection.](#)

12.5 [POLICY][PLUM] Support for CF #20-189 Requiring an Increase in Affordable Housing Units in TOC Projects – Discussion and possible action regarding support for a proposal to modify the Transit Oriented Community (TOC) Project guidelines to increase the number of affordable units required to obtain bonuses in TOC developments.

[Motion to approve \(Shure/Wheeler\)](#)

[Motion approved without objection.](#)

"If amended, the Mar Vista Community Council supports the ordinance (CF 20-0189) that specifically designates affordable housing percentages with a base for very low income starting at twenty percent (20%) of the units and with a toptier of forty percent (40%) for moderate housing.

These percentages would be subject to a variance of five percent (5%) in either direction, but with the sum of these percentages no less than sixty percent (60%) of the total units in the approved development.

As justified by The City’s heretofore failure to achieve its affordable Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) targets, these amendments need to be made.

The Mar Vista Community Council supports the 2017 Linkage Fee Report prepared and submitted by Joan Ling, PhD, at the UCLA Luskin School who provided economic justification for these numbers”

12.8 [POLICY][T&I] Support for Proposed Limitation of Parked Motor Vehicle Idle Time – Discussion and possible action regarding support for Councilmember Koretz's motion (CF #19-0604) to limit parked motor vehicle idling time.

[Motion to approve \(Watkins/Inouye\)](#)

[Motion approved \(5Y/1N/3Abstentions/4Absent\)](#)

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

**City Council File
Number 19-0604**

Title: Ban on Car
Idling MVCC
Position: Support

Summary: This motion calls upon LADOT to put forth a car idling ban educational campaign.

The Mar Vista Community Council, representing more than 40,000 resident stakeholders, supports Councilmember Paul Koretz's motion to ban parked vehicle idling. It is necessary to address the issues of poor air quality in Los Angeles due to the increasing concerns over the climate emergency.

Car idling puts 3 million tons of CO₂ into California's atmosphere annually. At least one-third of greenhouse gas emissions in Los Angeles is from the transportation sector.

The Los Angeles region has received an on-going annual failing grade from the American Lung Association's "State of the Air" report. Los Angeles is considered the most ozone-polluted metropolitan area in the United States.

Air pollution poses significant dangers to public health, including risk of premature death, reproductive and developmental harm, cardiovascular disease, lung cancer, and asthma. Over 250,000 children and 1.1 million adults in the Los Angeles metropolitan area reportedly have asthma, with low-income communities of color particularly at risk.

Sensitive locations all over Los Angeles, such as schools, hospitals and senior centers, as well as emissions choked

areas such as garages, parking lots and travel hubs are most at risk.

Distracted Idling is increasing as we sit in our cars to charge and talk on phones, as ride-hailing and delivery services leave parked vehicles engines running.

Idling is zero MPG activity which creates 3 million tons of unnecessary CO2 and other pollutants in CA annually. It is counterproductive to be concerned about car MPG standards and completely ignore this zero MPG behavior.

At least 7 states, and many cities, have already implemented a parked vehicle idling ban. For example, NYC has had one of the strongest all-vehicle parking idling laws for decades. We are in support of adopting the best practices from these states and cities.

There are exemptions for extreme temperatures, the health and the well-being of passengers, safety or emergency vehicles and commercial vehicles. This will not hurt low-income or homeless people, it will not be enforced in any way if the health or wellness of vehicle occupants are at stake, it will not interfere with necessary emergency and safety vehicle



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VIA EMAIL

June 26, 2020

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Dear Mayor Garcetti and Councilmembers:

At its June 12, 2020 Special Board Meeting, The Mar Vista Community Council, by a vote of 7 ayes, one no, and 2 abstentions agreed that “[t]here are too many people living on the street in Mar Vista. Living on the street has an increased risk of death for the unhoused person (ten times risk compared to housed person). Living on the street has an increased risk to the neighborhood due to increased incidence of rats, diseases (tuberculosis, measles, typhus, COVID-19), trash, lack of sanitation, and crime.”

It also proposes the following solutions:

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3. “Low-Barrier” Shelters do not belong in residential neighborhoods. Shelters that allow drug use and are open throughout the night are detrimental to the children and working members of the community. What’s more, services that allow people to remain on the street will enable homelessness and encourage more to migrate to desirable areas.

As we all know, the homeless situation in Los Angeles has gotten progressively worse over the past several years. It's obvious that the city's current approach is not working; it's time to alter course. I very much hope you'll consider these proposals.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elliot Hanna". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Elliot Hanna, Chairman
Mar Vista Community Council



VIA EMAIL

June 26, 2020

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“The Mar Vista Community Council supports the application for a continuing CUB, for the sale of alcohol, expanded hours of operation, and decreased (shared) parking for The Doughroom restaurant.”

Please consider this in your review of the application.

Sincerely yours,

Elliot Hanna, Chairman
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