

Motion before BOS 8/10 -- No. 18 on consent calendar (homeless encampments in the VHFHSZ/unincorporated County areas)

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Dear Supervisors Kuehl and Barger:

We have just learned about the important motion you have brought before the LA County Board of Supervisors, to be heard on August 10 (no. 18 on the consent calendar), which seeks to restrict homeless encampments in the VHFHSZ in unincorporated areas.

We agree with you and support this motion.

At the same time, we remind you that the **entirety of Pacific Palisades, including Will Rogers State Beach, is in the VHFHSZ**. We have outlined our concerns about serious wildfire risks resulting from homeless activities in Pacific Palisades in numerous letters to City, County and State officials (see our many letters and statements linked on our website).

Further information about wildfires associated with homeless activities can be provided by our Pacific Palisades Task Force on Homelessness (<https://www.pptfh.org/>). We know that Supervisor Kuehl and her team are very familiar with the important and successful work of PPTFH in assisting the homeless as well as protecting the community. Their knowledge and expertise about wildfire risks and homelessness in our area is unparalleled, and we encourage you to discuss this with Co-Presidents Sharon Browning and Sharon Kilbride, who are cc'd.

With this in mind, we urge you to consider amending your motion to include all areas of Los Angeles County, including Pacific Palisades, that are in the VHFHSZ, or alternatively, bringing a second motion in the near future that would apply to incorporated areas of the County that are in the VHFHSZ.

In light of the strong position you have taken with this motion and consistent with its reasoning, we also implore you to state publicly that sanctioning of homeless housing at Will Rogers State Beach should not be permitted.

Thank you.

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cc: Sharon Browning and Sharon Kilbride, Co-Presidents, PPTFH; key staff, Supervisors Kuehl and Barger; members, PPCC Executive Committee