



## PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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February 21, 2022

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  
Hon. Mike Bonin, Councilmember, CD 11

*Via email and submission to City Clerk filing portal*

Re: Council File 22-0158 (scheduled for hearing by the HPC on 2/24/22); OPPOSE

Dear Councilmembers:

Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) has been the most-broad based community organization and voice of Pacific Palisades since 1973.

PPCC opposes the motion in CF 22-0158, and specifically opposes any changes to the City's zoning regulations that would allow homeless shelters to be constructed by right in R1 areas, without regard to otherwise applicable zoning restrictions, location or consideration of impacts on the community, and in any other zones where they are not currently allowed by right. We also oppose any proposal to make temporary or interim homeless shelters permanent, without regard to otherwise applicable zoning restrictions, location or consideration of impacts on the community.

Our opposition is based primarily on our Guiding Principles, Appendix D to the PPCC Bylaws, which state in pertinent part:

*“The PPCC maintains that planning and zoning regulations, building codes, rules, restrictions, and ordinances have been established for the good of the community. They should be applied, upheld and enforced by the Zoning Administrator, Building and Safety, and other governing bodies with jurisdiction over the approval, execution, and enforcement processes.*

*“When variances, variations, or exceptions are considered by governmental entities, PPCC's position is to support strict scrutiny and adherence to all legal measures which govern land use, structures, and vegetation.”*

Our opposition is also based on multiple public discussions and positions taken by the PPCC Board in addressing the issue of homelessness in our community. See numerous PPCC position letters and statements pertaining to homelessness at: <http://pacpalicc.org/> (Documents/Motions & Positions).

PPCC learned on February 19, 2022 that the above-referenced matter was scheduled for hearing by the HPC on February 24, 2022. The full PPCC Board does not meet until the evening of February 24 and the

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agenda is already set; our next Board meeting is not until March 10. Therefore, pursuant to PPCC's Bylaws, the PPCC Executive Committee takes this position on behalf of PPCC.

Sincerely,

Executive Committee, Pacific Palisades Community Council

David Card, Chair

Christina Spitz, Secretary

David Kaplan, Vice-Chair

John Padden, Organization Representative (P.R.I.D.E.)

Richard G. Cohen, Treasurer

Joanna Spak, Elected Representative (Area 1)