

PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

July 28, 2025

Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson, President, Los Angeles City Council

Hon. Traci Park, Councilwoman, CD II and member, Council Public Safety Committee (PSC)

Hon. John S. Lee, Chair, PSC; Hon. Curren Price, Jr., Vice-Chair, Hon. Tim McOsker and Hon. Hugo Soto-Martinez, members, PSC

Hon. Nithya Raman, Chair, Council Housing & Homelessness Committee (HHC); Hon. Isabel Jurado, Vice-Chair and Bob Blumenfield, member, HHC

Via email to all addressees and submission to the City Clerk filing portal

Re: CF 20-1376-S5 (Park; amendments to LAMC 41.18) -- SUPPORT

Dear Councilmembers:

Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) has for 52 years been the voice of the community and the most broad-based organization in Pacific Palisades.

The Palisades community has long experience with homelessness, including ongoing encampments in our public parks and other public spaces which pose a serious risk of wildfires and which must be constantly monitored. **These conditions have continued even after the massive Palisades Fire**. We have also long-supported the use of LAMC 41.18 as well as amendments to extend its application in various circumstances. We believe that the requests in the recent motion by Councilwoman Traci Park in CF 20-1376-S5 are important to maintaining the public health and safety of Pacific Palisades and all areas of Los Angeles.

As a result, after discussion at our regularly scheduled public Board meeting on July 17, 2025, the PPCC Board unanimously passed the following motion sponsored by Board members Christina Spitz and Sharon Kilbride:

"Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC), a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), strongly supports CF 20-1376-S5 (Park), which calls for certain amendments of LAMC Sec. 41.18 and a report back by the City Attorney on the feasibility of amending 41.18 to prohibit encampments as per the Governor's model ordinance."

We respectfully urge the PSC and HHC, respectively, to take up the above-referenced Council File and vote to approve the motion by Councilwoman Park at the earliest opportunity. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sue Kohl, President Christina Spitz, At-large Representative; Sharon Kilbride, Area Seven Representative Pacific Palisades Community Council

¹ This motion was recently recommended by the WRAC Board to all the Alliance's 14 neighborhood and community council members on the Westside of Los Angeles. To date, five (5) WRAC member councils have already passed the motion, with more expected to take it up in the coming days. If at least eight (8), a majority, of member councils pass the motion, it will become an adopted WRAC position (the PSC and HCC should take up this Council File regardless of the motion's status in WRAC).