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2.	Set Matter 1	Favor	Alex Dobbs	
			Alex Visotzky	
			Amy Lieberman	<p>My name is Amy Lieberman and I am a harm reduction attorney and a board member of the Sidewalk Project Los Angeles, a harm reduction program providing services on Skid Row and in MacArthur Park. I support Item 2 to develop a countywide strategy for addressing encampments after Grants Pass, and I want to thank Supervisor Solis and Supervisor Horvath for introducing this motion. I am extremely concerned that the Grant's Pass Supreme Court ruling will lead to the criminalization of homelessness and Governor Newsom's actions have made that concern even greater. Being homeless should not be a crime and we appreciate this Board stating clearly that it will not use the County jails to hold people arrested due to enforcement of anti-camping ordinances. I am also grateful that the County will lead the effort to decrease disparate impacts of anti-encampment enforcement. A regional strategy is needed to ensure that people experiencing homelessness are not shuffled around from place to place. We need to prioritize housing and services to move people indoors to end homelessness and not waste resources on enforcement for the sake of enforcement. This will ensure the best results for our communities and our unhoused neighbors.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
			C B	<p>The homeless situation has gotten out of control, and the police have had their hands tied for too long. Homeless people have committed violent crimes, started fires and made formerly nice neighborhoods too dangerous for families. The LA board of Supervisors are directly responsible for this crisis and their threat to not enforce the Governor's new order is absurd. The dangerous encampments must be cleared and the police need to be able to jail dangerous individuals. Stop trying to pander to the extreme "activists" and actually show some support to your constituents who have seen our quality of life decline due to your inactions on the homeless.</p>
			Christina Boyar	<p>Support the County's continued investment in and commitment to Care First strategies and strong housing policies rooted in tenant protections, rent stabilization, limiting evictions, and more housing!</p>



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2.	Set Matter 1	Favor	Christopher Bowen	<p>LA Family Housing is supportive of Supervisor Horvath and Solis's motion to emphasize the County's Care First approach to encampment resolution. We also support opportunities to expand the County's partnership with cities to address encampments through housing production, shelter, resources, and regional coordination.</p> <p>Further, we support the potential working partnership with the Los Angeles County Executive Committee for Regional Homeless Alignment to lead a convening of cities with the goal of minimizing disparate impact of the City of Grants Pass v. Johnson ruling across all the jurisdictions in the County.</p> <p>LA Family Housing joined with Johnson in an amicus brief to the Supreme Court in February of this year, and we continue to maintain our position that housing, not handcuffs, is the way forward when approaching our unhoused neighbors. We've been leading this effort with our actions and our words for over 40 years.</p> <p>While the Supreme Court disagreed with our assessment, and the Governor's recent Executive Order aligns with the Court decision, we feel that LA County can take definitive steps to ease their potential impacts.</p> <p>Thank you to Supervisor Horvath and Solis for authoring this motion. We respectfully request an aye vote.</p>
			Denise Menchaca	
			Emmanuel Estrada	
			Hector Ramirez	
			helen eigenberg	<p>Being homeless should not be a crime and i appreciate this Board stating clearly that it will not use the County jails to hold people arrested due to enforcement of anti-camping ordinances. I am also grateful that the County will lead the effort to decrease disparate impacts of anti-encampment enforcement.</p>



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			Jerry Jones	



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2.	Set Matter 1	Favor	Joe ONeill	<p>My name is Joe O'Neill. I am a volunteer with and serve on the board of The Sidewalk Project, an Arts and Harm Reduction organization working in skid row and McArthur Park.</p> <p>I support Item 2 to develop a countywide strategy for addressing encampments after Grants Pass.</p> <p>Many of us have been concerned that the Supreme Court ruling would lead to the criminalization of homelessness.</p> <p>Being homeless should not be a crime and we appreciate this Board stating clearly that it will not use the County jails to hold people arrested due to enforcement of anti-camping ordinances.</p> <p>I am also grateful that the County will lead the effort to decrease disparate impacts of anti-encampment enforcement.</p> <p>A regional strategy is needed to ensure that people experiencing homelessness are not shuffled around from place to place.</p> <p>We need to prioritize housing and services to move people indoors to end homelessness and not waste resources on enforcement for the sake of enforcement.</p> <p>This will ensure the best results for our communities and our unhoused neighbors.</p> <p>I want to thank Supervisor Solis and Supervisor Horvath for introducing this motion. Unfortunately The Grant's Pass decision will embolden many cities and counties to unleash even more punitive measures on their unhoused populations. Let's not have Los Angeles be one of them.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
			Kyle Nelson	<p>To the supervisors, please support LA County's investment in Care First strategies and housing policies focused on tenant protections and rent stabilization. The peer-reviewed research is clear: housing is the solution to homelessness and criminalization only deepens the crisis. The County must craft data-driven policy by clarifying that all forms of criminalization worsen homelessness, including anti-camping laws. Furthermore, a regional approach is crucial and the "Good Neighbors Policy" should prevent cities from pushing people experiencing homelessness out. Each supervisor should actively campaign for Measure A because housing is the true solution to the crisis. Housekeys, not Handcuffs. Thank you.</p>
			Leigh LaChapelle	

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2.	Set Matter 1	Favor	Lizeth Hernandez	<p>One of Los Angeles County's largest housing and social services agencies and present in every Service Planning Area (SPA), The People Concern is an expert in connecting with people on the streets, bringing them inside and then keeping them inside. 92% of people placed in permanent housing by The People Concern never experience homelessness again.</p> <p>We are deeply troubled by the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Johnson v. City of Grants Pass, which gives local jurisdictions greater authority to punish people experiencing homelessness for sitting, sleeping, and lying, and using basic protective measures such as blankets and cardboard boxes, even when there are no suitable shelter options available. By allowing the criminalization of basic survival activities, this decision perpetuates a cycle of poverty and instability, making it even harder for individuals to access the help they need to get back on their feet. We know what works to solve homelessness: housing paired with supportive services.</p> <p>It is imperative to maintain a cohesive, evidence-based, services-led encampment resolution approach across LA county. We appreciate the County's efforts to date on initiatives such as Pathway Home , which helps address encampments with connections to permanent housing interventions. Strengthening resource sharing and engagement with cities, COGs, local jurisdictions, and other key stakeholders will make sure we can work together to effectively address the needs of people experiencing homelessness through permanent solutions that also address community concerns. I urge the Board's aye vote on this motion.</p>



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2.	Set Matter 1	Favor	Louis E Abramson	<p>Dear Supervisors,</p> <p>I'm the chair of the board of the SELAH Neighborhood Homeless Coalition, but I write to you as a Hollywood resident and private citizen.</p> <p>The Board has recently admirably committed itself to a new era of "locked arms" collaboration and cooperation to end the regional homelessness crisis using a care-first approach.</p> <p>To renege on that commitment now by opening the door to jail-based strategies would not only be inconsistent with the Board's stated values and ambitions, but less effective and more expensive than current programs (e.g., Pathway Home) at a time of new and severe budgetary pressures.</p> <p>I urge you to vote affirmatively on the motion in Item 2.</p> <p>Thank you, Louis Abramson</p>
			Melissa Camacho	Please see attached letter
			Mike Jones	<p>Absolutely! We definitely need our streets, sidewalks and overall communities cleaned up from homeless. If homeless are found doing drugs when they are asked to leave their encampment then they should be cited and arrested. It's the LAW.</p> <p>They need to be treated just like the average citizen if we get caught doing drugs or in possession of drugs. They should not get an exception, period! The County needs to be aggressive with this and move much faster than what they are use to. Constituents are sick and tired of dealing with this for years! We need a deadline date from the County of when this is going to be completely done. NO EXCUSES!</p>
			Robert Gamboa	Please see attached PDF. Thanks!
			Scott Chamberlain	



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			Steve Quinonez	
			Teya Hisel	<p>On behalf of the Domestic Violence and Homeless Services Coalition ("DVHSC"), we write today to express our disappointment in the outcome of the ruling of Grants Pass v. Johnson, allowing cities to arrest or ticket individuals for sleeping outside even when they have no safe alternative. We appreciate Supervisors Solis and Horvath for their leadership in this motion to minimize the impacts of this ruling.</p> <p>In 2016, the Downtown Women's Center and Rainbow Services founded the cross-sector Domestic Violence & Homeless Services Coalition (DVHSC) with the goal of creating a client-centered system that increases access to safe housing and supportive services for survivors of domestic violence and their families. Since then, the DVHSC has grown to become the largest coalition of its kind in the country, with more than 800+ individual members and 244</p>

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member organizations from across the state of California. We believe in trauma-informed policies that provide critical care instead of punitive measures.

Unfortunately, Los Angeles has already implemented ordinances criminalizing homelessness. A recent report on the enforcement of Los Angeles City Ordinance 41.18, the anti-camping law, found that in 2023, 3,183 citations were issued across Los Angeles and its 15 districts. However, only 314 interim housing placements and just two permanent supportive housing placements were secured, highlighting the ordinance's failure to provide sustainable housing solutions.

The challenges of Ordinance 41.18 illustrate the broader implications of the Supreme Court's decision in *City of Grants Pass v. Johnson*. If cities continue to issue citations, make arrests, and fund programs that criminalize homelessness, more people will be trapped in a cycle of poverty. Survivors of domestic violence and intimate partner violence account for 53% of the LA CoC homeless population. Many survivors feel unsafe staying in homeless shelters, and LA does not have enough domestic violence shelter beds to support everyone who needs help. Penalizing individuals for experiencing unsheltered homelessness forces survivors to decide between staying with their abuser and facing the criminal justice system. Criminalizing survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and stalking is not the answer to ending homelessness.

We agree with the County's Care First approach to encampment resolution and encourage the Board of Supervisors to address encampments humanely. We encourage the Board not to use LA County jails to hold people arrested due to enforcement of anti-camping ordinances. We hope the Board of Supervisors will continue the work of Pathway Home and Inside Safe to provide our unhoused neighbors with the services they need.

We also encourage the Board of Supervisors to address the intersection of domestic violence and homelessness. LA desperately needs more emergency shelter and transitional shelter beds, and safe havens for survivors fleeing violence.

Thank you, again, for your commitment to ending homelessness in Los Angeles. We urge the Board of Supervisors to pass this motion, and we look forward to continuing our work with you to help end the cycle of domestic violence and homelessness across Los Angeles.

Todd Cunningham

I am here to support the County's continued investment in and commitment to Care First strategies and strong housing policies rooted in tenant protections, rent stabilization, limiting evictions, and more housing!
While it is good news that the motion makes clear only housing will solve homelessness and criminalization makes the crisis worse. Thankfully. LA County declares that jails should not be used for houseless people targeted with anti-camping ordinances.
That being said, it would be time well-spent to become familiar with what is



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			<p>being offered to those of us who are and have experienced houselessness because we see criminalization and the fear and harm that often accompanies it shows up in the spaces and places being offered to us that could be mistaken for jail. Carceral conditions when it comes to food access, disrespectful treatment for tenants and much more. Ultimately, criminalization makes houselessness worse, whether that's enforcement of "no sit, lie, sleep" ordinances or other "quality of life" laws that disproportionately target houseless people.</p>
		Zeke Sandoval	<p>On behalf of PATH, we strongly support Supervisor Solis and Horvath's motion. As one of California's largest and most impactful homeless service providers, we were devastated by the Supreme Court's decision. Even before the Court ruled in Grants Pass, we have had to respond to a worrying trend of criminalization in many cities across the State. Every time someone experiencing homelessness is swept or jailed, the relationship our teams worked hard to build is erased. Study after study has confirmed what we as providers know to be true: enforcement makes homelessness worse, not better.</p> <p>Los Angeles County, thanks to the leadership of this Board, is proving there is another way. We do not have to accept the status quo, nor harm the people who most need our help. Pathways Home is proving that when we treat people with care and find them housing, they do not return to homelessness. We encourage the Board: own your leadership. Show California and the nation a better way. Pass this motion today, and continue investing in the services and housing we need.</p>
	Oppose	Andrew Harms	
		Monisha Parker	<p>Dear Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>I am writing to address the pressing issue of homelessness within our community, specifically focusing on the future vision of County Care First over the next two years. As we reflect on the effectiveness of our current strategies and their impact on individuals facing homelessness, it is crucial to recognize that our approach must prioritize compassion while maintaining public safety and community cohesion.</p> <p>Strengthening anti-camping ordinances in Los Angeles County requires a multifaceted strategy that holistically addresses the challenge of homelessness. Below are several actionable recommendations that I believe should be considered as part of our policy framework moving forward:</p> <p>Policy and Regulation Changes</p> <p>1. Update Existing Ordinances: We need to ensure that our current anti-camping laws are clear, enforceable, and reflect the legal standards necessary for implementation. This might involve revising definitions and enforcement procedures to better serve our community.</p> <p>2. Create Designated Safe Zones: Establishing designated safe areas for camping can provide individuals with a secure place to stay, complete with</p>



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essential resources and services.

Community Engagement

3. Involve Community Stakeholders: Engaging local organizations, businesses, and residents in discussions about homelessness will foster a collaborative environment conducive to effective solutions.

4. Conduct Awareness Campaigns: Initiating community education efforts about homelessness can help cultivate understanding and support for equitable, compassionate resolutions.

Enforcement Strategies

5. Strengthen Enforcement Mechanisms: Allocating more resources for law enforcement training focused on compassionate responses to homelessness is essential for a humane approach.

6. Increase Penalties for Violations: While ensuring due process, we should consider implementing stricter penalties for repeated violations to discourage disruptive behavior while still offering support.

Support Services

7. Link Enforcement to Support Services: It is critical that any enforcement action is paired with offers of meaningful support, whether that be shelter, mental health care, or addiction services.

8. Develop Outreach Programs: Increasing funding for outreach initiatives allows us to create proactive lines of communication and assistance, ideally reducing the need for enforcement altogether.

Collaboration with Social Services

9. Partner with Non-Profits and Agencies: Collaborating with local nonprofits can yield a comprehensive support network that provides transitional housing and other essential services.

10. Implement Housing First Initiatives: Prioritizing permanent housing solutions will significantly decrease the number of individuals living in vulnerable conditions in public spaces.

Monitoring and Evaluation

11. Establish Metrics for Success: Implementing measurable outcomes will allow us to evaluate the efficacy of our ordinances and make necessary adjustments.

12. Conduct Regular Reviews: Continuous assessment of the impact of our



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		<p>policies on both the community and individuals experiencing homelessness will ensure that our strategies remain effective and responsive. Advocate for Broader Policy Changes</p> <p>13. Advocate for Regional Solutions: Engaging with county and state officials to promote a comprehensive approach to the homelessness crisis encompassing housing, mental health, and addiction services is vital for long-term success.</p> <p>By adopting a balanced, community-oriented approach to refining our anti-camping ordinances, Los Angeles County can responsibly address homelessness while fostering a more inclusive and compassionate society. I urge the Board to consider these strategies seriously and work towards the vision of a more humane and supportive environment for all.</p> <p>Thank you for your ongoing commitment to improving the lives of our residents.</p> <p>Sincerely, Monisha Parker</p>
	Sandie P	<p>It seems that despite the Supreme Court decision and Governor Newsom's executive order stemming from the City of Grants vs. Johnson case, there has been a blatant disregard for the law when it comes to relocating the homeless population from the board of supervisor.</p> <p>It's truly amazing to see the billions of dollars and resources being thrown at this issue with no real solution in sight. Could it be that certain non-profit groups and politicians are benefiting from the chaos and dysfunction that this problem brings? It's almost as if the more money that flows in, the more homeless individuals magically appear on our streets. The only people that suffered are the business and residents in an unincorporated areas due to crime and drugs.</p> <p>Since the decision from the supreme court the board has portrayed their version to disregard what the people want. Every announcement from emails and social media postings the board has failed to address the crime, drugs and the ignorance from many county office not to do anything and mask the problem.</p> <p>I'm sure you'll agree that it's quite a spectacle to witness the inefficiency and corruption that seems to be at play here. It's almost as if we're living in a real-life circus, with politicians and non-profits juggling funds and resources while the homeless population continues to suffer as well as the communities of color.</p> <p>I urge you to take action and address this issue before it spirals out of control. It's time for accountability and transparency in how these funds are being</p>



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			<p>allocated and for real solutions to be implemented to help those in need and for those homeless individuals that choose not to get help the supreme court has ruled.</p> <p>The following crimes must be held an accountable and must be recognized by the board. Attacking or rape, selling and the use of drugs. Exposing and releasing bodily waste in front of adults and children. No one is criminalizing homelessness but if one commits a crime all people should be held accountable.</p>
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	Other	Joe Vinatieri	See attached letter from City of Whittier Mayor, Joe Vinatieri.
		Marcello Bermeo	Follow Newsoms orders and clean up encampments. Stop finding reasons not to, we already threw tons of money at problems with dismal results. People need to take responsibility for their own actions.
		Pamela Chotiswatdi	We need community supportive housing. No everyone has the capacity to live work and maintain a household like society want people to without support. We need peer-led program within community supportive housing. We need this beyond interim housing
		Robyn Block	Do not jail people for being homeless do not ticket them. Clear encampmentS and provide alternative housing
		Teena Leigh	The Supreme Court ruled that it's unlawful to camp or use tents so therefore homeless persons shouldn't be allowed to camp on public property. What is your solution for this seeing as taxpayers cannot use sidewalks or public spaces because the homeless seemingly have more rights to these spaces than law abiding citizens. Also, why not create tent zones in commercial areas that are funded by companies/local municipalities who are willing to provide space, albeit with tax incentives.
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			Crystal D Muma Rivers	As someone that went from a two story two bedroom town home with \$37,000 in savings and a great job in 2016 to becoming completely disabled and losing everything to the point where I lived in a 1989 RV on the side of the road with a tarp over it by 2019, I have insight into the homeless crisis and encampments that I wouldn't wish upon anyone. For two years I WAITED for an accessible unit to become available and won a housing lottery to get into affordable housing in 2022... but I was "lucky" enough to have a laptop and PO Box as a street address to be able to do that. Criminalizing people that are going through the worst moments of their lives is NOT a solution. Assuming everyone has addiction or mental health issues is a dangerous stigma. Interim housing is ineffective. An independent audit of Inside Safe should be done before we build anymore temporary housing. Meanwhile, we have billionaires with empty buildings all over the city (not paying a vacancy tax) allowing their assets to grow in value to borrow against to build luxury condos that only price out local residents. One such building (the Ceilo hotel) has become an encampment and the fire that started there, nearly jumped to the 152 unit low income complex next door with children and families inside. The tax dollars wasted on clearing these billionaires properties of encampments time and time again could be put to better use in addressing the homeless crisis. Property owners need to be held accountable and affordable PERMANENT housing is really the only solution to this crisis. Allowing these buildings to sit empty, while people suffer, is the real crime.



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		Oppose	Andrew Harms	Do not waste more money on the homeless. If they want help there are already programs for them. If they break the law there needs to be consequences. Clean up the city, or lose your job next election.
			Christina C Romero	When homeless people are intimidated to move or criminalized because of their status, it forces them into other neighborhoods with no help or resources and create dangerous situations for other cities. The county should be investing in more Mental Health services and transitional housing, not criminalizing them for things out of their control. I oppose this motion.
			Lorus Hendricks	There needs to be measures in place to start to give some tough love to people that refuse housing as this liberal approach of tolerating these encampments cities that have popped up all around LA is tearing our city apart. The methods being implemented are band aids and are nothing to be proud of as they are not addressing the root cause of this wide spread problem which is having a place to put mentally unstable people as well as people dealing with substance abuse, which is the majority of people on the street who refuse housing. The homeless industrial complex will never solve anything. Stop funding organizations that pander to the homeless and build a new mental health facility to hold these people indefinitely who cannot or refuse to function in society. The Next election cycle I will start to vote republican as I believe they will have a tougher stance on this issue that needs to be solved.



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Set Matter 1.		Oppose	Monisha Parker	<p>Dear Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my strong concerns regarding the ongoing discussions and reports related to the implementation of strategies aimed at addressing the issue of homelessness in Los Angeles County. It has become increasingly apparent that many residents, myself included, are frustrated with the lack of meaningful progress and the seeming perpetuation of what I can only term the "Homeless Industrial Complex."</p> <p>While I understand that homelessness is a complex and multifaceted issue that requires careful consideration and a variety of responses, it has become clear to many constituents that the strategies employed thus far have not produced the results we desperately need. Rather than effectively addressing homelessness, it seems that certain systems and entities are more interested in maintaining their operations, often at the expense of truly supporting those in need.</p> <p>The reports presented to the Board often highlight the amount of funding allocated towards temporary solutions, yet little attention is given to long-term strategies that truly empower individuals to regain stability. The focus on the perpetuation of existing programs, instead of implementing innovative solutions that prioritize housing-first approaches and sustainable assistance, raises concerns about intentions. We do not need reports that simply serve as a means to extend the status quo; we need actionable plans and clear, measurable goals that lead to real change.</p> <p>The residents of Los Angeles County are not only concerned for those experiencing homelessness but are equally invested in ensuring our communities feel safe and thrive. It is time for the Board to take a stand against the inertia that has plagued our efforts. We need to see a genuine commitment to ending homelessness, not just managing it.</p> <p>In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider the current trajectory of your policies and to engage with stakeholders, including those who have experienced homelessness, in meaningful ways. We need a collaborative approach that prioritizes effective solutions over perpetual funding schemes.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.</p> <p>Sincerely, Monisha Parker</p>
		Other	Alex Visotzky	
			Eddie N Barber	Possible Homeless Solutions

As of: 7/31/2024 7:00:10 AM



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

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Correspondence Received

As I am sure you know, the homeless situation in Los Angeles is out of control. Recent news reports put the number of homeless in LA at more than 75K. With mental illness a key cause, this proposal may not help everyone, but could definitely help tens of thousands turn from liabilities back into productive contributors to society. This is more of a Teach folks to fish versus give folks a fish, or Give them a "Hand-Up" versus a "Hand-out" approach.

Estimates for Tiny Homes are all over the place. Per Google, these range from \$8K each up to about \$150K each (plus land, utilities and staff), and shelters average \$62 per day, and hotels as much as \$125 per day per person with no end or real sustainable solution in site. The purpose of this proposal is to help create a doable way to turn this liability into a sustainable solution by:

1. Create a Team to address the issues and help implement doable solutions (Homelessness Solutions Task Force, of which I would love to be a member).
2. Utilize and provide funding for organizations that have already been housing and rehabilitating previous homeless as well as offer incentives for others to offer similar services.
3. Utilize empty LA City & County Properties as well as offer tax incentives to owners of empty buildings that can be used as temporary live/work/rehabilitation shelters allowing for a 2-3 month vacate agreement. (Utilizing "Desk Beds", portable showers and kitchens)
4. Make living where you work legal (just like the laws I was instrumental in getting changed making it legal to work from home, see other attachment "Story of Helping get Laws Changed to make it Legal to Work From Home"). Lobby City Council Members, the Mayor and other City, County (and state) Officials to get them on board to help implement this plan.
5. Utilize Volunteer psychology Students as well as other groups like DMH and the Mayor's Crisis Response Team to help with the Psychological element of this endeavor. Also support and engage in revolutionary new clinical trials in new treatments (like Psilocybin, I HIGHLY recommend anyone interested in solving homelessness watch the Netflix documentary "How to Change your Mind") for many of the conditions that plague the homeless.
6. Implement an educational training program teaching the homeless skills that will enable them to help design, manufacture, market and sell products and services of companies wanting to utilize this program (mine for one). They can even help make "Tiny Homes".
7. Find or create exemptions in laws allowing for a fees and commissions scale for the above, similar to exemptions in minimum wage laws regarding the handicapped. (allow folks to work for whatever they can get)

The team will interview, evaluate and identify members of the homeless community that seem to be viable candidates for a pilot program (hopefully between 15 to 50 or more). After an initial input of funds from the City, County, State (or all 3), the income created from the endeavor should make the program self-sufficient and infinitely scalable.

We know not all homeless will be open to help. Therefore, we should offer

				<p>the following choices:</p> <p>1. Sign up for a program similar to the one outlined above.</p> <p>2. Be relocated (tent, trailer/RV & all) to a Homeless Camp with reasonable facilities (showers, restrooms, counseling, security etc.)</p> <p>3. Self-relocate elsewhere out of Los Angeles (Assistance may be available). But they can't just continue to squat and be a public nuisance. For more information, or to discuss, volunteer or contribute, Please contact: Eddie Barber @ 818-640-7775, email: BarberEddie@gmail.com</p>
			Robyn Block	Do not jail people for being homeless do not ticket them. Clear encampments and provide alternative housing
			Stacy Raymond	Given Governor Newsomes statewide executive order on the clearances of homeless encampments, when can we expect the streets of and near Hollywood to be made clear and safe for residents? Residents here have not felt safe for years.
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July 30, 2024

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 West Temple Street
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RE: City of Grants Pass vs. Johnson

Dear Honorable Supervisors:

As Mayor of the City of Whittier, I write with concern regarding recent rhetoric that suggests that County jails are not available in instances where laws have been broken. We can agree that we do not want to criminalize individuals for being homeless, and at the same time it is equally important to consider effective measures when individuals refuse services and choose to continue camping in public spaces.

As you are well aware, the City of Whittier is committed to compassionate and humane solutions for our homeless population. Using \$2.5 million in local funds, the City has seven-day-a-week outreach services and a 139-bed navigation center with wraparound-services. Our goal is to provide support, resources, and opportunities for those in need and to preserve public spaces for everyone in the public, regardless of their housing situation.

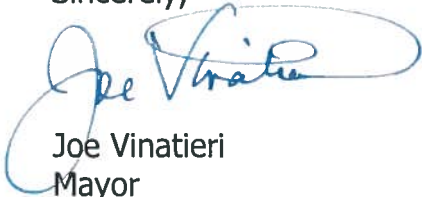
However, the current discourse may inadvertently send a message that diminishes our ability to address situations where individuals decline assistance and persist in occupying public areas, which can negatively impact the broader community. We urge the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to consider balanced approaches that protect the rights and dignity of homeless individuals while also maintaining public safety and community standards. It is crucial to have mechanisms in place that allow for intervention when service refusals occur, ensuring that our public spaces remain accessible and safe for all residents.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue. We look forward to working together to find compassionate and effective solutions for our

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community.

Sincerely,

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Joe Vinatieri
Mayor

c: Whittier City Council



July 29, 2024

Via e-mail

Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Developing a Countywide Strategy for Addressing Encampments After
Grants Pass

Honorable Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

We thank Supervisor Solis and Supervisor Horvath for mobilizing the county's response to the United States Supreme Court's inhumane decision in *City of Grants Pass v. Johnson*. We applaud your recognition that "[a]rresting people for sitting, sleeping, or lying on the sidewalk or in public spaces does not end their homelessness, and will only make their homelessness harder to resolve with a criminal record and fines they can't afford to pay." We support your motion and ask you to push all county departments to focus on and fund Housing First and Care First initiatives and send a clear message that our unhoused neighbors will not be displaced, sent to jail, or fined simply because they do not have a place to sleep.

When implementing Los Angeles County's Care First approach to encampment resolution, as described in directive one, we urge you to prioritize permanent, affordable housing, which is the solution to the County's housing affordability and homelessness crisis. You should ensure that encampment resolutions do not involve the dismantling of encampments or displacement of unhoused county residents and that all offers of interim housing are voluntary and non-congregate. Research has shown that people are much more likely to accept offers of housing that are voluntary, non-coercive, private, safe, clean, and allow our unhoused neighbors to live in dignity, as is our human right.

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Los Angeles County's encampment resolution guidelines should clearly articulate these best practices to ensure that cities, Councils of Governments, and other local jurisdiction partners with which the County collaborates receive thorough and unequivocal guidance on effective and humane practices for addressing the needs of people living in encampments.

Directive two asks the Sheriff's Department to "[c]larify that Los Angeles County jails will not be used to hold people arrested due to enforcement of anti-camping ordinances." Jailing people will not help a single person find and keep housing. It will also undo all of the county's efforts to fix the human rights crisis in the Inmate Reception Center (IRC). In 2022 and 2023, ACLU SoCal went to federal court in *Rutherford v. Luna* to address overcrowding in the jails. Over the last year, the County and LASD have operated under orders strictly limiting the time people spend in the IRC so that the County no longer has people sleeping for days on the floor, chained to benches, and defecating in orange juice cartons. The County also committed to creating nearly two thousand new community mental health beds as a path to permanently reducing overcrowding in the jails.

Due in large part to the County's efforts to comply with the *Rutherford* IRC orders, the jail population has fallen from 15,000 in 2023 to the BSCC capacity limit of 12,400. The County must continue depopulation efforts, however, as hundreds of people with mental illness are currently being held in Men's Central Jail even though Correctional Health Services and members of this Board have long said that MCJ is no place for any person to be housed, much less someone who needs mental health treatment. If cities in Los Angeles County choose to "fix" houselessness by arresting people and sending them to jail, the County risks a return to the days of 15,000-17,000 people in custody with days-long waits in the IRC and the return of unconstitutional conditions there. If that happens, we will go back to court.

We ask the Board to send a clear message to the Sheriff and to all law enforcement agencies in the County: do not arrest people for violating any form of anti-camping ordinances. There is no room for them in the jails. They do not belong in the jails. Criminalizing people who do not have homes is not a solution and will not be tolerated by the Board of Supervisors.

Finally, the Board's goal must be to ensure that all unhoused county residents have access to safe, affordable homes without preconditions and offered as an immediate response to their needs. To truly address the houselessness crisis across our region, we join a growing chorus of LA County residents calling on you to make at-scale investments in real and lasting solutions, including Housing-

First (low-barrier access to permanent housing and pairing housing with voluntary healthcare and services) interventions, expanded access to affordable housing, rental assistance to keep people housed, and stronger eviction protection measures.

Sincerely,

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Peter Eliasberg
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Hello,

Can I please ask that the below comments be added to the public record for the today's meeting.
Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Alysia Herrera

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Good morning Ally,

We received feedback below from the City of Bellflower regarding Item 13. I let them know we would pass their comments along.

Thanks!

Lauren

From: Travis Sais <tsais@bellflower.org>
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Good Morning Laruen –

We are reaching out regarding Item 13 on the County BOS agenda, which pertains to “Developing a Countywide Strategy for Addressing Encampments After Grants Pass.”

Please note that Bellflower is different from most contract cities because we offer shelter through the Bellflower New Hope Shelter. As such, we do possess the authority to enforce our own rules and regulations, regardless of the Grants Pass decision. Moreover, the County, as our contracted law enforcement agency, is obligated to provide services, which should include housing individuals who reject shelter and persistently violate our anti-camping ordinances.

It is of critical importance to uphold local laws and ordinances. While homelessness is not necessarily a criminal offense, there are instances where law enforcement intervention is essential to safeguard public health and safety.

Please pass this message along.

Thank you,

Travis Sais
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