

### Background Information

Recommended Motion re 21-0350 (oppose use of beaches, beach parking lots and public parks to house the unhoused)

The WRAC Homelessness Committee (HOC) met on April 13, 2021 and considered the Bonin/Ridley Thomas motion regarding housing unhoused persons at beaches and parks as well as other areas (CF 21-0350).

There were many comments at the HOC meeting. The most glaring one was that the beaches and parks are open space and should not be given up and taken away from the general public.

In addition, the beaches are a major tourist area and ceding them to the unhoused may cause a loss in TOT revenues to the city, as well as damaging the tourist potential for Los Angeles.

During COVID, an entire summer was lost at the beaches and the year was lost at parks as well. Now is not the time to take these gems away from the people yet again.