

**Background – WRAC proposed motion:  
Support CF 20-1376-S3 (ban on camping in PROW near libraries)**

Motions supporting Council File 20-1376-S3 (Buscaino) have already been passed by Pacific Palisades CC, NC Westchester-Playa and Westwood NC. The Mar Vista CC Homeless Committee has recommended this motion to the MVCC board for consideration at an upcoming meeting. Westwood CC and Westside NC are also planning to agendize the motion at their next board meetings.

CF 20-1376-S3:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-1376-S3>

Buscaino motion:

[https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-1376-s3\\_misc\\_06-03-22.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-1376-s3_misc_06-03-22.pdf)

The Buscaino motion briefly calls for the City Attorney to draft an ordinance amending certain LAMC provisions dealing with activity in the public-right-of-way, in order to prohibit “sitting, lying, sleeping, and storing personal property within 500 ft. of a library,” *i.e.*, a proposed ban on homeless encampments in the public-right-of-way (PROW) located near libraries. At this writing the motion is pending in the City Council Homelessness & Poverty Committee.

The City Council recently passed a similar motion adopting ordinance amendments prepared by the City Attorney to prohibit encampments in the PROW within 500 ft. of *schools and day cares* (CM Bonin was the only No vote). See: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-1376-S1> (CF 20-1376-S1; passed in Council 7/1/22; held over for second reading on 7/27/22).

The proposed motion would be consistent not only with CF 20-1376-S1 but also with previous WRAC positions specifically supporting a ban on encampments in the PROW near schools (CF 21-0929) and requesting cooperation by Councilmembers in designating sensitive sites for enforcement under LAMC 41.18 (*e.g.*, near schools, day care centers, parks and libraries). See: <https://westsidecouncils.com/adopted-positions/>.

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