

BCC Position – oppose 21-0329-S5 & support LAMC 41.18

The Brentwood Community Council (“BCC”) has consistently supported LAMC 41.18 as a means of protecting sensitive uses in the public space from homeless encampments. The BCC has witnessed firsthand the difference between having protected City space, and having County land that is not protected by a similar ordinance, becoming the subject of long-standing, dangerous encampments. We oppose CF 21-0329-S5, as it will make implementation of LAMC 41.18 unnecessarily complicated and unnecessarily difficult, and needlessly involves County agencies in matters of City policy.

LAMC 41.18 was never intended to solve the homelessness, but rather to protect the public space near sensitive uses, and we urge the City to not dilute what impact 41.18 has on protecting the public space near sensitive uses. Many other laws, and lawsuit settlements, address the provision of shelter to homeless individuals. The two topics should not be conflated.

*Per BCC Chair Carolyn Jordan:
Passed by the BCC Board on 6/12/24*