



The Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council
City Hall
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

1/21/21

Community Impact Statement

Re: Council File: 21-0031 - CARE+ Cleanups / COVID-19 Crisis / Homeless Encampments / Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Guidelines

Position: Support

Dear Councilmembers,

We, the East Hollywood Neighborhood Council (EHNC), are requesting that you support Council File 21-0031. For months, local activists and our unhoused neighbors have called out the cruelty of “sweeps,” also known as CARE and CARE+ operations. During COVID-19 especially, these protocols increase the risk of infection among our most vulnerable populations, and do not follow CDC protocol. The motion put forth by councilmembers Bonin and Raman presents a much more humane alternative that actually aims to provide services to those experiencing homelessness, and the city council should support it wholly.

We believe that this motion is a step in the right direction for how City Council handles our housing and homelessness crisis in Los Angeles. For years these folks have been the victims of bad policy that perpetuates and exacerbates the experience of homelessness. This city is about to face an unknown scale of evictions and homelessness due to COVID-19. By approaching these cleanups in a different way, we can begin to make Los Angeles a better place for both our unhouse neighbors and the local community.

Sincerely,
East Hollywood Neighborhood Council

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