

POLICY MOTION 7.1

COMMITTEE: PH&S Homeless Committee

TITLE: Support for Council File 24-0140-S1

PURPOSE: Support for the motion in CF 24-0140-S1 calling for the City Attorney to analyze the impact of the Supreme Court’s ruling in *City of Grants Pass, Oregon v. Johnson*

BACKGROUND:

The Supreme Court's recent decision in City of Grants Pass, Oregon v. Johnson held that laws prohibiting camping on public property do not violate the 8th Amendment's prohibition on cruel and unusual punishment. This ruling could significantly impact how the City of Los Angeles approaches the regulation of homeless encampments in public spaces.

In response, Councilmember Traci Park and several of her colleagues have introduced a motion (CF 24-0140-S1) directing the City Attorney to analyze the potential implications of the Grants Pass decision for Los Angeles. The motion also asks for a report from the Chief Legislative Analyst on the current laws and policies related to camping in public rights-of-way in the 87 other cities within LA County, recognizing that homelessness is a regional issue that affects the entire County.

The Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) PHS & Homelessness Committee believes it is essential for the City Council to have a full understanding of the legal landscape post-Grants Pass in order to develop effective strategies for addressing unsheltered homelessness and encampments in our public spaces. The analysis and information requested in CF 24-0140-S1 will be invaluable in helping Councilmembers craft policies that are both legal and responsive to the needs of our unhoused residents and the broader community.

THE MOTION:

The Mar Vista Community Council PHS & Homeless Committee hereby moves to support Council File 24-0140-S1 and urges the City Attorney and Chief Legislative Analyst to promptly conduct the analysis and prepare the reports requested therein.

Furthermore, the Committee moves to recommend that the MVCC Board of Directors submit a Community Impact Statement to the City Council expressing the Mar Vista community's strong support for CF 24-0140-S1 and the urgent need for the Council to have the requested information as it considers how best to address homeless encampments in public spaces going forward.

DIRECTED TO:

Hon. Traci Park, Councilmember

ACTION/VOTE COUNT:

MVCC PHS & Homeless Committee meeting, August 14, 2024

Motion moved by _____, seconded by _____

VOTE:

YES: _____ NO: _____ ABSTAIN: _____

Motion of approved by the MVCC Board _____

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MVCC Board Meeting

Motion moved by Director _____, seconded by Director _____

VOTE:

YES: _____ NO: _____ ABSTAIN: _____

Motion of approved by the MVCC Board _____