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Re: Resolution – Support for CF #21-0929 (Homeless encampments next to schools)

To the City,

At the Nov. 17, 2021, meeting of the West Los Angeles Sawtelle N.C., the Board of Directors voted 8-0-3, to support the proposed resolution for the City Council to prohibit sitting, lying, sleeping, or storing, using, maintaining, or placing personal property, in or upon any street, sidewalk, or other public rights-of-way within a radius of 500 feet from all schools listed in Attachment A to the Council File; and further, upon adoption of the resolution, for the City Council to direct the Department of Transportation to post signs giving notice of the restrictions in the radius specified.

The Board also requests that the definition of “radius” be clarified to specify a radius of 500 feet from the exterior boundary lines of the schools listed in Attachment A to the Council File, and authorize the Chair to submit Community Impact Statements in the future.

Facts and background:

1. Encampments have grown in the ROW adjacent to school property, presenting dangerous conditions.
 - a. South L.A.: <https://abc7.com/south-los-angeles-homeless-elementary-school-gerald-a-lawson-academy/10565069/>.
 - b. Westminster School - Venice: <https://www.westsidecurrent.com/brentwood/>.

Findings and justifications:

1. The existence of widespread homeless encampments, particularly those in the ROW, has been a big issue for the past year.

Ex parte communications: None disclosed by any committee members.

Disclosures and conflicts of interest: None disclosed by any committee members.

To government agencies: Only the Chair and designated Boardmembers may testify to public agencies on behalf of the West L.A. Sawtelle NC. The Board requests that the Council Office and private/non-profit entities do not testify or speculate on behalf of the NC.

/s/ Jamie L. Keeton

Jamie L. Keeton, Chair WLASNC

cc: Len Nguyen, Council District #11 (Len.Nguyen@LACity.org)