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From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 3:21 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: 2-16-2021 meeting

From: Larry Beltramo <regencysec@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 5:59 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: 2-16-2021 meeting

Dear City Council,

The homeless need help. Please pass ordinance 4228. Keep our city safe and clean.

Larry B.

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From: steve engel <steve.w.engel@outlook.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 13, 2021 9:02 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: In support of Ordinance

21-052 Approve for introduction Ordinance No. 4228 to amend Chapter 13.10 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code Prohibiting the Storage of Personal Property on Public or Private Property

Dear City Council Members,

Just a short note in support of the proposed Ordinance prohibiting the Storage of Personal Property on Public or Private Property. This ordinance will give our wonderful HBPD another tool to help them keep our town beautiful and safe. We see stored property daily in Huntington Central Park and this ordinance will help to fix this issue.

Please support and approve this ordinance and many thanks for all you do for our beautiful City everyday!!

Steve and Shari Engel

Ps- Interim Chief Harvey and the Homeless Task Force Team and all of HBPD are doing an amazing job keeping HCP encampment free. Many thanks to our HBPD Team!!

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From: Courtney Echols <courtnc1@lawnet.uci.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:45 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Public Comment

To Huntington Beach City Council,

My name is Courtney Echols and I am a law school student and PhD candidate in Criminology, Law and Society at the University of California, Irvine. I am writing in regards to agenda item #19, file #21-052, which is in reference to the proposed ordinance #4228. The proposed policy (ordinance no. 4228) is a violation of people's constitutional and human rights, and it disproportionately targets Black, Brown, and houseless individuals.

The scholarly evidence clearly illustrates that criminalization of houselessness is ineffective, expensive, and violates both the civil and human rights of houseless people. A growing body of research comparing the cost of homelessness to the cost of providing housing to houseless people consistently shows that housing, not criminalizing, is extremely successful in reducing long term houselessness.

Moreover, rather than addressing the underlying causes of houselessness and helping people escape life on the streets, criminalization creates a costly revolving door that circulates individuals experiencing houselessness from the street into the legal system and back.

Employing police to address houselessness also has deadly consequences, as was the case for Carlos Ocana, Charly "Africa" Leundeu Keunang, Brendon Glenn, among others. Housing is a human right, and the criminalization of houselessness and poverty is a human rights violation!

We need life affirming policies to promote public safety like housing, education, jobs, and opportunity. We need house keys, not handcuffs. This proposed policy is racist and must be rejected!

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"It is our duty to fight for freedom."-Assata Shakur

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From: Fikes, Cathy
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From: michaelwauschek <michaelwauschek@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 3:31 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: File 21-052

Hello i am a concern citizen i visit your city pretty often how come you we hear to help the homeless that you created a shelter for them so rhey can get the proper help they need then at the sametime you totally against them. Instead of wasting time on the ordnance to not allow them to their personal items in public but instead have something that they can storage it for them.

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From: Fikes, Cathy
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From: Dylan Boyle <dboyle618@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 8:47 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: City Council Meeting 2/16 Public Comment

HB City Council,

My name is Dylan and I am a concerned resident wanting to address agenda item 19 on the proposed Ordinance 4228. Huntington Beach does not need this law and I do not want this law. It is merely a broad sweeping attempt to further criminalize unhoused neighbors of the city and will most definitely target Black and disabled people. Not only is this clearly an attempt to target marginalized groups, the language of this law makes it so that a teen setting a backpack down to go play basketball at the park or an elderly woman leaving a grocery cart aside to use the public restroom will be committing a misdemeanor. It is ridiculous and unnecessary.

Thank you,
Dylan

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From: Quiyarra Mccahey <qmccahey@lawnet.uci.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 7:56 PM
To: SupplementalComm@surfcityhb.org; CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Public comment

Hello,

I write to oppose the city ordinance outlawing people keeping personal belongings on public property, a blatant target on homeless people and an unconstitutional abuse of power.

First, the rest of the Country is moving to decriminalize poverty, reduce racists results of this type of law, and seek real solutions while HB is threatening to double down on bad policy. Cahoots in Eugene Oregon saves millions of dollars and lives by sending EMTs and caseworkers instead of police on homeless and mental health dispatch calls. Denver just found that in its pilot sending EMT/social workers instead of police saved money, resulted in no arrests, and helped people. Even Anaheim is working a pilot project of sending CityNet without police on homeless and mental health related dispatch calls to save money and lives. Yet, this law would create yet more barriers to housing instead of less and risk re-traumatizing our most vulnerable instead of helping.

Second, we are in the midst of a deadly pandemic. The CDC and state and FEMA have all been very clear. The best possible thing to do is have people without homes "shelter" in place or provide non-congregate options like hotels and motels. HB is not doing either of those. By shuffling people around, HB is going to increase the spread of covid. When the only "alternative" is a congregate shelter where beds and chairs are not even 6 feet apart, it is cruel and inhumane to force scared people into that space knowing all the OC shelters have regular covid outbreaks. So, any potential action should not even be on the table until the whole county is vaccinated.

Third, this law violated CEQA. It is clear that the intended impact will be to scatter people and leave them further exposed to the elements. Without a detailed environmental impact report on the results, this law does not fit any CEQA exception and endangers the environment.

Last, it is going to fail in a lawsuit. The 9th Circuit has been clear that you cannot seize and destroy belongings from homeless people. You need to give notice, store, and return. Even when there is a law against it. Certainly a court would never allow a city to go even further to ARREST people for simply having their belongings. Especially those who have nowhere else to put them.

Instead of having police drive housing policy, the City COULD invest in housing and healthcare. Demand that the County do it's part and start serving those with serious mental health conditions. Demand access to the FEMA money (through the county) to get non-congregate options. And partner with Wound Walk and Churches to get people the help they need before the Covid evictions double the number of homeless people without forcing anyone into the covid-petri-dish shelter. Especially those who are high risk of dying if they get

covid. This would save the city money on policing social issues, hold the county accountable, and save the city money on losing lawsuits. It would also save lives and better serve the community.

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From: Fikes, Cathy
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From: Chelsea Drake <cdrake1221@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 7:41 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: City Council Meeting 2/16 public comment

HB City Council,

My name is Chelsea and I am a concerned resident wanting to address agenda item 19 on the proposed Ordinance 4228. Huntington Beach does not need this law and I do not want this law. It is merely a broad sweeping attempt to further criminalize unhoused neighbors of the city and will most definitely target Black and disabled people. Not only is this clearly an attempt to target marginalized groups, the language of this law makes it so that a teen setting a backpack down to go play basketball at the park or an elderly woman leaving a grocery cart aside to use the public restroom will be committing a misdemeanor. It is ridiculous and unnecessary.

Thank you,
Chelsea

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