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In effect all you are doing by this new law is playing chess with the lives of the poorest people. You clear out one space which only moves them onto an other place. What they need is homes to go to, not to be pushed around like this.

Given that Melbourne is facing an over supply of units, now is the time for the Council to consider leasing enough places to house these people who can find not other home.

It would clear the streets, give them housing, and it may help to offset the impending bursting of Melbourne's property bubble.

Above all it would show that the Melbourne City Council has a heart, and truly believes in justice and equity for the most vulnerable, which in would be something to be really proud of.

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This proposed action sets a precedent for harsh treatment of vulnerable people based on the untenable assertion that people who sleep rough in the city of Melbourne are less important than the sensitivities of those of us who have housing.

It is highly embarrassing to have this as a display of Australian values, and I do not support any use of taxpayer money to provide the opportunity for the Melbourne City Council or any other Council in the State of Victoria to remove an uncomfortable problem rather than address it.

Homeless people need our help. It is our civic duty to provide this.

Please show the leadership we have come to know from the Mayor's Office to create a compassionate city.

Yours sincerely, Ashburton, Victoria, 3147, Australia

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Tootgarook, Victoria, 3941, Australia

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We instead need policy that works to reduce domestic violence and to create more temporary and permanent housing for people that find themselves so desperate they'll end up sleeping on Melbourne's cold hard streets and public places.

Compassion, funding and strategic and sustainable policies for safe shelter for all!

Yours sincerely, Cudjee, Victoria, 3265, Australia

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It's a kids bandage on a gaping wound, which has a presence in all parts of Melbourne. There are many who are homeless but either stay in their car or at friends houses or stay on the fringes meaning it is harder to reach services.

Its time we create a supportive community so people can look forward to a future which is bright, not to be kicked in the back while they are down.

Yours sincerely, South Yarra, Victoria, 3141, Australia

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Perhaps if you considered the real reasons as to why homelessness exists in our city of Melbourne then you would understand. I would advise you to hear the stories of people who live on our streets – directly, from their mouths into your ears – because this may encourage you to develop some compassionate decision making skills.

Yours sincerely, Ashwood, Victoria, 3147, Australia

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Banning homelessness in the city rewards the rich and punishes the poor. We are supposed to be the most liveable city in the world and yet we are proposing to kick our fellow citizens when they are down on their luck.

That doesn't sound like the actions of the world's most liveable city.

I implore you to dismiss this ban and then consult with the community and its leaders to find a solution that will extend well into the next 5-10 years.

The world's most liveable city should do its best to ensure everyone has a roof over their head.

Yours sincerely, Brunswick East, Victoria, 3057, Australia

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This legislation targets the most vulnerable in our community in a completely unacceptable way. It is the moral duty of our elected representatives to assist those who find themselves homeless rather than criminalising them. We have the resources to approach the problem practically and with compassion. Melbourne could become a city which actually resolves homelessness, thus justifying the label we tend to take so much pride in. Make Melbourne liveable for everyone.

Yours sincerely, Upwey, Victoria, 3158, Australia

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I don't know where you expect people to go who have no homes. You wouldn't choose to be on the street with all your possessions if you had any other option. Not to mention, confiscation of what few things they have left, and fining them for begging. Talk about creating a Kafkaesque situation.

Yours sincerely, Saint Kilda, Victoria, 3182, Australia

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I am writing in regard to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

I urge the council not to implement this policy, which does nothing to address the causes of homelessness. Increasing homelessness in Melbourne over the past several years certainly presents a crisis, but not one which can or should be solved by persecuting and harassing people experiencing homelessness.

I urge the council to work together with the state and federal governments to address the causes of increasing homelessness in our city, by addressing the escalating barriers to obtaining and remaining on Centrelink benefits, as well as the ever-decreasing supply of affordable housing for people on low incomes.

Yours sincerely, Carlton North, Victoria, 3054, Australia

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There are plenty of examples around the world of solutions that are far more constructive for homeless people and the community. Here is one of many articles you can get your hands on:

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/inspired-life/wp/2015/04/17/the-surprisingly-simple-way-utah-solved-chronic-homelessness-and-saved-millions/?utm\\_term=.ab99c8be0fb2](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/inspired-life/wp/2015/04/17/the-surprisingly-simple-way-utah-solved-chronic-homelessness-and-saved-millions/?utm_term=.ab99c8be0fb2)

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Yours sincerely, Brunswick West, Victoria, 3055, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

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Sweeping homeless people of the street out of the public eye will hide the problem rather than address the problem. Melbourne City Council should only be taking actions to address the problem not hide it.

Yours sincerely, Fairfield, Victoria, 3078, Australia

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There must be superior ways to address the issue of homelessness in the city than to simply ban their presence. It seems to be a crude and draconian method that would be far outdone by increasing and improving the housing available to them.

Yours sincerely, Heidelberg West, Victoria, 3081, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Carlton, Victoria, 3053, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Oak Park, Victoria, 3046, Australia

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Perhaps when they have sufficient housing and help for the homeless there will be no need for the ban.

Yours sincerely,                      Bentleigh East, Victoria, 3165, Australia

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**\*\*INCLUDE YOUR OWN WORDS TO THE SUBMISSION HERE\*\*** An effective solution to homelessness in the city requires more than a blanket ban on sleeping rough.

Yours sincerely, Ascot Vale, Victoria, 3032, Australia

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It is distressing to see people sleeping rough on our streets; but making the fact a crime is not a good enough response from our marvellous Melbourne. I urge Council to work with the State Government to put in place emergency measures that support and house these homeless people, while working towards the provision of longer-term measures.

Our society can only be judged by how it cares for those less able to care for themselves and how it assists them to take their place and play their part in our society.

Yours sincerely, Parkville, Victoria, 3052, Australia

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It also seems needlessly cruel to target those with little or nothing. Very compassionate of you.

Yours sincerely, Balwyn, Victoria, 3103, Australia

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Yours sincerely, , Australian Capital Territory, 2602, Australia

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I may not live in Melbourne currently, but I plan to in the future, and i want to live in a city that does not sweep homeless people under the rug, pump resources into a bandaid solution, cut people off from survival systems rooted in their communities, or give them another reason to fear emergency services. This a harmful measure which was clearly enacted with no consultation whatsoever with people with lived experience on the streets.

Yours sincerely, Beulah Park, South Australia, 5067, Australia

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I am deeply saddened that we appear to be putting the needs of human beings below other trivial concerns. I want to be proud of my city, state and country; not ashamed of them.

That you are trying to pass this law is tantamount to your acknowledgement of the existence of an issue with housing that affects many Australians, both directly and indirectly. Yet, you make no effort to address the root-causes within our society that lead to the sad problem of homelessness.

I agree that these people should not be on the street, but making their unfortunate situation a crime is a feeble and callous attempt to sweep it under the rug.

Instead of targeting our most disadvantaged, why not introduce rent-control legislation? Failing that, some other kind of long-term affordable housing scheme is needed, that's the reality here.

With the median weekly cost of climbing to \$385 in Melbourne during 2016, and with it expected to grow again year on year for the foreseeable future, it is not surprising many of us struggle to afford a warm and dry place to sleep at night. Someone you know, or maybe someone in your family, could find themselves homeless one day. Would you treat them this way? Would you want others treating them this way. This is not pieces trash on the street, they're people.

Please think of others. Please open your heart to their needs. Please focus on a solution, because what you are proposing now will only serve to make things worse. Let's make this city and state a place we can all be proud of.

Yours sincerely, Sunshine, Victoria, 3020, Australia

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place. I This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless You are certainly not acting in my name with such a heartless proposal Why not think what you can do to help them instead of making their lives even more miserable How about making a deal with the churches to open their doors to the homeless at night rather than closing closing them, now there is a sign of caring for your fellow man!!

Yours sincerely, Doncaster, Victoria, 3108, Australia

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Unless you have lived on the edge, lived with despair and deprivation you cannot know how easy it is to fall away from the society that only accepts working people or pensioners.

It may only take two months of being unemployed with debts to find oneself in the situation that those on the street have to deal with daily.

We elected you as our representatives to have compassion towards those who have the highest needs in our society not to be hand in hand with those who do not want this in their front yard because their very high incomes only allow them to walk over the top of those in need and kick them further into the homeless gutter.

Yours sincerely, Bayswater, Victoria, 3153, Australia

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The council has failed to heed advice from experts in the field who unanimously agree that the solution to homelessness is to address the reasons for homelessness and not to further stigmatise people who are at the bottom of the heap.

Providing sufficient public housing is the most immediate need plus providing comprehensive and responsive social services to support people in need.

This approach is unjust and inhumane. It will give rise to greater divisions in society rather than building social cohesion.

Yours sincerely, East Melbourne, Victoria, 3002, Australia

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It is a cruel and inhumane policy that will persecute vulnerable people. Instead of targeting homeless people you should be finding ways to accommodate them in housing for the homeless. Even temporary housing would help many people find their feet.

Shame on you for this callous and despicable proposal.

Yours sincerely, Carlton, Tasmania, 7173, Australia

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Such action as this would require your council to put something more in place. You could perhaps house these people – invest in a homeless shelter so that your words don't sound as inane as they do at present. Then invest in more social housing for the long term and in health services that address some of these peoples problems. These resources , at present, are obviously totally inadequate.

It's your job to look after your city's people. Get moving.

Yours sincerely, New South Wales, 2330, Australia

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This solution to a serious problem is very uninspired. I rate it 0/10. Please think harder.

Yours sincerely, Richmond, Victoria, 3121, Australia

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Why not work together with the Salvation Army? They are doing it the right way! Alternative solutions for the homeless, not alternative streets, – somewhere decent to sleep.

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They need to be in the city in order to be seen, to be near handouts, food, shelter, support from each other, and anything else they need. We should be helping them, not throwing them out. It may not be their fault they are homeless; the most likely reason is the cost of housing and rentals – the Council should be addressing that.

Yours sincerely, Carlton Northl, Victoria, 3054, Australia

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Subject: Proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017

To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

The visible increase in homelessness in the city in the last 3 or so years is highly correlated with a lack of affordable housing and homelessness services. Studies and experts from places like Justice Connect and Melbourne City Mission confirm this view, that homelessness will only decrease with an increase in support services. There are 33,000 people already on waiting lists for public housing, so where do we expect these people to go?

These proposed laws to remove the homeless from the CBD are not only unjust and cruel, but in my view also completely ineffective. It is extremely naive to think that forcing the homeless out of the city will solve the ongoing homelessness crisis in Melbourne.

This will only move the problem into other suburbs, causing greater issues because these suburbs are less able to support the homeless, with less access to services, shelters, food and the like. This will lead only to further costs, when homeless people inevitably need to be taken to hospital for exposure to the elements and the like.

These costs may not be your problem as a city council, however instead of simply moving the problem of homelessness out of your sight, you should be working with the state government to provide affordable housing to these people, through schemes such as requiring major residential developments to include affordable housing, and more contributions to homelessness shelters and services angled at helping homeless people get back on their feet and reintegrated into our society.

I urge you as councillors elected by the public to consider the long term consequences of your actions and policies, rather than just the short term political point scoring at the expense of society's most vulnerable.

Yours sincerely, North Melbourne, Victoria, 3051, Australia

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place.

This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless.

Furthermore, it has already diminished Melbourne's reputation and will continue to do so. The world's most liveable city, a city of which I am a ratepayer, in which I have lived and intend to live again, is on track to becoming a city of which I am ashamed; I cannot support the attitude of 'I'm alright Jack'.

Please, as decent human beings, overturn this proposal.

Yours sincerely, Fitzroy North, Victoria, 3068, Australia

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For safety reasons and for access to many helpful services for people who are homeless, the City is their preferred option. Why doesn't the City Council look at ways of housing them if you are ashamed of their appearance on the streets. Where do you propose they will go? Banning them only makes them move to other Councils and the attitude of 'Well that's not our problem if they choose to move to another Councils' is flagrantly arrogant. Come up with affordable options rather than bullying tactics.

Yours sincerely, Aspendale, Victoria, 3195, Australia

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place.

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This action will not provide food, clothing and shelter for citizens. The City of Melbourne should call on the Victorian Government to invest more in public housing and other support measures.

Yours sincerely, Carlton, Victoria, 3053, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

This is a short sighted measure. People who are homeless are already the most disadvantaged people in society, and this will make their terrible lives even worse. If you find them unsightly, then address the causes of homelessness.

Yours sincerely,

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place.

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We are approving massive numbers of poor quality apartments in the cbd. The developers of these buildings should be required to pay into a fund to also build good quality homes for those in need.

Yours sincerely, Kensington, Victoria, 3031, Australia

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place.

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The key driver of homelessness in the city is a lack of affordable and available housing – with currently 33 thousand people on public housing waiting lists in Victoria.

Experts like Justice Connect, the Council for Homeless Persons and Melbourne City Mission all agree that this proposed ban won't work and will just further stigmatise homeless people rather than address the heart of the problem

I strongly suggest that rather than literally 'sweeping' the homeless out of Melbourne CBD the City of Melbourne should invest more in affordable housing.

It is also the responsibility of The City of Melbourne to call on the Victorian Government to invest more in public housing.

As a voter who has the luxury of a roof over my head, I trust you will take my email into serious consideration so that Melbourne may truly be one of the worlds best cities for ALL people dwell in.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely, South Yarra, Victoria, 3141, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

This Local Law will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place.

Medical, legal, and social services experts all agree the proposed ban simply won't work. It won't fix the problem. Council needs to focus on lobbying and facilitating what does work: stable, long term, affordable housing: dealing with Melbourne's public housing crisis and housing affordability.

Better resourced support and health services are needed to deal with the reasons people find themselves homeless to begin with.

It seems that a lot of money can be readily spent on punishing and stigmatising people, but not on helping them out of their situation. Many of the homeless deal with multiple issues and it is heartbreaking to demonise them as Council is at present.

Yours sincerely,

Abbotsford, Victoria, 3067, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

My submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

From my understanding, this proposed Law will make it an offence for people who are homeless and without shelter to be charged, fined and have what possessions they carry taken from them..... Shame on our lack of humanity and compassion.

This result of homelessness in our city should not result in punishing those who are down – it should be raising the question on the lack of public housing, lack of affordable rentals and the outrageous prices to buy homes ..

Do not punish those who are travelling hard times, look for ways to help, show compassion and put yourself in their shoes – rather than casting punishment just for being poor from your ivory tower.

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place.

We know this policy will just move people to other, more unsafe, parts of the city. It will not help fix the homelessness problem: only new long-term affordable housing will do that.

Melbourne is touted around the world as one of the world's most liveable cities. This accolade is hollow if it is to be achieved in the future through cruelty to Melbourne's most vulnerable residents. Many of us easily relate to hardship even though we appear to live well at present. I think I have one of the most enviable and best paid jobs in the country, yet I am not deluded by how changeable my and any persons' circumstances can be.

I wish that a large portion of the copious amounts of parking meter money I pour into the City of Melbourne's coffers would house homeless people, with dignity, beautifully, without stigma, with care and ... without even a whiff of the callous disregard I see in the council at present. Any woman or person of colour, or disabled person knows the sentiment, callous disregard with deep visceral intelligence.

Melbourne City Council, do not underestimate the support and empathy the people of Melbourne wish to extent to Melbourne's homeless people, though many of us lack the opportunity and resources that you do. This is your golden opportunity to shine with humanity and sanity, and lead with the world's best city councils, who've already lighted the progressive way.

Yours sincerely, Altona Meadows, Victoria, 3028, Australia

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless.

I wish to protest at the inhumane actions that target homeless people, who as human beings deserve to be helped rather than harmed by society. These people are our responsibility to care for and protect – not reject. The causes of poverty are many and varied, and should be treated like any disease by qualified people. Every effort should be made to rehabilitate and improve the lifestyles, living conditions and environments of the poorest and neediest members of our community.

Yours sincerely, Ferntree Gully, Victoria, 3156, Australia

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We need to focus on what works – sustainable, long term affordable housing options.

To target homeless people as the problem and punish them, instead of tackling the issues around why & how people become homeless is illogical and inhumane.

Yours sincerely, Herne Hill, Victoria, 3218, Australia

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless.

Help is needed much more than punishment. Make housing affordable and keep big multinationals honest and punish them for unfair sackings so they can become richer.

Yours sincerely, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Richmond, Victoria, 3121, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

I genuinely believe this proposed new law will not work because it doesn't deal with the reasons why people are homeless in the first place. I believe it will just serve to further stigmatise people who are already vulnerable.

Firstly, the evidence shows that most homeless people are NOT a threat to public safety. I am concerned that Melbourne City Council is prioritising the tidiness of the city over the health and wellbeing of vulnerable members of OUR community.

Secondly, it makes no sense at all to collect up the belongings of homeless people, and make them then pay a fine to get those belongings back when so many of them won't have the money to pay those fines.

Thirdly, the main reason that most homeless people are homeless is through a lack of affordable, accessible housing. There are also a large number of people homeless due to personal trauma and family violence. There are tens of thousands of Victorians on public housing waiting lists currently. I believe a much better step towards a solution is for the City of Melbourne to invest more in sustainable housing. AND to require that ALL big developments in the city have affordable housing, as part of the planning permission process. The City of Melbourne should also be lobbying the Victorian Government to fund more affordable and public housing.

I don't want to live in a community which criminalises the behaviour of people who are down on their luck and stigmatises people who are already vulnerable.

I urge you, please, not to introduce this new law.

Yours sincerely, Preston, Victoria, 3072, Australia

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Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

Although I am currently resident in Canberra, I grew up in Melbourne and still consider it my home. I am therefore very concerned about the effect of the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

As I understand it, this proposed law is essentially a ban on homelessness in the city. Given that the key driver of homelessness in the city is a lack of affordable housing, and that there are current 33,000 people on public housing waiting lists in Victoria, banning homelessness is unlikely to achieve anything other than further stigmatising homeless people, who are already amongst the most vulnerable members of our society. Expert bodies, including the Council for Homeless Persons and Melbourne City Mission, agree that this ban will not work.

Instead of hitting people while they're down, may I suggest that it would be far more sensible, as well as more compassionate, for the City of Melbourne to:

- invest in more affordable housing;
- require all major developments within the city to contribute to affordable housing;
- call on the Victorian Government to invest more in public housing; and
- dedicate substantially more funding to support and health services that can address the reasons people find themselves homeless to begin with.

I don't want to be part of a society that considers ill health, poverty and misfortune a crime. I believe that the way we treat the most vulnerable members of our society is the clearest reflection of our own level of civilisation.

Yours sincerely,

Braddon ACT 2612

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

This action is venal and cruel. It will serve no purpose other than removing from sight the evidence of the harm done to average people by the policies of a government at the local and federal levels that are nothing but tools of the wealthy and their special interests.

Yours sincerely, East Melbourne, Victoria, 3002, Australia

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place, quite often due to mental illness and the lack of affordable housing.

With 33,000 people and families on the waiting list for affordable housing in Victoria, it is an immoral response to charge those living rough with an offence.

Could you please listen to the experts who are dealing with homelessness on a daily basis and find a better way to deal with this problem by developing a way to invest in affordable housing and pressuring the Victorian Government to do the same.

Yours sincerely,

CENTRAL TILBA, New South Wales, 2546, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place.

Being homeless isn't a crime, it is harder than ever to keep a roof over one's head, a job that pays enough to make ends meet and there are plenty of people who experience homelessness as a result of an unexpected catastrophe. Losing a job, unanticipated car or medical expenses, family violence, all support pensions are below the poverty line and housing is harder to get than ever.

Please do not implement this law, there are better ways to go about addressing homelessness. Now more than ever we must demonstrate compassion and kindness for others. There needs to be an opportunity for people to get out of poverty cycles that lead to homelessness, to protect people from violence and ill health that also contributes to homelessness. Don't blame people affected for what is symptomatic of a society that is not meeting its requirements of public service. You are our public servant, please serve all of us – those who are homeless are no less worthy of your care and compassion.

Yours sincerely, North Melbourne, Victoria, 3051, Australia

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Homelessness is not a crime.

Yours sincerely, Berwick, Victoria, 3806, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place. Medical, legal, and social services experts all agree the proposed ban simply won't work. We need better resourced support and health services to deal with the reasons people find themselves homeless to begin with. We need to focus on what does work: stable, long term, affordable housing. This means dealing with Melbourne's public housing crisis and housing affordability.

Yours sincerely, Ivanhoe, Victoria, 3079, Australia

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless.

Obviously homeless persons need the maximum support we, the community, can give them. They certainly should not be bullied, harassed, robbed, fined, and 'swept out of the way'. Free or minimal priced shelter, food, and amenities should be available including a full spectrum of counselling and support services without 'victim blaming'.

It is most inappropriate to blame, disrespect, treat unfairly, and in any way punish and hurt these people – they have already been hurt enough.

Those with power and influence such as yourselves are required to act with responsible care and support for all members of the community simultaneously not any group at the expense of another. This is a situation where it is obvious that the homeless need our maximum unwavering support and acceptance not uncaring, disrespectful rough handling and punishments. We can and should do better than that.

Yours sincerely, Mernda, Victoria, 3754, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

This proposed law is cruel and should not be passed.

I would hate to be homeless as I'm sure you would be. But to then be forced to move on from the streets by an uncaring police force or council officer would make things so much worse. Having my stuff confiscated and destroyed as happens regularly under this mayor (such as his heavy handed approach to the Occupy Melbourne protestors) would also be horrendous.

We need real housing opportunities for the homeless. It has worked in other cities and it can work here, in the 'world's most liveable city'. Make all developer's set aside 10% of their apartments for low income folks and make it illegal for properties to remain intentionally untenanted. All those empty apartments and office space should be made available to anyone who needs a home.

Melb City Council should be funding more services for the homeless and opening up properties for them to live in.

I would be extremely saddened if this law goes through as it is cruel and uncaring. The homeless need our help not persecution. What if it was you or your kids who had nowhere to live...how would you feel if this terrible law was passed??

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless.

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Yours sincerely, Frankston, Victoria, 3199, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place. It can only work if the Council or State or Commonwealth governments provide adequate housing for the homeless before the law takes effect.

Homeless people are not homeless by choice. They have to live somewhere and if you don't want them 'living rough', you must provide accommodation for them.

Yours sincerely, North Hobart, Tasmania, 7000, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

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A growing inequality are pushing people out of the community. We all should be ashamed with just one homeless person because it shows we have no commitment to our fellow citizens who cannot cope any more.

In the interim period, until we solve the problem by agreeing to start a compassionate society where all people are equal, we should let all homeless people sleep at the government houses in the capitols of our states and territories.

Yours sincerely, Glenorie, New South Wales, 2157, Australia

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Please don't be cruel to these marginalized people who suffer enough already.

Yours sincerely, Lawnton, Queensland, 4501, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

I fully support the council proposal. Encouraging people to sleep on the streets and create zones of filth and squalor is unacceptable. Many of those sleeping on the streets now are doing so by choice – so they can beg and finance drug or alcohol habits. Many have rejected offers of accommodation and returned to the streets. Clearly more needs to be done to create levels of accommodation and drug and alcohol treatment centres. Encouraging encampment on public footpaths is not the solution.

Yours sincerely, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000, Australia

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place.

This law will just make them move on to somewhere else and not address the underlying issue. It's simply a cosmetic act to make the City of Melbourne present a better face for tourists. It is a cruel and barbaric act worthy of the worst third world regimes and we should be ashamed that such action would even be considered in this country.

Yours sincerely, Clifton Hill, Victoria, 3068, Australia

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**\*\*INCLUDE YOUR OWN WORDS TO THE SUBMISSION HERE\*\*** we must address first why people become homeless, The reasons are many : loss of work,divorce,illness,mental problem. Until we address each issues moving on people will only cause distress to the homeless and they will be replaced by a new wave of homeless. Yours sincerely, East Deep Creek, Queensland, 4570, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Viewbank, Victoria, 3084, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

First dispossession of Aboriginal people, now dispossession of poor people. The steady march of fascism.

Yours sincerely, Caulfield North, Victoria, 3161, Australia

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place.

It seems to me that besides creating an underclass within our societal framework, a law of this type has an imperiously cruel nature to it. It also deflects attention away from the need to find a practical solution to the plight of these homeless people and simply consigns the problem of their situation and accommodation needs to another city or local government area, (which in turn is likely to pass similar by-laws, thereby passing the problem to another district). Eventually, these people will have nowhere to sleep at all, whereupon we can cheerfully drive them off a cliff's edge to the sea below. That surely solves the problem. There must be a better way to help these unfortunate people.

Yours sincerely, Parkville, Victoria, 3052, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

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By enacting this law you'll be forcing homeless people to try to sleep in more dangerous places, and there are already laws in place to enable police to address unsociable behaviour if required.

It's not illegal to be homeless, and you won't be solving the problem, you'll just be moving it somewhere else.

Yours sincerely, Fitzroy North, Victoria, 3068, Australia

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Criminalising a social problem does not help anyone, it merely drains police resources and further victimises Australian citizens already desperately in need of help. It will cost taxpayers money and create criminals out of ordinary Australians down on their luck.

You can't "ban" homelessness, you can only fight it with investment in public amenities. Are there any examples of such a policy having beneficial consequences anywhere in the world? Research in other developed nations, such as the USA, clearly indicates that the answer is a resounding "no".

Please re-think this ineffective, knee-jerk, callous proposition.

Yours sincerely,

(concerned Melbourne resident)

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As the father of someone who was homeless in the streets of Melbourne for some time due to a mental condition, I know that living in the streets is not a conscious choice for many people. Instead due to the appalling lack of affordable and reasonable accommodation, the overly strict rules applied by Centrelink, and sometimes difficulties with shared accommodation, people simply have no alternative.

The centre of Melbourne is seen by people in this situation as potentially safe place compared with out of the way places such as under bridges etc.

I plead with the Council not to institute this draconian law – but instead to make steps towards provision of realistic alternative accommodation which is safe and affordable for people who are in a very desperate position.

Yours sincerely, Ballarat West, Victoria, 3350, Australia

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This action will not work because it does not address why . A person is homeless because they have nowhere to go. Where are they to go if they are moved on. Will they finish in the cells because there is nowhere else for them to go.

There needs to be a safe place for people to be.

I write from NSW because we seem to be entering into an ugly phase of heartlessness in Oz. You might pave the way for the rest of the country.

Victoria is acknowledged to be the most progressive state in Oz . Show the way to deal humanely with people who are not finding life easy .

Yours sincerely, Kotara, New South Wales, 2289, Australia

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Sent: Thursday, 16 February 2017 5:17 PM  
To: CoM Meetings  
Subject: Proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017

To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place.

This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless.

I am a resident and a worker of Melbourne and have never encountered any personal problems with the homeless, so it is a myth that they are exposing the public to abuse. These are society's most disadvantaged and it is a disgrace that a country this wealthy cannot supply housing that is affordable to the most disadvantaged.

Yours sincerely,

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place!

Reversing cuts to welfare, and removing the ridiculous tax-breaks for big business and our wealthiest individuals, would be a much better way of tackling this issue; nobody CHOOSES to be homeless; it happens due to circumstances beyond their control, usually financial ones. Targeting these poor people and harassing them is cruel and unjust!

We, the people of Australia, will NOT be divided and conquered!!! Please stop vilifying the poorest and weakest members of our society. We are all in this together, and there, but for the grace of God, goes any one of us.

Yours sincerely,                      Eaton, Western Australia, 6232, Australia

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless.

This action should only be undertaken after the council has put in place sufficient housing to cater for the homeless and often mentally ill people who sleep in the open in Melbourne, the city I grew up in and hope to return to.

Yours sincerely, Glenhaven, New South Wales, 2156, Australia

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place. I understand that there are no longer enough places offering bed, not because we have more homeless (which we may possibly have) but because some of these places have closed.

There are successful schemes in other parts of the world where housing and support is provided before people become truly entrenched in homelessness and that this works for those people and is cheaper in the long run.

It is awful to see people who have been familiar faces on the streets for years and to see their situation clearly deteriorating. While I have just written about those who are relatively new on the streets, it is just dreadful to think that some have been in this pitiable state for years. They must be well known to the various 'helping' and law enforcement agencies. I am quite sure that just banning them will not work. What is the point of just moving everyone along to the next suburb?

Yours sincerely, Carlton, Victoria, 3053, Australia

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This action will only compound the substantial hardship these people already face. Moreover, it will superficially remove their hardship from public eye, thereby lessening what socially conscious drive should exist to deal with the deeper issues that increases the number of homeless.

Show the courage to lead real change, not the cowardliness of hiding the symptoms of what you know are much deeper problems.

Sincerely,

Carlton, Victoria, 3053, Australia

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This action will not work because it does not address the reasons why people are homeless. As they are very complex, merely simplistic and unempathic strategies will not be successful in addressing homelessness.

Yours sincerely, Red Hill, Queensland, 4059, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Illowa, Victoria, 3282, Australia

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place. The focus needs to be on affordable housing and supported accommodation.

There is no compassion in simply removing people from sight. Please think again, and remember our common humanity,

Yours sincerely, Allambee Reserve, Victoria, 3871, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Preston, Victoria, 3072, Australia

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Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place. It simply tries to hide the problem. Worse than sweeping homelessness under the carpet – a shameful response in itself – it sweeps the homeless to more dangerous parts of the city. It puts the homeless – people already so vulnerable – at further risk. And why?? Cause we find homelessness in our city unattractive?? Then why don't we invest in real solutions. Why don't we invest in housing. Why don't we invest in people.

This council's proposal makes me so ashamed to live in Melbourne and so afraid for those less fortunate than I.

Yours sincerely, Brunswick East, Victoria, 3057, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Montrose, Victoria, 3765, Australia

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless. Medical, legal, and social services experts all agree the proposed ban simply won't work. It's policy on-the-run that won't fix the problem. We need to focus on what does work: stable, long term, affordable housing. This means dealing with Melbourne's public housing crisis and housing affordability. We also need better resourced support and health services to deal with the reasons people find themselves homeless to begin with.

Yours sincerely, Ferntree Gully, Victoria, 3156, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

I find the proposal to ban homeless people from the city very troubling.

It seems only commonsense that provision must be made first to alleviate the problem by providing shelter and other supports as required before a ban such as this could even be considered.

Yours sincerely, Brighton, Victoria, 3186, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Ellis Beach, Queensland, 4879, Australia

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place.

This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless. It is uncaring, and simply an attempt to whitewash the great city of Melbourne.

Medical, legal, and social services experts all agree the proposed ban simply won't work. It's policy on-the-run that won't fix the problem.

We need to focus on what does work: stable, long term, affordable housing, better access to mental health services and to assistance for those escaping family violence. We need better resourced support and health services to deal with the reasons people find themselves homeless to begin with.

This means dealing with Melbourne's public housing crisis and housing affordability. It means working with governments at all levels to find solutions.

Yours sincerely, Ballarat North, Victoria, 3350, Australia

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Not to mention that people requiring emergency accomodation only receive a certain number of nights assistance. What rae they meant to do after this quota is reached. Do they simply accrue fines until they are jailed for being homeless? That surely has to be a less efficient use of the tax payers money than providing care/ accommodation for them in the first place.

Your actions will only cause much distress and hardship to the most vulnerable of our citizens for no net benefit to the community or the people in this unfortunate situation.

Yours sincerely,

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place.

Many people cannot afford housing unless we change this problem we will continue to have homeless people.

Affordable housing and ensuring people with mental illnesses are helped will alleviate the problem.

Your proposition of fining and baning people who are homeless will only create a greater divide for people who have and have not.

The City of Melbourne needs to call on the Government to address the real issue, affordable housing and ensuring people who require help have the necessary avenues to receive help.

Yours sincerely, Kensington, Victoria, 3031, Australia

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Sirs 'n' Mesdames,

Not only will this brainless and heartless piece of legislation not address the homelessness problem in the City of Melbourne. If the legislation is ratified all it will do is defer the problem to somewhere else.

Homelessness is caused by many and varied reasons, many by poor and lazy legislation at all 3 tiers of government. Neoliberal dogma fueling economic rationalism has dictated that house prices and house rental have gone through the roof. Meanwhile affordable public housing is virtually non-existent even with the Andrews' government to boost it.

The magnitude of this callous action is immeasurable with the very likelihood of the problem getting much worse in the near future. In the interim the homeless need our support by all Australians pitching in to provide a roof over their heads, food and sanitation.

If this legislation is passed, Australia and Melbourne in particular, will on the slippery slope to becoming a third world country. Furthermore, those who make the decision, if it's made, will be remembered for making a decision that is heartless, soulless, callous and morally bankrupt!

Yours sincerely, Tongala, Victoria, 3621, Australia

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Being a single parent of one, struggling in the private rental market, my 10 year old daughter and I face the brink of homelessness every day. We have never submitted an application to public housing because every time I have been close, the staff at Public Housing have all but told me there is no point because the waiting list is so long and so I live in fear on a daily basis that tomorrow we could be forced to find shelter elsewhere and in our situation, that would mean sleeping on the streets because we do not have a support network to help us, should we need it.

Why on earth are the most vulnerable people being punished for their personal struggles? How do I explain to my daughter that if we cannot sustain our (beyond stressfully high) rent and find ourselves homeless, that we will be deemed criminals in the eyes of the law? How do I explain to her that those people who are worse off than us are being targeted, demonised and punished because they have found themselves living on the least fortunate end of food chain? How is she supposed to grow up respecting our government representatives when the evidence she is subjected to, teaches her to believe that there is law without just purpose?

And lastly, how can you sleep at night (in your comfy, cosy bed, in your nice, cosy home)?

This law is only increasing the gap between the haves and have nots and encouraging the haves to be self-entitled, narrow-minded, divisive, shameful bastards. The future is looking bleaker every day.

Yours sincerely, Croydon, Victoria, 3136, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

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This is a disgrace and just because it's the easy option doesn't mean it is the right option. As citizens we expect better than this.

Yours sincerely, Greenvale, Victoria, 3059, Australia

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Poverty is not a crime and homelessness stems from poverty. Moreover many people suffer from homelessness due to poor mental health. If you don't want homelessness on our streets, please lobby politicians of all persuasions to increase mental health services and lift welfare to above the poverty line.

Melbourne is a great city, not just in relation to our buildings but also in relation to how Melbournians treat one another. Making homelessness a crime does not solve the problem of homelessness.

I hope you make a wise decision and overturn the recent legislation outlawing sleeping rough. More permanent solutions should be found.

Yours sincerely, Belgrave, Victoria, 3160, Australia

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Banning sleeping rough in central Melbourne will do nothing to overcome the problem. it just moves it elsewhere and makes it worse. the council appears to be more concerned about being seen to do "something" rather than making a difference. Please be clear that many citizens of Melbourne do not agree with your proposed action

Yours sincerely, Docklands, Victoria, 3008, Australia

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I recognise the council has been doing much to transitional housing and fund homelessness services. I believe this approach is much more likely to have long term benefits for homeless people and the general amenity of the CBD.

Yours sincerely, Fitzroy, Victoria, 3065, Australia

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless. I am sure that those who are unfortunate enough to find themselves homeless would like the situation to be resolved even more than you would. But adopting a 'NIMBY' attitude by forcing them to move elsewhere is cruel and dismissive. The only real long term answer is more affordable rental accommodation, even if it is in the form of tiny houses. Temporary crisis accommodation only pushes the problem aside – temporarily.

Yours sincerely, Kealba, Victoria, 3021, Australia

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Simply banning people from sleeping rough in the city won't change their circumstances and will in fact be punishing people for their poverty, mental health, misfortune or desperation. Unless there is an alternative location for people to shelter, all such a ban does is drive people to another part of the city, and leave vulnerable people exposed to serious health and safety issues.

Don't make this simply 'somebody else's problem': address the issues that lead to homelessness, provide affordable housing and other support services. The ban simply addresses the surface problem. It won't solve it, and it will only hurt the vulnerable.

I live in the centre of the CBD, and am acutely aware of the levels of homelessness and the effects it's having on the Melbourne. But a superficial 'solution' is not to anyone's benefit.

Let Melbourne take a lead in approaches that will help solve, and not just hide, the issues that lead to people being vulnerable and homeless.

Yours sincerely, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000, Australia

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We need a compassionate approach to homelessness, an approach that looks at the needs of homeless people, the reasons why they are homeless, and how we can achieve positive outcomes for them.

Yours faithfully,

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We need more public housing in Victoria, and the city of Melbourne should advocate for this.

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Yours sincerely, Chinghee Creek, Queensland, 4285, Australia

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I am a medical doctor.

Homelessness is a sign, so often, of untreated mental illness and should be assessed by clinicians with this question in mind.

Unrealistic rental prices are of course a contributor.

Thank you for not just “kicking the can down the street” and looking at how to bring professional services to these folk. It is not they who transgress- it is we who do, when we do not help them.

Yours sincerely

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There are many new solutions from the Netherlands, USA, South East Asia etc that are taking people off the streets and housing them in unused buildings

This is a start to rebuilding a life , giving a person back some pride Without shelter there can be no progression. .

Housing the homeless also saves the government costs and taxpayers money as these people require less support from those already trying to access an overstretched welfare services. .

This is a shameful ,crudely tthrough out 'solutions' to the ever growing housing affordability crisis in Australia which the Federal govt is not addressing!

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Yours sincerely, Blackett, New South Wales, 2770, Australia

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This is not leadership. You can do much better. Indeed you stood and were elected to do better.

Yours sincerely, Bullengarook, Victoria, 3437, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Preston, Victoria, 3072, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Yarraville, Victoria, 3013, Australia

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Homeless people are already underprivileged. Their lifestyle is usually the result of complex factors. This action does not address those complex factors.

The presence of homeless people may not be pretty but it should not be about aesthetics. Undermining them does not solve the issue, nor does shifting them on.

This issue is far too complex and important to be dealt with in this manner.

We are talking about people not litter.

Yours sincerely, Ballarat East, Victoria, 3350, Australia

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People living on the streets find it hard to move out of homelessness, in part because they are living on the streets. I do not believe they are living there because it is a fun, social thing to do. I believe it is an act of desperation because there is no alternative, so they come to the city.

They come to the city for safety. There is lighting and the streets are reliable. There are often people around. I walk home quite often through the city and there is a definite feeling of safety, for which Melbourne should be proud.

An unfortunate side effect of living rough is the lack of showers and washing facilities. It is impossible for someone to get a job if they smell and sometimes they do. We all would if forced to live this way. And, make no mistake, the lack of public housing for single people is a large part of this problem.

Instead of tossing them out – a cruel and heartless, and entirely unnecessary act – why not make it easier for them to keep clean? Institute shower blocks for them and lockers for their gear, which would clean up the streets. Allow them to have a place to be social. We are social beings.

Treat them as human and allow their humanity to show through. They are much more likely to get jobs and come back into mainstream life if they are embraced, than if they excluded.

The people who live and work in Melbourne do not feel the same way as you do, Mr Doyle and members of the council. We leave money and buy food. And we allow their vulnerability to touch our own.

I offer you this short story, called “Challenge,” because that is often what is felt at first sight, before a person is really seen:

Out of the cover of the station it was stone cold. Beverley waited at the lights, happy she had put on her thick coat and scarf, and had remembered her hat and gloves for a change. “Good thing I’m wearing my fur-lined boots!” she thought, gladly. The lights changed. Beverley beetled across as quickly as her plump 57 year-old legs could go. She became one with the solid block of commuters moving northwards up Elizabeth Street at 8 a.m.

“Not a nice day at all,” she told herself. “Everything’s grey. The sky, not raining yet but it will, the road, and nearly all the clothes people are wearing. Very chilly, is it too. I’ll have to make something good and hot tonight. Warm us all –” and then “Aghh – watch out! I’ve almost fall... Oh, my God, what’s that?!” She recoiled quickly.

Beverley had almost stepped on a homeless person. A shiver ran through her and she braced herself against the window of Coles Express, barely keeping her balance. “Homeless. Just lying on the street now. Not even in a doorway.” She breathed in quickly, heart racing. “Lucky I didn’t hurt anything. Calm down, girl. Just a homeless person. More of them all the time. Whatever are we to do? I feel so stupid, but how was I expected to see them, just lying there?” She looked down at the person, not what she would usually do, but somehow unavoidable.

They were sound asleep; chest rising and lowering slightly. A male, she thought. A boy, well more a teenager. Late teens, still a bit fat like a baby, a few whiskers. Sleeping on the pavement like it were a bed. Oblivious to the noise of people and traffic, to smells of fried food and coffee, seeing nothing, touching cold, cold ground but untroubled. "I haven't looked at a boy so closely since my Stephen was a child," she reminisced and relaxed, her eyes moving over the child-man.

He had put out a pale grey cap for early morning donations, she noticed. The brightest, most perfectly arched and yellow, without blemish, banana was sitting in the hat. A wonder in itself. Beverley, as if by remote control, checked her purse for loose change and chose a \$5 note instead.

She tucked it under the banana. "Bless you, pet," she said to the boy, and rushed off to work.

Yours sincerely,

Carlton, Victoria, 3053, Australia

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Sent: Thursday, 16 February 2017 6:59 PM  
To: CoM Meetings  
Subject: Proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017

To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place.

This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless.

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Ask yourself, Mr Pompous Doyle, where should the homeless go? Can the share your goose feathered bed? Are you not ashamed of yourself? Oh, I'm guessing you call yourself a Christian?! Would Jesus have treated his fellow man as you are doing? Honestly, you should be horse whipped in the public square!

Yours sincerely, Cowes, Victoria, 3922, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place. We need more affordable housing, health services and employment opportunities to deal with homelessness.

I believe this to be a cruel punishment for people who have ended up homeless due to circumstances out of their control. I had always believed that Australia was the land of the 'fair go', kindness and spirit of 'mateship'. Banning homelessness in the city of Melbourne goes against these fundamental Australian values.

I will no longer be able to call myself a proud Australian – nor a proud Melbournian if the city that I love were to treat it's underprivileged people in such a callous and heartless manner.

Yours sincerely, Saint Kilda East, Victoria, 3183, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

Making it illegal to sleep outside will impose a heavy burden on Melbourne taxpayers and divert scarce police resources away from more serious crimes.

This is because the law will not have much of a deterrent effect – for whatever reason, people sleeping outside think that that is the best option they have, and it being illegal is unlikely to stop them – so police will have to constantly enforce the law every night.

For a victimless crime, such a large expenditure cannot be justified when there are so many more important things that Melbourne needs and taxpayers – small businesses in Melbourne – are already suffering enough.

With crime rates being what they are, we don't need police to waste valuable time on monitoring people's sleeping habits.

I thus urge you to reconsider this law. Please save taxpayers money and don't create victimless crimes when police have a big enough workload protecting people from crimes which actually hurt people.

Yours thankfully,

Yours sincerely,

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**To:** CoM Meetings  
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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place.

This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless. In addition : Name another civilized city in the world that would ban homeless people. It's cruel and not becoming of the 'most liveable city'.

Yours sincerely, Brunswick East, Victoria, 3057, Australia

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Your proposal to ban homeless people from the city is ludicrous cruel and will not work. Have you considered how this rule will be enforced and where do you think these people are going to go? Even if they are "moved on" they will just return as they are only trying to survive. This action to ban is no different from sweeping dirt under a rug. Homelessness is a societal problem and will only be solved with a sincere and compassionate approach to the problem. We have to come together to resolve this problem. One thing for sure is the problem won't go away as job loss due to technology and robots is already starting to impact unemployment. If you would like my help I am willing to "get involved" For starters you could house them temporarily in any of the vacant buildings in the city of which I imagine there would be plenty. It isn't a shortage of places they could stay it's the lack of a willingness to explore options such as these. So many people are only weeks or days from losing their jobs for reasons beyond their control and live in fear of losing their home. I urge you to re-consider your decision and stand ready to assist if needed.

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Yours sincerely,

Central Mangrove, New South Wales, 2250, Australia

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Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless

This homelessness problem has been caused by the years of Conservative governments privatisation trickle down economics. CEO's disgusting wages, Billions of taxpayers (my) monies sent to countries for military use. Pensioners, the sick, the disabled, unemployed, underemployed. Dodgy Visas, and Visa agents rorting the system putting 100,000's of Australian workers out of work, all done by inept PM's & Treasurers that have ruined the Australian economy, all for the purpose to set Australia back 100 years to slave labour..... in the finish it has caused more unemployment, homelessness, Domestic Violence, Prisons overflowing. And all for the Multi Nationals that have raped our resources..... STOP THE ROT NOW !!!!!

Yours sincerely, Ascot Vale, Victoria, 3032, Australia

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place.

This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless. Just imagine if one of these homeless belongs to you. So sad and so cruel to do this to these fellow human beings. **\*\*INCLUDE YOUR OWN WORDS TO THE SUBMISSION HERE\*\***

Yours sincerely, New South Wales, 2620, Australia

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Yours sincerely,

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**To:** CoM Meetings  
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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place.

By banning rough sleeping in the CBD of Melbourne it just moves the problem to another area. Hence absolutely nothing is solved at all.

I work in the CBD and walk past homeless people every day. It makes me feel uncomfortable and I wish people were not put in the position where they have to sleep on the streets. However making them move into the suburbs, or to areas which are more isolated, is not the solution. Having worked with people suffering from homelessness previously, I understand that there is safety in numbers when you're on the streets. You are less likely to be beaten up or sexually assaulted when you are sleeping somewhere with high foot traffic and good lighting. So the city is ideal.

Please don't be small minded and just move the problem to a different postcode.

Yours sincerely,

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place.

My submission is brief. This action to remove homeless people from Melbourne CBD streets only pushes the problem to other areas. The issues that cause homelessness need to be addressed seriously. They are issues with drugs and mental health & the lack of sufficient suitable accommodation & support services. Rather than removing the victims of these problems, the City Council, State Government & other agencies ought to work together to solve the causes of homelessness.

The rounding up of people outside Flinders Street station recently was heartless & unnecessary. The public recognises that a small number of people begging on the streets are not genuinely homeless but we should not blame those who are (genuinely homeless) for the small percentage of those taking advantage of the situation.

Please deal with this grave problem in a humane & respectful way.

Yours sincerely, Coburg, Victoria, 3058, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place.

This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless.

This action is also ethically wrong, refusing as it does to recognise the needs of our most vulnerable as being more important than the perceived public need for aesthetic cleanliness.

The fact that there are homeless people that want a home at all is a continued and embarrassing failure of successive governments. Inadequate social spending is the culprit, and the solution needs to address that. This action takes the one thing that should be free to all people regardless of circumstance – the street, away from those that need it most, without addressing needs, without managing our shared spaces adequately. This is incompetent, lazy legislation.

Thank you,

Yours sincerely, Preston, Victoria, 3072, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

I write regarding the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

Homelessness is a problem many people face at some point in their lives, and they need to be assisted to solve it, not charged with an offence. Few, if any people, choose to be homeless when they have other good options. This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place. It will merely make homeless people afraid to seek assistance.

Yours sincerely, Rozelle, New South Wales, 2039, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

There but for the grace of God go I — or you.

I have worked as a psychologist for decades, and many of my clients were homeless, temporarily or permanently. Let me tell you, on the basis of research and professional experience, punishing the victim doesn't solve the problem.

Please treat these unfortunates with decency and compassion.

Yours sincerely, Toolangi, Victoria, 3777, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless.

What will happen to these people? They will just have to move to another spot and become some other council's issue. They need solutions not bans.

Yours sincerely, Montmorency, Victoria, 3094, Australia

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place.

This action will not work because it is cruel and heartless. To reprimand people for sleeping rough is a callous response to people who are in such a vulnerable situation. It really is not a solution.

I suggest we look for humanitarian ways of dealing with this crisis.

As a Melbournite, i believe that making homelessness unlawful is not a smart choice, and not the kind of city i want to live in.

Yours sincerely, Preston, Victoria, 3072, Australia

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It is a thoughtless kneejerk reaction that fails to recognise that those most vulnerable, some due to careless actions of governments, institutions or guardians, some due to pure bad luck like work accidents or being born with a mental condition are being, not supported but rather kicked even harder by the very people not only should but are actually paid to show leadership and care. Shame on you Lord Mayor and all that conspired to bring it to this stage. I am ashamed at each and every one of you.

Yours sincerely, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

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As a resident of the inner city, I have serious concerns about the proposal to prevent the homeless from camping in the CBD. Banning possessions and imposing fines on campers will only worsen their predicament. Council has a responsibility to provide resources to those in our community who are struggling, not to prey on them.

Rather than attempting to sweep this problem under the carpet, I hope you will work to address the underlying problems that lead to homelessness and help those who are sleeping rough to access services.

Sincerely,

North Melbourne Victoria, 3051

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Subject: Proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017

To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place.

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**\*\*INCLUDE YOUR OWN WORDS TO THE SUBMISSION HERE\*\*** I'm 64, I have a house but in actual fact the bank owns it. If members of our household cannot meet our obligations to the bank then the bank turns us out. Where are the jobs so that we might meet our obligations? (2 grandparents, 2 children, 4 grandparents). Life sucks. St Andrews Vic.

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I work in the city and have spoken to some of those affected by this policy. It is cruel and inhumane. It does nothing to support those most vulnerable in our society.

Yours sincerely, Brunswick East, Victoria, 3057, Australia

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It is cruel. It is ignorant. It is disgraceful.

Address the real issues that cause homelessness; fund shelters; fund anti-domestic violence groups; increase education opportunities for low income demographics; reduce gambling venues throughout the city; create safe drug rehabilitation programs.

Be humane.

Yours sincerely, Fitzroy North, Victoria, 3068, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place.

I believe the proposed laws attack the homeless people of Melbourne rather than working towards a solution for homelessness. These laws are cruel and unlikely to have any effect other than making the lives of homeless people even more difficult. You will likely also be causing worse problems elsewhere by forcing people to move to less safe places.

The money and effort which you intend to spend on enforcing these laws should be directed towards solutions, not towards this draconian effort to hide the problem.

Homelessness is a symptom of the increasing economic divide in our community. This needs to be addressed with effective policies. In the meantime, services for dealing positively with the homeless people in Melbourne, working towards adequate nourishment and maintaining health, social inclusion and hope, should be your concern.

Yours sincerely,                      Mallacoota, Victoria, 3892, Australia

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Fining them won't work because they have little money and no fixed address to send reminders. They don't have that much stuff to take, but I guess if you took their mattress, then you couldn't fine them next time as they would be sleeping on the bare ground.

Some of us in Sydney regard Melbourne as more progressive, but you are failing badly on this one. You must allocate resources to solve the problem, not just hide it or push it aside, if you are to retain that reputation.

Yours sincerely, Petersham, New South Wales, 2049, Australia

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To the Manager, Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council.

Please accept my submission in strong opposition to the Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

Council's proposed amendment, under the guise of "protecting public amenity and disability access", goes too far beyond this stated aim. If the purpose of the amendment were such, the bylaw need only be amended to include such activity as an offence.

This amendment is clearly designed to achieve a more sinister aim: To give law enforcement officers the power to remove people sleeping on the street in Melbourne. This will do absolutely nothing to help those who have no option other than to sleep on the street. It will force them to move elsewhere, which simply relocates the 'problem'.

The amendment is purely punitive in nature and does nothing to make a positive change to the lives of those who have no other place to sleep. Council's efforts would be better spent liaising with law enforcement officers and making sure they are trained in assisting those who have nowhere to go, for example by providing them with current information on where to seek emergency shelter, and making homeless persons aware of the needs of those with limited mobility, rather than simply removing homeless persons or, worse still, fining them.

Introducing fines for possessions left unattended is also clearly a "punish only" solution. If the problem is that personal items occasionally restrict access, then the solution that causes least harm to all involved is to move the items in question out of the way, in a manner that causes the least inconvenience to all, and to have law enforcement officers explain the reasons for doing so. Taking punitive action is a waste of public resources, and impacts homeless persons disproportionately.

Yours sincerely, Carlton, Victoria, 3053, Australia

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Once council provides shelter for the homeless I feel it is reasonable to make sleeping rough in the city an offence

Yours sincerely, Narangba, Queensland, 4504, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Fitzroy North, Victoria, 3068, Australia

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place.

We need a compassionate response for our fellow Melburnians who are obviously struggling. I was brought up on christian values and this decision by the Lord Mayor and the council is offensive.

Yours sincerely, Northcote, Victoria, 3070, Australia

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People experiencing mental illness, domestic violence or unemployment need somewhere safe and stable to recover and look for work. Shelter is a human right and it says a lot about our selfish society that we see these vulnerable people as a problem rather than a cruel system that allows anyone to fall through the cracks.

Yours sincerely, Heidelberg West, Victoria, 3081, Australia

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Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

This action will not work because it discriminates against people who are facing difficult circumstances. It does not consider why people are homeless. It places the blame of homelessness firmly on people who are displaced and puts them in the criminal justice system.

It is unfair, cruel and misrepresenting the attitudes and actions of the good people of Melbourne. We are not a community who reacts negatively and unkindly to people in need.

This action should be overturned so that it does not diminish the human rights of all people of Melbourne.

Yours sincerely, Moonee Ponds, Victoria, 3039, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Caulfield North, Victoria, 3161, Australia

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Being homeless and being forced to sleep on the street is not a crime – fix the cause, not the symptom!

Yours sincerely, Melbourne, Victoria, 3051, Australia

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My son served in the defence force in 2011 including the Middle East and came home with severe mental issues. We have had no contact with him in almost 2 years. I am horrified that he could be amongst the homeless in Melbourne.city. These people need accomodation and services which find out why they are homeless and help them.

We are a supposed Christian country and this is more like a Nazi Regime

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Yours sincerely, Inala, Queensland, 4077, Australia

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Living in the city should not be a crime

Yours sincerely, Glen Waverley, Victoria, 3150, Australia

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I believe that humanity is overwhelmingly good but this new law is unkind, unjust and lacks any tact or sympathy for those whom it effects the most. Let's find a real solution that helps get people off the streets for good, not just off the streets in the city of Melbourne!

Yours sincerely,                      Abbotsford, Victoria, 3067, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Stanmore, New South Wales, 2048, Australia

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Yours sincerely,

Eltham North , Victoria, 3095, Australia

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless. There are currently 33 thousand people on public housing waiting lists in Victoria. Experts like Justice Connect, the Council for Homeless Persons and Melbourne City Mission all agree that this proposed ban won't work and will just further stigmatise homeless people. Instead, the City of Melbourne should invest more in affordable housing; including requiring all major developments within the city to contribute to affordable housing.

Please direct your efforts, attention, and funding towards helping the Melbourne community come together, I urge you to think more about how and why people become homeless and familiarise yourself with some of their experiences. Please focus on increasing funding to health and support services, and on innovative ways to make Melbourne live up to its name as one of the most livable cities in the world.

Yours sincerely, Carlton, Victoria, 3053, Australia

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Sent: Thursday, 16 February 2017 9:38 PM  
To: CoM Meetings  
Subject: Proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017

To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

I live and work in the City of Melbourne. My daughter also attends daycare at a City of Melbourne facility.

I love this city, and appreciate the work of the Council in striving to keep our city a safe, clean and healthy environment for residents, visitors and all who comes within the city's borders – including those who are homeless and at risk of homelessness.

I strongly oppose the proposed law reform as being unnecessary, politically driven and unlikely to succeed in tackling the problems at the heart of the current homeless population on our streets. In my view, the City of Melbourne should recognise that the homeless on our streets highlight problems that our society needs to tackle. Any attempt to move on the homeless, to remove belongings and encourage people away from the bright lights of the city only pushes the problem elsewhere – to places which are shadier, further from services, away from the public eye.

Homeless is a substantial problem for our city, and its problems and causes go far beyond the mandate of the City of Melbourne council. However, I would encourage the councillors to step up to this challenge, not by seeking to extend powers but by continuing to collaborate with other service providers and State and Federal governments to seek long-term solutions to homeless problems. As a ratepayer, there are many things my rates go to – including weekly sweeping of my quiet (already clean) suburban street – which are less pressing than homelessness. We should look afresh at whether, indeed, there is more we can be doing as a local community to help people, not shoo them on.

Yours sincerely,

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

I write to you with my concerns in regards 'The Homeless' and inhumane law.

Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place. You will temporarily relocate the problem only.

It is not illegal to be homeless "There for the grace of God go I" as many Christians would say – Why are people downtrodden, down and out, drug addicted, disconnected from family etc?

Please provide affordable and safe housing urgently. Private landlords are ripping people off. They also discriminate e.g single mothers struggle to find housing, many end up being cared for by their parents or relinquishing their children to abusive partners in order to allow a roof over their children's heads. One woman was told she could not gain services unless she was homeless. This is shocking!

Please pour services into drug, alcohol & other substance abuse rehab programs;

Please care for the vulnerable, single parents, people with physical, psychological and intellectually disabilities. They are more likely to be abused in every format including sexual abuse. This leads to mental health issues which multiplies their poverty and homelessness. Employ companions, friends, people to have conversations to inform the homeless of all the various health and housing services genuinely on offer. No one in their right mind wants to live on the streets

I urge the City of Melbourne to base its values and care for the most vulnerable. If we care for the most vulnerable imagine how wonderful our society will be. Caring for people is a measure of your success, not building concrete jungles.

kind regards, Glen Waverley, Victoria, 3150, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

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People need to be found a home before they are moved.

Yours sincerely, Grasstree Hill, Tasmania, 7017, Australia

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Perhaps finding these people lodgings and offering them safety and counselling may be more beneficial and actually solve a problem. Try and tap into your inner humanity. Of course there is a cost but hopefully there will be enough people like myself who will not go anywhere near the city should this proposal be passed. I was in the city as recently as last week for any that think that perhaps I do not visit.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Yours sincerely,

Abbotsford, Victoria, 3067, Australia

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place.

We need to find out why this is happening and address the issues and help people. Better to build accomodation than build prisons for people who just need a place to sleep.

Yours sincerely, Macleod, Victoria, 3085, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

Banning 'sleeping rough' within the city does not deal with the cause, but only one symptom of homelessness.

Perhaps the Council could consult with the appropriate welfare organisations to find a solution to the problem of 'sleeping rough', not just create a Ban which exacerbates it. While they're doing that, maybe the bigger issue of homelessness could be dealt with too. Tough task but you have to start on it or there will be rebellion within a few years.

Yours sincerely, Black Rock, Victoria, 3193, Australia

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Mental health services must be improved. Domestic violence issues impact on homelessness Rental laws need an overhaul. Discrimination against single parent families, people left in rentals on no lease or so called "month to month" agreement, landlords who have renters removed from housing without good cause. We need to become creative. We need more affordable living spaces. In the form of houses, failed business's , empty shops etc. There are empty properties all over Melbourne. Some are left rotting. Some owned by overseas investors. Others who know. The point is we need to utilise what we have, make housing & rentals more affordable and much more secure.

WE CAN DO BETTER IN THE WORLD'S MOST LIVABLE CITY.

Yours sincerely, Langwarrin, Victoria, 3910, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

This action is a heartless response to an enormous problem in our community. Pushing the problem out to another locality is no solution whatsoever. We need to understand what is happening and why. We know that mental health issues are a great contributor to homelessness. A more responsible approach would be to assist in alleviating this problem. Likewise we need to look at the drugs issue. I am sure it is not easy or cheap but, if the Council is prepared to act responsibly, we could have a situation where Melbourne is a model for reducing homelessness. Let's get creative.

Yours sincerely, Fitzroy North, Victoria, 3068, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless and will only make the situation worse for the people involved.

Fining and seizing possessions from the people who have least makes no sense. If people are homeless they need homes rather than to be made into criminals. The council needs to find meaningful solutions rather than punishing people who need assistance

\* Yours sincerely,

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Please don't sweep this problem under a rug. I fear just simply moving people along will only make this problem less visible and therefore less likely to be addressed.

Yours sincerely, West Melbourne, Victoria, 3003, Australia

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Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

This action will not work because it does not address the root cause of why people are homeless in the first place. It is a knee jerk response and will create more problems than it will solve.

I would suggest that a better course of action is to spend time and effort to determine why there is a homeless problem. The answer may be related to the 33 thousand people current on public housing waiting lists in Victoria, but I'll let you work that out for yourselves.

Assuming this is a key part of the cause then perhaps you should consider a solution such as investing more in affordable housing; including requiring all major developments within the city to contribute to affordable housing.

Somehow this council has forgotten that homeless people are still people with lives and basic human rights that should be respected. They have been caught in the growing gap between wealth and poverty born out by Melbourne's property prices and it seems the solution of the wealthy (you on the council) is just to try and sweep them under the carpet – what a disgrace!

Yours sincerely, Carnegie, Victoria, 3163, Australia

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Kindly put yourselves in the place of the down and out. More money should go to cheap public housing.

Stop abuse of minority groups and remember this could be any one of us.

Yours sincerely, The Basin, Victoria, 3154, Australia

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Homelessness is a result of lack of affordable housing. Apparently Victoria has approximately 33000 people on public housing lists. Meanwhile property developers continue to build expensive units without being required to also develop affordable housing.

I call upon the City of Melbourne to work with both state and federal governments to develop sound policies for affordable housing.

Homeless people should not be penalised for this appalling lack of affordable housing and inadequate support services for homeless people.

I strongly oppose the proposed ban and instead request that more resources be devoted to public housing and support services for homeless people.

Furthermore, according to research aired on Radio National's RN Breakfast on 19 October 2016, older women are particularly vulnerable to homelessness due to a lifetime of gender discrimination, including employment discrimination and domestic violence. Therefore, I also request that the City of Melbourne develop holistic policies and legislation that focus on preventing and addressing homelessness among women. Such policies and legislation should include requiring 15 per cent of all new residential developments be set aside for affordable housing, particularly for women facing financial hardship and/or domestic violence.

Regards, Carlton North

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Although i have just been in Malaysia where begging and sleeping rough are criminal offences. And that creates a very pleasant and safe impression....i think you need to ne making laes also against exploitative hostels where it is frightening to live. \$200 per week and sharing a kitchen and bathroom with 18 people. The owners here are the real criminals. Please show the public you have decent dwellings and services for th ese unfortunates.

Yours sincerely, Caulfield South, Victoria, 3162, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Kingswood, New South Wales, 2747, Australia

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Force and punishment have never been and never will be a solution for poverty. These people need support and assistance – “moving them on” does nothing to ease the issues that have put them there. The time and money spent on that should be used to help them find accomodation and support.

Yours sincerely, Yarraville, Victoria, 3013, Australia

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place. People are homeless for a variety of reasons, the lack of affordable or public housing being a major one. The ban will only create more issues/stigma for the homeless and is a cruel proposal, punishing people for falling on hard times. The City of Melbourne needs to call on the the Victorian Government to invest more in public housing which will do much to decrease homelessness.

Yours sincerely, Bundoora, Victoria, 3083, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Daylesford, Victoria, 3460, Australia

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**Sent:** Thursday, 16 February 2017 11:23 PM  
**To:** CoM Meetings  
**Subject:** Proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017

To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place.

Medical, legal, and social services experts all agree the proposed ban simply won't work. It's policy on-the-run that won't fix the problem.

We need to focus on what does work: stable, long term, affordable housing.

This means dealing with Melbourne's public housing crisis and housing affordability.

We also need better resourced support and health services to deal with the reasons people find themselves homeless to begin with.

Yours sincerely, Camberwell, Victoria, 3124, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place. Where are these people supposed to go if they truly are homeless? What we need to do is seriously deal with Melbourne's public housing crisis and housing affordability and better resourced support and health services to deal with the reasons people find themselves homeless to begin with. Otherwise it's just sweeping the problem under the carpet.

Yours sincerely

Glen Waverley, Victoria, 3150, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Bonbeach, Victoria, 3196, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

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Yours sincerely, Williamstown North, Victoria, 3016, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

Please accept my submission against the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

I believe action will not work as it treats homelessness as a criminal issue rooted in the failure of individual, rather than a social and health issue, rooted in cultural, economic, community and political failure.

Clearly this proposal is more concerned with masking the problem of homelessness, and pushing it upon other councils to deal with, than it with assisting and rehousing people who have become homeless.

Surely the increase in homeless visibility in should not be met with thoughts of disgust and unease, but compassion and concern? What principles and social values are you upholding with this law? Rugged individualism? Aesthetics?

The homeless in large cities often aggregate towards the city center where services, charity and food are more readily available. By pushing the homeless away from the city, away from these scarce resources, and out of sight of homeless welfare groups, you will most certainly see a spike in homeless deaths. Sure the city might end up looking 'nicer' (by which you mean, less 'homeless') but in reality the city will become a much more hostile and unforgiving place.

Instead I believe we need to see investment in affordable housing and community welfare services, in particular domestic violence support centres, and the petitioning of federal government parties to contribute to helping with the issue of homelessness and social and economic dispossession in general. If we're wondering where the money might come from to fund such things, I've heard the Cayman Islands are a good place to start looking.

Every human life is valuable and every homeless person is still a member society. They only need our support to get back on their feet, or at least, to keep them safe. Please don't push the homeless even further towards the edges of our already harsh and hardened society, where most certainly, some of them will die.

Yours sincerely,

Brunswick East, Victoria, 3057, Australia

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Sent: Friday, 17 February 2017 8:02 AM  
To: CoM Meetings  
Subject: Proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017

To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

Fix the problem not the result

Yours sincerely, safety beach, Victoria, 3936, Australia

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Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

I am deeply concerned that this action is being proposed in spite of the overwhelming evidence that it will not solve the problem of homelessness, and will actually make life harder for those already facing the almost insurmountable challenge of getting a house and a job when they are homeless.

Fundamentally, this action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place.

People are not homeless for fun, or because it's easy money, or through choice. Homelessness is a complex problem, at the intersection of poverty, mental illness, a history of being a victim of abuse, and drug addiction.

Medical, social policy and legal experts agree: criminalising the homeless because they are homeless, threatening to remove the few possessions they have managed to hold on to, will only make things worse.

I live here in the city of Melbourne. I walk past people who are homeless every day. I am a young woman, and I know how it feels to experience street harassment and feel unsafe. But I have never felt unsafe because of the homeless. They are simply living the best they can, as we all are.

Sometimes I give money, sometimes I can't. Again, the homeless people I see and interact with are gentle, polite and in no way a threat.

I am appalled at the very idea that this action is proposed on aesthetic grounds: that homelessness is somehow so ugly that we should sweep it away.

Yes, it can be ugly. But only because we are a rich, wealthy city and yet we do not provide safe housing for all our citizens.

I would support a rate increase to help provide housing and support to homeless people. I will never support an action that would make their lives harder.

This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless. It will only make everything worse. I expect more of my Council, and I expect more of my city.

And remember: no one chooses to be homeless. We are all of us only a few unlucky circumstances away from rock bottom. I have a chronic illness that prevents me from working full time. If I lacked family support, I could too easily be homeless. I urge you to consider how easily it could happen to you, and to wonder what you might need from others to help, rather than blame.

Yours sincerely, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Kensington, Victoria, 3031, Australia

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This also places law enforcement in an inflexible position.

Root cause solutions are required for these issues, and these new regulations do not address or solve any core problems.

I am concerned the homeless people will be simply forced out to areas of the city where support services are even less able to work with them.

Yours sincerely, Maidstone, Victoria, 3012, Australia

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There are ways to fix this problem and this is not one of them. have a bit of compassion – most of them do not want to sleep on the street.

Yours sincerely, Dromana, Victoria, 3936, Australia

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I work in the city and I see the problem caused by homelessness on a daily basis. These people are ordinary people who for whatever reason find themselves homeless. I disagree with the idea/law to make it illegal to sleep rough in the city. The real focus should be on making housing in Melbourne more affordable, currently there is very little that is affordable. Rather than pass this law to cause more suffering, how about making planning laws to require some affordable housing in all these apartment towers springing up in the CBD? Why doesn't the council put more pressure on the State government to invest much more in public housing? There are far better ways to tackle this crisis than attack the most vulnerable in our society. I strongly urge the MCC to withdraw this law and vote it down at your next council meeting.

Yours sincerely, Sunbury, Victoria, 3429, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Bradford, Victoria, 3463, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

This action will not work because homeless people will just move to other regional centres. They have to sleep somewhere. Council are passing the buck, out of shame for the situation that actually exists. There may be an element of protest in what they are doing in choosing the beautiful centre of the CBD of our state capital for their bedroom, but surely they have the right to protest. People like you and me can sleep in our fine houses and wake up in the morning for a shower, take clean clothes from a wardrobe and use a kitchen full of food. I can hardly imagine what it would feel like not to have a bathroom and toilet at my disposal.

Please don't let us punish the down and out further than life already punishes them. Out of sight is out of mind. Let them sleep and let them make their protest in the only way they can, and let this wealthy but very unequal society do more to look after its poor. Find empty halls etc. to house them temporarily while better solutions are developed. Put pressure on the Federal Government to change the tax system so that housing may become more affordable. We need to face the truths of modern life and do something about them in a creative and compassionate spirit. I know you are capable of this. Don't be too influenced by the 'law and order' lobby.

Yours sincerely, Thornbury, Victoria, 3071, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Brunswick West, Victoria, 3055, Australia

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Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law .

This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless.

These people need help to find somewhere safe to live. That's what our city council should be doing, please.

Yours sincerely,

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

This is my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place, nor why they choose to live on the streets.

Affordable housing is in severe undersupply with over 30,000 people on public housing waiting lists. Much effort from all sides, not just the City of Melbourne, to overcoming this. I believe that the City of Melbourne should invest in affordable housing and require every major development within the city to contribute to this. Furthermore bringing in the Victorian Government to invest more in public housing would add to the support of these people.

Banning the homeless people will not solve the issue, they will move to another location but will still remain homeless. This would feel horrible if it happened to me.

I urge the City of Melbourne to lead from the front by investing and pull in many supporting bodies, including the Victorian Government to help those in need.

Yours sincerely, Thornbury, Victoria, 3071, Australia

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You could more helpfully make it an offence for anyone to pass by a beggar without giving a coin or two.

Yours sincerely, Princes Hill, Victoria, 3054, Australia

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This action is inhumane and cruel. The homeless truly have nowhere else to go. To sleep rough, including on the streets of Melbourne, is the only choice for those with no other options.

To be deprived of sleep is a form of torture. To be heartlessly moved on by the constabulary because certain more well-off people think it is 'unsightly' or 'unpleasant', perhaps, to be confronted by people who are without a roof over their head, who are likely in poor health, can't afford dental work, are possibly starving, who do not have jobs and savings and all the things that are required to rent premises in this city of soaring real estate prices and bidding wars for rental premises, would be criminal in my view. What are we becoming in Melbourne if we sweep people away like rubbish? Where will they go? Will suicide become their only option? Many of these people have at another time in their life fought for their country, held down good jobs, been married and had children. Others suffer the mental illnesses that people in jails typically exhibit, or have been abused as children or suffered a sudden change in circumstances that made them homeless.

We are only as good as a society as the way we treat our most vulnerable.

By all means, increase overnight accommodations in and near the city of Melbourne for those sleeping rough. But don't just move people on without offering them a safe bed elsewhere for the night. To do so would shame Melbourne more sorely.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Northcote, Victoria, 3070, Australia

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Sent: Friday, 17 February 2017 5:53 AM  
To: CoM Meetings  
Subject: Proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017

To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place.

Affordable housing is what is needed here and as a decent society that we live in this should be a top priority . All this law will do is move the problem out of the city not address it. Please don't let this happen.

Yours sincerely,

Victoria, 3556, Australia

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Yours sincerely, New South Wales, 2440, Australia

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More funding needs to be allocated to public housing and relevant services, to assist people to be re-housed and gain an opportunity to better their lives. There seems to be a huge shortage of seasonal workers in rural areas for fruit picking etc. It seems a logical idea for the government to team up homeless people and farmers, thus helping some to be employed and housed (even in the short term) and alleviate the problem facing farmers with crops left to rot. If this was to be a feasible initiative, it would be such a win/win for all concerned!

Yours sincerely, Hawthorn East, Victoria, 3123, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Parkville, Victoria, 3052, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

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Please repeal this draconian law. Ensure Melbourne cares for those in need instead of making it an offence to be poor.

Yours Sincerely,

Yours sincerely, Carlton, Victoria, 3053, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Brunswick, Victoria, 3056, Australia

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless.

Banning homelessness is cruel and not a solution in any way. Please invest in long term housing and assistance for these underprivileged people.

Yours sincerely, Glen Iris, Victoria, 3146, Australia

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We need to find a way with the State and Federal Governments to address affordable housing. I believe it can be achieved – it has been done in other places including Utah USA where they built very small but decent units for the homeless. Stop bowing down to big developers who then build expensive, luxury housing that only the rich can buy. I have a plan how to achieve it. You are welcome to contact me about it.

Yours sincerely, Bacchus Marsh, Victoria, 3340, Australia

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