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Sent: Thursday, 16 February 2017 11:53 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.

Anatole France nailed it in 1894 when he said: "In its majestic equality, the law forbids rich and poor alike to sleep under bridges, beg in the streets and steal loaves of bread."

Punishing the homeless for their poverty makes a mockery of the law and brings disrepute to our city. The police don't want it, because they know it will be unenforceable and pointless, it may move people on, but they won't go away. It is in the government's interests to fix the homelessness problem: every dollar invested in public housing reaps many times that in reduction of crime, lower costs to social welfare and more importantly, improves the lives of those caught out by Australia's insane property prices.

Why doesn't the council look into providing low-cost social housing, instead of spending more money trying to sweep the problem under a carpet.

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Yours sincerely, Mont Albert, Victoria, 3127, Australia

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We need to address the big picture in an intelligent compassionate and humane manner. We have buildings and accomodation in the city that are under utilised. Moving people along is simply burying our heads in the sand. Pls step up and be proactive, intelligent, inspiring. These people could be asked to contribute to society in exchange for affordable housing, We need gardens planted, more food ie fruit trees and vegetable gardens that are community based. Plant them in the city, have bee hives, train these poor souls to have some sense of dignity in what they offer. I can imagine some like Jamie Oliver then creating big kitchens where they all learn to cook the food that's grown.

Come on people !!!!!!! Let's do something amazing. It's how we respond to any given situation that counts.

Yours sincerely, Warrandyte, Victoria, 3113, Australia

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless. A large space with rooms for a changing population needs to be bought in the city. Homeless people need to be able to socialise not get stuck in an outer suburb. Not run by charity but by the State Government or the City of Melbourne.
Regards

Yours sincerely, Riddells Creek, Victoria, 3431, Australia

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There is plenty of evidence that demonstrates providing public housing and appropriate support services will drastically reduce homelessness. It is also cost effective. It is a complex issue and it requires all levels of government to work together from councils, through state governments to the federal government. This is the opportunity for the City of Melbourne to lead the way in developing those connections to produce a sensible and humane outcome for our vulnerable citizens.

Yours sincerely, Brunswick, Victoria, 3056, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Don Valley, Victoria, 3139, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Thornbury, Victoria, 3071, Australia

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The lack of social housing, which in Australia is dismally low when compared to other countries like the UK, is at the core of the problem and needs to be addressed.

Over the years this issue has been ignored and ignored while the cost of rental and real estate has sky rocketed. This huge gap has meant that when people face hardship in their lives there is no safety net and they end up homeless and at times unable to access the welfare they are entitled to.

The approach of the council is inhumane and short term. These are people with serious person issues, who need help not demonization and further penalisation.

Work with the State Government to allocate adequate budgetary allocation for social housing, give these people somewhere safe to stay while they sort out the personal issues they face.

If each councillor put them selves or their children in the shoes of the homeless, they would not want such measures perpetrated.

I urge all the councillors to treat these people with humanity, kindness and compassion.

Do not vote for the proposed measures.

Yours sincerely, Vermont, Victoria, 3133, Australia

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless. I am a disability pensioner who has come close to homelessness on several occasions and it's not nice of Melbourne City Council to make disadvantaged people a target and a problem to be eliminated ...Melbourne CC should be working with the local and federal govt to create more low cost govt housing and social or community housing models and perhaps ask regional areas to help out as well ...also it would be helpful to look at zoning laws to make it easier to build homes for people on land zoned Farming ...it should be a right to build yourself a home and perhaps people could be encouraged to do this or share their landI have 3 acres in West Wimmera ,but it's zoned Farming and I'm unable to share the land with other people needing homes ...that is just wrong ...zoning laws need to provide solutions to housing not obstructions

Yours sincerely,

Bringalbert, Victoria, 3319, Australia

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless ie affordable housing close to the city and areas where people can walk or take public transport easily to social services, training and hopefully future employment.

All major developments should be required to provide affordable housing, agitate for the state to legislate. This proposed ban is bad antiquated policy where we cannot face our own guilt at not doing more to solve the problem, so let us hide it. This will not solve it. Put your City of Melbourne voice to both federal and state governments for funding of affordable housing, Be a loud voice of empathy and good citizenry. Show by example, investigate public land that could be put to use for affordable housing and provide funding. Challenge city leaders, chambers of commerce etc to assist, be the city that leads this state and this country towards a fairer future, where we all have roofs over our heads.

Yours sincerely, Bells Beach, Victoria, 3228, Australia

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Federal and local policies that entrench housing inaffordability are the root cause of the issue. Trying to shift the results of these policies so that they are out of your sight will only exacerbate the problem for those most affected; people who are homeless.

I would like to draw your attention to the findings of the 'Unsettled: Life in Australia's Private Rental Market' survey released just yesterday by consumer group Choice, National Shelter and the National Association of Tenant Organisations. This report draws a direct link between such policies and the problem you are trying to hide:

"..what (the survey) shows is that the rental market is a really insecure, unaffordable place for very, very many Australians. The consequence of that insecurity and unaffordability is an increase in homelessness."

The title of Most Liveable City should be enjoyed by all our city's residents—whether we have a roof over our heads or not.

Yours sincerely

North Melbourne, Victoria, 3051, Australia

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I think Doyle should spend a week on the street with these unfortunate people, and learn some empathy rather than aggression.

Yours sincerely, Docklands, Victoria, 3008, Australia

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

Yours sincerely, Brunswick, Victoria, 3056, Australia

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These people are homeless for a range of reason's.

Most have mental health problems that are not being addressed in our current health system. Our councils and governments need to spend more money on programs to help these vulnerable people. This will end up helping our community in many ways.

Affordable housing is another big problem! All levels of our councils and governments are not doing enough to address this problem! in fact, as people want to get re-elected, they are actually exasperating the problem, as they are not able to make the hard decisions to stop housing being an investment rather than housing.

We also need more investment in affordable public housing. Requiring all major developments in the city to contribute to affordable housing would take some of the burden off the public, council and governments, as private companies that are making a fortune will have to help fix a problem that they are helping to create.

Moving them on will not address this problem! 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.

Please don't sweep them under the rug again! We need them visible where we can see and help them! We need them to be safe! If we can see them, then we are more likely to help them! The homeless that were sleeping around my work (up until just before the tennis), were all very respectful and did not bother anyone! I now wonder where they are now, and feel worried for their safety. I can only dream that maybe they got some public housing and are safe and warm.

Thanks for reading, I'm sure you will decide to do the right thing.

Yours sincerely, Thornbury, Victoria, 3071, Australia

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I think this is a excellent policy. It is cruel how the socialist have exploited the homeless for their own political agenda

Yours sincerely, Keysborough, Victoria, 3173, Australia

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Banning homelessness won't work because, in order to solve a problem, we need to understand why it occurs. Therefore, the more we focus on banning homelessness, the unlikelier the chance we'll be able to solve the problem. What we can do to help ensure everyone in Melbourne has a place to live is if we begin investing in affordable housing.

Thanks for reading

Yours sincerely, Australia

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This action is the equivalent of attempting to heal a deep laceration with a regular bandaid. It refuses to look at the roots of the problems and moves towards a punitive and paternal approach to an issue that needs something quite different. What is required is an approach that respects individuals' autonomy and begins addressing unaffordable housing in Melbourne, not a knee-jerk reaction to a complex problem that demonises some of the most venerable people in Australia.

Yours sincerely, Bayswater, Victoria, 3153, Australia

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Pushing people off the streets in Melbourne will just cause them to relocate elsewhere, most likely into much more dangerous areas. These are people looking for help, who have nowhere else to go.

What you are doing is not a solution, its a band aid, designed to cover up a so called imperfection. Help these people, don't push them out.

Yours sincerely, The Basin, Victoria, 3154, Australia

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Trying to force them out to less safe spaces because they don't look pretty is wrong unless you're fixing the core problem, not to mention jailing and fining homeless people means you're just adding to the burden of Australia's police and trying to charge people without the means to pay with it.

Don't be ridiculous. Be logical and fair – you're not giving anyone a fair go with this. Isn't that what Australia is about?

Regards,

Yours sincerely, Croydon South, Victoria, 3136, Australia

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The solution lies with finding the cause of homelessness and addressing the cause. If it were merely a question of putting homeless people into housing or hostels it would not be a problem but why are these folk on the street, where did they come from, what happened in their lives that caused them to think sleeping rough is better than a bed in a hostel?

I would certainly be interested in the answers and I am sure that you would too.

Yours sincerely, Newcomb, Victoria, 3219, Australia

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place. The only truly effective way to deal with this issue is to examine the underlying factors and address them in sustainable ways.

Furthermore, this law would punish people who need support, it targets a specific group within the population and is discriminatory.

I hope that you will see the value in putting your energy and time where it is truly needed and could actually be effective, ie into solving the underlying issues (such as a lack of affordable housing and appropriate support services).

There is a town in Canada (called Medicine Hat, ridiculous name but inspirational town in some ways) that has nearly ended the issue of homelessness through a taking a bigger view of the issue. They realised that it essentially cost the government/taxpayer far more to deal with the resulting costs of homelessness (mental health issues, run ins with police, emergency room visits, etc) than it does to actually house somebody.

I include the link to an article on this (there are of course plenty out there and a quick google search will bring them up): <http://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/find-out-how-this-canadian-city-has-eliminated-homelessness/>

warm regards,

Yours sincerely, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000, Australia

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Sent: Friday, 17 February 2017 12:05 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 is very unlikely to work because it does not address why people are homeless.

There is not enough affordable housing in the city, and public housing waiting lists have more than 33,000 people listed.

Expert organisations who work in the field, such as Justice Connect, the Council for Homeless Persons and Melbourne City Mission, agree that the proposed ban is very unlikely to work but will instead further stigmatise homeless people.

Please rather consider investing in more affordable housing, both funded by the state government and making it a requirement of major developments to contribute to or provide affordable housing as part of their work.

Yours faithfully,

Bridport, Tasmania, 7262, 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.

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

There is a lack of affordable housing that is needed to be addressed, which will increase chances of youth homelessness. There needs to be greater access to public housing, and housing with sustainable costs, thus housing with renewable energy to save on bills. Making rough sleeping illegal in the city does not solve the problem. It only pushes the problem somewhere else. Homeless people need housing not tougher penalties. I did not vote for these types of measures and I expect greater from a Labor government.

Yours sincerely, Brunswick West, Victoria, 3055, 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.

I have friends and family living in Melbourne and hate to think that if they were made homeless they would be further disadvantaged if the legislation proposed were to be passed I feel the proposed legislation does not address human dignity, and is in fact a callous, knee jerk reaction. Perhaps Council should consider a more progressive, humanitarian approach to the problems the homeless face. .

Yours sincerely, The Gap, Queensland, 4061, 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 will not make it easier for people to find a place to live! It presumes that people sleep rough by choice. For many women and young people, the alternative will be to get into romantic relationships so as to have somewhere legal to sleep, regardless of how undesired or even abusive the relationship is. Many men will simply find places to sleep that are out of view, where they are more vulnerable to violence from others. By banning rough sleeping, you send the message to people in crisis that you want their problems to be invisible rather than solved. It shows that you are willing to force them into even more harmful situations rather than offer them help. That's shameful. Utterly shameful.

This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place. Research shows that unaffordable housing is a major source of homelessness. It would be more effective to invest in affordable housing in major areas, including the city.

Regards, Coburg, Victoria, 3058, Australia

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

To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

Dear Councilors. Please accept my submission to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017. Instead of banning people from sleeping "rough", would it not be better to first find out why they feel obliged to do that? Do they actually have an alternative bed? Surely they have to sleep somewhere? Can you provide such a place? What would you do if you had nowhere to rest your weary bones? There are many reasons why people have no roof over their heads. And some of those are their own fault. But they still need to sleep somewhere. It's all of our joined obligation that everybody can sleep in peaceful safety.

Yours sincerely, Mount Helena, Western Australia, 6082, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Brunswick, Victoria, 3056, 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.

There are complex systemic issues underlying this social problem and these need to be carefully considered as part of a broader, more effective solution. The reactive response planned by the Council is a political one, not a humanitarian one. It will shift the problem elsewhere and it will further entrench the questionable values of the "privileged" in our society.

As a social worker recently employed as a housing support worker in inner Melbourne I know the evidence states that this issue is going to worsen. We have significant housing problems in Victoria with very little investment into increasing social and public housing stock in recent decades.

Many women have been forced into homelessness or untenable housing after escaping domestic violence. Children are often involved. These are society's most vulnerable and we should not be using punitive measures against these people.

The homelessness paraphernalia that clutters the footpaths along the antisocial behaviour of a few individuals is unfortunate but there is a much greater invisible problem that should be the focus of our efforts. It seems that we have the resources to act speedily and decisively on "cleaning up the streets"; why can we not use these same resources to enable a more humanitarian outcome?

Yours sincerely, Mount Franklin, Victoria, 3461, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

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This is also the most inhumane approach I have ever heard of to deal with people who have fallen on hard times. How could you even think of this? Shame on you all. Give them homes and shelters For God's Sake. We are a rich society, and Australia is supposed to be the "land of the Fair Go" – what happened to that????

Yours sincerely, Pagewood, New South Wales, 2035, Australia

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Mr Doyle, you have achieved a great deal for Melbourne and have a lot of energy. Please do something about this situation. I've been very disturbed to see large conglomerations of homeless people in European and American cities, and in the past was pleased that we seemed to cope well with this problem. However, the number of homeless people has greatly increased in recent years, and I really don't want to walk around Melbourne to see tent cities and step over bodies on the pavements. It's really important for the welfare of Melbourne as well as the welfare of the homeless that suitable places be provided for them in the local area to prevent them sleeping in the streets.

Yours sincerely, Kensington, Victoria, 3031, 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. It will further marginalise people who are doing it though already. Housing needs to be made available to give the homeless as safe alternative to get of the streets.

Yours sincerely, Ascot Vale, Victoria, 3032, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Ricardo Rojas, Buenos Aires, B1610, Argentina

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

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As an action to resolve a problem, making homelessness illegal is PRECISELY the same as attempting to cure cancer by making it illegal: both actions are cruel and neither does anything to alleviate the problem in any way. Seeing the homeless in the courts charged with offences is as abhorrent as seeing the courts full of cancer patients, and just as silly.

Instead of attacking the victims of a situation, try instead to attack the causes. This is not only the compassionate thing to do, it is also the sensible thing: do something to resolve the situation rather than just a pointless, vicious action.

Go on. Do something useful instead: Supply some cheap temporary housing, for example, and if you already did that, then get some more.

I am shocked that any Australian has nowhere to live, nowhere to call home. The people who should be charged with a crime here are those in charge who let this situation continue. This buck stops with the Melbourne City Council, not with the homeless.

To quote The Age last July 18th 2016: 'Robert Kramer, 68, who has been sleeping rough in Enterprize Park, said he did not know what else to do. "Work's gone, there's not enough places, some of us can't work, so we come here." ' There is a list of the reasons why we have homeless, as explained by the homeless themselves. While the Council cannot address the work situation itself, it most definitely can attack the other parts of the problem.

Yours sincerely, Bedford Park, South Australia, 5042, Australia

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INCLUDE YOUR OWN WORDS TO THE SUBMISSION HEREI live carlton i see many homeless people i often speek to them ask if they need food,why dont u fix the public housing system ok,there is now a waiting list of 7 yrs ok,many have pets they have nowhere to go,this upsets me as ..the only offer they get is 'Homegroynd' boarding houses which is not suitable or longterm housing,i cannot believe you want to bann sleeping on the streets ..what if they have noone to help them possibly no rhave elatives ok..i often chat to the homeless to ask about their situation as i said many even have pets ON THE STREET its not right not fair they are people not 'things' to to be treated like nobodies ok,i know the public housing system and its not working ok so fix it ok You cannot leave people in the situation and i mean. Wheres the housing for the homeless?where? Do not ban people from sleeping on the streets ..that is mean and cruel..have a heart ok ..for humanity ..and HELP THEM fix the housing system Do Not Let Them Down

Yours sincerely, Carlton, Victoria, 3053, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Tarneit, Victoria, 3029, 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. The reason that people are sleeping rough is not by choice, they simply have nowhere else to go. By criminalising them you are skating over the fundamental problem.

What we need in this city of Melbourne is more affordable housing. There are currently 33,000 people who are on the waiting list for public housing in this state.

You are simply blaming and criminalising the victims here. Most of these people do not have enough money to buy food so what is the point of fining them?

Justice Connect (formerly PILCH) who assists many homeless people, and the Council for Homeless Persons and also Melbourne City Mission all agree that this proposed ban will not work, all it will do is further stigmatise and criminalise these people.

Please invest in more affordable housing. There is rampant development in this city and it seems that it should be possible to require the private companies who are building to set aside a significant proportion of their accommodation as low cost public housing. Building skyscrapers is obviously a lucrative business to be in. They significantly inconvenience the general public and should be made to give back a little for all of the benefits that they are taking.

You could also use your influence to persuade the state government to provide adequate public housing.

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 in the first place.

It smacks of shame-avoiding and evasion of whole-of-government responsibility for ensuring that affordable housing (preferably within their own communities) is accessible to people who are experiencing homelessness as result of poverty, health issues, or traumatic events.

Your proposed actions seem more related to aggressively shifting/hiding the city's homeless from their current locations of public prominence, than helping them into secure and supportive accommodation with humane and compassionate assistance.

It seems another instance of attacking the vulnerable because they lack the means to defend themselves from judgemental hostility.

I expect more constructive responses from a city such as Melbourne which purports to be the most civilised capital city in the country.

Please reject your latest version of this PA(PA&S)Local Law 2017 and replace it with a much more considerate and socially gracious planned and resourced ameliorative initiative.

Yours sincerely, Elwood, Victoria, 3184, 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 is a stop-gap measure that is ineffective and unnecessary.

For a lot of homeless people, the streets of the city are literally their home. It is understandable why this might be the case – it would be arguably safer to sleep rough in the city rather than in other locations such as secluded parks or under bridges. I don't believe that forcibly taking this safer space away from homeless individuals is the way to go. This is a knee-jerk, short-term solution that has no benefit other than to make Melbourne 'look' better.

The focus of the council's energies should be on finding a permanent and effective long-term solution to homelessness. Law proposals such as these only distract efforts from the real problem – that so many individuals are without a home – and the potential real solutions. The current system of public housing is obviously not working, with a waiting list of over 30 thousand individuals. Initiatives such as the Housing First program in the U.S. have shown to have a high success rate as well as reducing costs for the taxpayer and the government alike in the long run. Launch Housing seems to be planning a similar initiative in the west of Melbourne, which is a hopeful sign.

However, the responsibility to reduce homelessness doesn't just lie in the hands of charities – you, as the council, have the power to make change. Change in the public's attitude towards homelessness; change in the council and government's relative inaction upon this issue; and real change for the individuals who are suffering on our streets. Other than obvious suggestions such as investing more into affordable housing and putting pressure on the government to invest more in public housing, I do not have an immediate plan on how best to enact this change. Perhaps you too lack the answers on how best to tackle homelessness. But I hope that we can work on this issue together, without the introduction of a 'homeless ban' which serves only to further marginalise this group, one which has already been through enough.

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely, Box Hill North, Victoria, 3129, Australia

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It is vital that the City of Melbourne doesn't go ahead with these new proposed Activities (Public Amenities and Security) local law 2017 it is far more human to allocate special low income housing so people on our fringes can start to develop their own independence. "Melbourne the most liveable city in the world" seems a dream too far away, how can our city claim this? when we allow our people to be unable to live in affordable housing. With the resources our city has it would be helpful to deploy these resources to help Melbourne's poorest reach their fullest potential.

Yours sincerely, Brunswick, Victoria, 3056, Australia

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Sent: Friday, 17 February 2017 4:58 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.

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The City Council must provide refuges and cheap housing for these unfortunate people. It is inhumane to just move them on or prosecute them. Jail is the wrong place.

Yours sincerely, Rosebud, Victoria, 3939, Australia

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To: CoM Meetings
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Yours sincerely, Ivanhoe, Victoria, 3079, 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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Why are you planning to punish people who are clearly in need of help? This is a disgraceful law that serves only those who do not want to look at the issues facing our society. Punishing people at the bottom will only push them further down, why not offer help instead? The problem is not homelessness, it is the lack of affordable housing in Melbourne. This is an issue for all of us and, with rising inequality, there will be more and more people unable to access housing in the future. It could happen to any one of us. Please, reconsider this law that lacks empathy and instead focus on providing affordable and secure housing.

Yours sincerely, Brunswick East, Victoria, 3057, Australia

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Sent: Friday, 17 February 2017 8:50 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.

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This law is callous and excessive. It will put a burden on our police to enforce this law over other public safety priorities. I don't believe people want to be homeless. Not letting them be homeless in the CBD does not thing to help them be not homeless in general.

I want to live in a city and a country that looks to offer solutions and support rather than one that outlaws suffering without providing a remedy.

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.

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After working in a welfare organisation supporting people experiencing homelessness and other challenges I learned that people need to be supported rather than “moved on”. I urge the City of Melbourne to explore empowering systemic change rather than this blunt and disrespectful law.

Yours sincerely, Maidstone, Victoria, 3012, Australia

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Sent: Friday, 17 February 2017 9:28 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.

Prosecuting people for being in circumstances that they cannot help, is useless and immoral, and does nothing to provide support. Support and organization is what government is here for, and this action is void of those.

The city needs more affordable housing, including public housing, to address homelessness.

I and many others will be ashamed if people in our city are actually banned from being homeless, rather than offered support when they fall on hard times.

Please rethink this decision, not only is it callous but it's illogical and will not work.

Yours sincerely, Balwyn North, Victoria, 3104, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Wyndham Vale, Victoria, 3024, Australia

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From: <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Saturday, 18 February 2017 10:02 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.

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

Resources need to be put into addressing issues contributing to homelessness, and not to make people being homeless illegal. While I support the right for everyone to have a safe home, I also believe that if someone is out of a home, either for a night or a year, they should not be persecuted, but helped. Besides, if we Victorians can't "just be" in public spaces, where can we be?

Yours sincerely, Fitzroy North, Victoria, 3068, Australia

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

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Yours sincerely, Thornbury, Victoria, 3071, Australia

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From: <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Saturday, 18 February 2017 11:37 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.

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Yours sincerely, Northcote, Victoria, 3070, Australia

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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.

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The about-face by the Mayor from his original more empathetic response leaves us curious as to why he changed his mind. Homelessness cannot be swept under the carpet but must be addressed as part of what a clever and liveable city means. It might be counter-intuitive to demonstrate empathy in the business heart of Melbourne but this notion should be the starting point for a more open, creative and effective debate about tackling homelessness. The homeless are also Melburnians and reflect the underbelly of this city and the current toxic political culture in Australia which is dividing the nation and neglecting social welfare issues. We would like to see the same talents and hard work expended in making a successful business or profession applied to alleviating homelessness, plus some empathy for those less fortunate than yourselves.

Yours sincerely, Batesford, Victoria, 3213, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Northcote, Victoria, 3070, Australia

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To: CoM Meetings
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Policy can have compassion – and simply penalising people for their situation, without addressing the root causes OR providing these people with opportunities to lift themselves from it (such as education, shelter, food, substance abuse rehabilitation, counselling, and more) does nothing to change the cause.

Please rethink this proposal.

Yours sincerely, Fitzroy, Victoria, 3065, Australia

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

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Yours sincerely, Kensington, Victoria, 3031, Australia

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According to a lecture delivered recently at The Melbourne Unitarian Peace Memorial Church, most people living on the streets have experienced trauma. Eighty percent of them have related mental health problems.

When I experienced my own trauma and mental health problems, some thirty years ago, there were long term asylums which could treat you and house you. Where has all the money gone now that these asylums are closed. We need to treat the problem of homelessness with compassion. While it is good that the asylums were closed, we desperately need good public housing. I mean, would you like to live on the streets?

Numbers of people living on the streets has increased by one hundred percent in the last five years. I ask myself: Why are our governments so mean as not to provide adequate housing for those in need?

Melbourne City Council's proposed ban on rough sleeping only adds to these people's misery.

I beg you to show compassion and end this cruel law.

Yours sincerely, Ascot Vale, Victoria, 3032, Australia

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If someone can't afford housing, can't access safe and appropriate public housing, and then isn't allowed to sleep on the street, what are they supposed to do then? We need to focus on addressing why people find themselves sleeping rough.

We see luxury development after luxury development go up in the city. This does not address housing shortages because the people who need it can't afford it. These developments should contribute to affordable housing not just the high end investor market.

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Yours sincerely, Forest Lodge, New South Wales, 2037, Australia

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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 only serve to move homeless people to other areas around the city. Not only will it then make it harder for aid services to help them, it does not get to the underlying issue of homelessness.

Hiding our collective failure to support these people and help them get back on their feet only blinds us to the true underlying issue of how this increase in homelessness is happening. Whether it's unaffordable housing, cuts in social services, drop in charity and NGO support for homeless and disadvantaged people, down turn in economic growth, low job stability from contract work and other factors. These are the underlying issues that will allow us to truly tackle homelessness. Taking the easy route now to sweep them under the rug will only haunt us later when the rug can no longer cover our mess.

Yours sincerely, Glen Waverley, Victoria, 3150, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Brierfield, New South Wales, 2454, Australia

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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 is the wrong response from a city council. It will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place.

This action should instead should be only to promote activities and responds to the reasons many people are homeless.

There is clear evidence that shows providing homes for homeless people is far cheaper in the long run than pushing them somewhere else. Why can't your decisions be based on actual evidence and not be knee jerk reactions based on discrimination and fear. In this day and age, better decisions are possible and expected by our leaders.

Thank you for hearing me.

Yours sincerely,

Yours sincerely, South Perth, Western Australia, 6151, Australia

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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.

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It will simply displace them into neighbouring council areas at best, and make the lives of the most vulnerable in society harder.

Yours sincerely, Coburg, Victoria, 3058, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Eltham, Victoria, 3095, 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 strongly opposed the proposed changes.

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

The proposed changes do not do anything to work with the homeless, to provide services to address the systematic causes of homelessness nor do the proposed changes do anything about increasing availability to boarding houses or other affordable accommodation.

The proposed changes unfairly and cruelly target homeless people who are already disenfranchised and face hardship.

The proposed changes make it an offence to "camp" however no alternative solution is offered to these people, where do you think they will go?

The proposed changes allow unattended belongings to be taken. This may include a homeless person's bedding. Yet nothing is being proposed as to how these people can then stay warm over night.

A person is then required to pay money to get their belongings back. A homeless person has no money.

The proposed changes are cruel and unnecessary. We need a council that will lead the way in supporting vulnerable people not further punish them.

Yours sincerely, Preston, Victoria, 3072, 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.

I would like to point out that Victoria does not have a concrete sustainable housing plan. To see more please view this article discussing the problems at hand and providing some real suggestions on how we could tackle this: <https://theconversation.com/states-drag-feet-on-affordable-housing-with-victoria-the-worst-72867>

Until this state takes some real action on providing secure and sustainable, affordable housing for those in need, it is unethical to enact laws such as these.

Please put pressure on our state government to take action and work with them to secure better outcomes for those living in poverty in our city.

Yours sincerely, Footscray, Victoria, 3011, 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.

I feel that this proposed law, targeting camping or sleeping on the streets, is not an appropriate way to deal with the issue of homelessness. The law does not address the underlying causes of homelessness, be they social, economic or health-related, and thus cannot be a long-term solution to the issue. Moreover, the law targets homeless people, who are already vulnerable, which is only likely to exacerbate the difficulties they face.

The main focus for government when considering homelessness should be on helping homeless people – by providing the services and support needed to help them find permanent accommodation. Homelessness is not a problem that can be eliminated by outlawing it. It must be dealt with by providing services and support for the affected people. I urge the council to reject the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017 and instead seek ways to provide better services and support to the homeless.

Yours sincerely, Carlton North, 3054

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Yours sincerely, Delacombe, Victoria, 3356, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

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After attending Melbourne City Council's recent meeting where a decision was made to make it an offence for a person to 'sleep rough' in the city I have genuine fears for those people who through various circumstances find themselves homeless and with no other alternative than to sleep on the hard surface of city streets.

I am horrified that a person who is in such dire circumstances could be seen to commit an offence should they attempt to enjoy something most of us, as human beings, take for granted e.g. laying on top of or underneath a warm blanket or perhaps being surrounded by a few very basic personal possessions. If, as we are led to believe, we are judged by the way we treat people less fortunate than ourselves then surely we can do better than demonising and maybe even subjecting people to financial costs for being in extreme poverty. It would be a heartless council indeed that even considers taking such steps as seizing the few items a homeless person may have in his possession.

A wealthy city such as Melbourne – purported to be one of the most livable cities in the world – must lead the way in solving the current issue of homelessness. No it may not be easy to find a solution which is acceptable to homeless people, ratepayers and the council, however, as homelessness may be an ever-increasing problem in the city it's time for a concerted effort to address the issue. Short-term fixes aren't the solution. Laws to criminalise homelessness are certainly not the solution as this will surely result in homeless people relocating to what may well be areas where their safety will be under increased risk.

My heartfelt plea to the City of Melbourne is to engage with State and Federal governments to ensure there is some real attention given to creating sufficient affordable long-term housing. None of us knows what we are to face in the future ...unless we are extremely privileged we could be forced to live on the streets due to an unforeseen change in our personal circumstances.

I would appreciate your response to my submission in due course.

Yours sincerely, Aberfeldie, Victoria, 3040, 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.

I have appreciated councils such as my own, Yarra, and Melbourne City Council for the till-now tolerating approach to the influx of homeless citizens, largely caused by the closing down of various hostels, the upsurge in poverty, lack of housing and crack down on welfare recipients leading many to go without a source of a living income.

It has seemed important to me that we, as a society, continue to remain in touch with the result of our economic and public policies and have the chance to stay in human connection to those sleeping rough in Swan Street, knowing about their situation, and whether they are receiving any support (e.g. a young woman from the country) or what food they need, etc.

Experienced voices like Justice Connect, the Council for Homeless Persons and Melbourne Citymission all agree the proposed ban won't work and will just further stigmatise homeless people as well as simply displace them somewhere else. It strikes me as quite a cowardly approach to our fellow citizens who have been given the 'rough end of the pineapple', and a defence against our own discomfort rather than an encouragement of good policy action.

The City of Melbourne could for example instead invest more in affordable housing; including requiring all major developments within the city to contribute to affordable housing.

The City of Melbourne could also urgently call on the Victorian Government to invest more in public housing.

Please find a more humane response to our fellow citizens who are homeless.

Yours sincerely,

Richmond, Victoria, 3121, Australia

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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 am very concerned that you are considering the proposal to change the definition of 'camping' and institute other policies aimed at deterring Melbournians without homes from sleeping on the city streets. It is difficult to understand any way that this could be seen as productive. People are on the streets because they have nowhere to go, so it is nonsensical to ask them to move on, or criminalise their circumstances. I would be ashamed to see the City of Melbourne move in the direction of further stigmatising innocent citizens who are already suffering. We are a very rich city in a very rich country, and can afford to give safe sleeping places to the small number of people in crisis.

Reconsider, and do this city proud.

Yours sincerely,

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Sent: Monday, 20 February 2017 8:01 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 is not a solution for the homelessness problem in Melbourne. It is cruel treatment of vulnerable people. It will only move them out of the council area and not fix the issue.

Melbourne City Council have been progressive on so many issues, can it not now work with experts in the area and devise a better, long term plan of helping people rather than punishing them.

Yours sincerely, Kensington, Victoria, 3031, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

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Yours sincerely, Seddon, Victoria, 3011, 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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There is a complete lack of affordable housing in this city and there are currently 33,000 people on the wait list for public housing.

All major developments within this city should be required to contribute a percentage of said development to affordable housing.

I do not want to live in a city where people are harassed and stigmatised for being unable to put a roof over their heads. Melbourne 'the world's most liveable city'? I hardly think so.

Yours sincerely, Brunswick, Victoria, 3056, Australia

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Quite frankly it's disgusting. These homeless people are HUMAN, and it is our responsibility as Melbournians, as Australians, to help them, not treat them like criminals.

Please rethink this callous and cruel idea.

You've lost my vote.

Regards,

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

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The key driver of homelessness in the city is a lack of affordable housing.

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.

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Yours sincerely, Melbourne, Victoria, 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 and why the current attempts to find shelter for these people have not worked.

I am horrified that the Melbourne City Council would dream up a Law that would criminalise homelessness and demonise vulnerable people. These people are seeking shelter in the city for safety and to protect themselves. To react to the failure of successive governments to provide proper shelter by attacking these people, is just a clear demonstration to us of the moral corruption of the Melbourne City Council. Just because Doyle wants to have "clean" streets in Melbourne is no reason to criminalise homelessness.

Yours sincerely, Maldon, Victoria, 3463, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Fawkner, Victoria, 3060, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Fitzroy North, Victoria, 3068, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

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One of the issues the city of Melbourne and the State Government has to face is the inadequate support for mental health.

The Bourke Street tragedy was an accident waiting to happen. There are so many people with mental health issues, not helped by ICE. Many of the Homeless have mental health issues. There is nowhere for them to go; all the facilities are full.

At least in the city they have some protection as they are visible and safer with street lighting and CCTV. For those of us who live in the city we do not see the Homeless as ugly and offensive but sadly unfortunate. What's ugly and offensive is the rapidly high rise buildings!!

I am not offended by their presence.

I am appalled that there are no shower facilities or anywhere near enough shelters let alone housing for the Homeless.

Has anyone ever documented why they are homeless?

Come on Melbourne, we can do better than pick on the Homeless.

Yours sincerely, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000, Australia

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My understanding is that we simply do not have sufficient public housing. It is also clear that some of the unlucky people whose worldly goods are about to be impounded are mentally ill and need appropriate care, not further harassment.

Yours sincerely, Northcote, Victoria, 3070, Australia

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It is cruel, callous, and ignores the data from around the world showing the most effective and low-cost way to help homeless people are measures towards housing them permanently (one such example: <http://theconversation.com/supportive-housing-is-cheaper-than-chronic-homelessness-67539>).

Homelessness experts around the city agree the ban won't work and will only further harm & stigmatise homeless people. People being chronically homeless in a society that hates and doesn't provide for them is horrible for their mental health and puts them at risk of violence and other forms of disrespect. This 'ban the vulnerable' approach is ineffective at best, and harmful to society at large. It also costs more long term than implementing measures to make housing more attainable. Measures need to be taken to secure more funding from the Victorian Government for public housing in the City of Melbourne. There are currently 33,000 people in Victoria on waiting lists for public housing, showin

g the problem is much larger than those who are visibly homeless. I personally do not want to live in a city that is anti-vulnerability, and attacks people when they're struggling. It's embarrassing that the most powerful people in the city have this attitude.

Since a large proportion of homeless people are disabled, this suggests that society is not providing for their needs well enough, so many cannot afford to be in stable housing. On top of this, the mayor and other people in power are blaming these people for their disadvantage, which is wrong on many levels. Anti-homeless measures are inherently abelist/anti-disability. Is this really what we want for Melbourne – which prides itself on being the most liveable city in the world? If these anti-homeless measures are enacted, we can only say it's true for people who aren't disabled, which is discriminatory, cruel and doesn't give everyone a fair go.

Yours sincerely, Castlemaine, Victoria, 3450, Australia

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The key driver of homelessness in the city is a lack of affordable housing. 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. The City of Melbourne should call on the Victorian Government to invest more in public housing.

Yours sincerely, Blackburn, Victoria, 3130, Australia

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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.

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I feel horrified that in a city as progressive and inclusive as Melbourne, we are taking action that will only further ostracise the marginalised. I believe the people of Melbourne genuinely want to help the homeless and the vulnerable, and I really strongly feel that this law will only push people in need further to the margins.

I know this is only a minor amendment and is not a “homelessness ban”, but it sends a very clear message that we don't want homeless people in our city and it's symbolism is strong. It makes us look like a city that feels inconvenienced by homelessness, not aggrieved by it and determined to find a solution.

Homelessness is at crisis levels in so many places – as I'm sure you know, Victoria alone has 33,000 people waiting on the affordable housing list. Affordable housing and investment in key social services is the only way we are going to be able to help people. Inclusion instead of exclusion is the only way to make our city even greater.

This law will only make people feel that they are not welcome or wanted in our city, which is the opposite of what we should be doing for people in need. The folk who sleep in the city are Melburnians too, and are just as deserving of the public space. When I see people sleeping rough in the city I don't feel frightened, or horrified. I feel a great need to do something more. This law is not an action that will help the people who most need helping.

Please reconsider this amendment as a matter of urgency, as it will only reflect as a callous move made by people who care more about aesthetics than the needy, whether that is actually the case or not.

Yours sincerely, Brunswick West, Victoria, 3055, 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 ask you not to make the proposed changes to the City of Melbourne's Local Law.

In particular I ask you not to broadening the ban on camping: People who are sleeping rough, are not camping – they are homeless and do not have anywhere else to go. Broadening the ban on camping will make life more difficult for people who are sleeping rough.

The city should be looking at the causes of homelessness and tackling them, ideally in consultation with experts. Experts like Justice Connect, the Council for Homeless Persons, Launch Housing and Melbourne City Mission have stated that this proposed ban won't work and will just further stigmatise homeless people.

I also ask you also not to allow for confiscation and disposal of unattended items, as well as a fine of \$388 for leaving items unattended. Again, this will make people's lives more difficult. People who are homeless are highly unlikely to have the money to pay fines.

The suggested changes will move people to other places, it will not solve their problems. It is an out of sight, out of mind, NIMBY proposal and I ask you instead to consult the experts and come up with a better plan.

Yours sincerely, Carlton, Victoria, 3053, Australia

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From: <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Wednesday, 22 February 2017 1:29 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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Yours sincerely, Brunswick, Victoria, 3056, Australia

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From: <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Wednesday, 22 February 2017 4:32 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.

We cannot persecute a vulnerable community further.

Yours sincerely,

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From: <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Wednesday, 22 February 2017 7:00 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 do not support the claim that disadvantaged people can be 'cleaned up' that the planned action propagates.

Yours sincerely, Brunswick, Victoria, 3056, Australia

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From: <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Wednesday, 22 February 2017 9:50 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. Without addressing affordable accommodation this bill just pushes the problem under the carpet. It will still be there and life will be harder for people for whom life is already very difficult.

Yours sincerely, Reservoir, Victoria, 3073, Australia

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From: <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Thursday, 23 February 2017 10:18 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. On top of that senselessness, it is discriminatory in the most disgusting way, and cruel.

Perhaps actually try to cure the disease before euthanising the unfortunately large and infected segment of the population.

The city of Melbourne should invest in affordable housing instead.

Yours sincerely, Brunswick, Victoria, 3056, Australia

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From: Lucia Smyrk
, 23 February 2017 11:06 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.

The key driver of homelessness in the city is a lack of affordable housing.

I strongly this oppose this proposed action.

Homeless people need our assistance, NOT just to be cast to one side and left in an even more dire position.

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

Instead the City of Melbourne owes it to its' people to call on the government to invest in more affordable housing.

Yours sincerely,

Brunswick East, Victoria, 3057, Australia

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From: <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Thursday, 23 February 2017 11:06 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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Yours sincerely, Kinglake Central, Victoria, 3757, Australia

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From: <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Sunday, 26 February 2017 11:03 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.

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

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Yours sincerely, Tennyson, Queensland, 4105, Australia

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From: <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Friday, 24 February 2017 5:20 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 proposed action is a callous law to ban homelessness in the city.

This law will not work because the homeless will replicate this scenario elsewhere and we will be going in circles at great public expense.

The City of Melbourne need to focus on finding long term housing solutions for people and not callous, knee jerk reactions.

Below are some key points to consider;

- The key driver of homelessness in the city is a lack of affordable housing.
- 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.

*The City of Melbourne should call on the Victorian Government to invest more in public housing.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely, Hill End, Victoria, 3825, Australia

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From: <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Monday, 27 February 2017 6:51 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.

****INCLUDE YOUR OWN WORDS TO THE SUBMISSION HERE**** There is no point me trying to find anything new or wise to say to this legislation. Sleeping rough, that is, being homeless is not a crime. Banding together for security, company & safety is wise and should be encouraged. Shame on governments & the City Councils for not providing decent accommodation. In this wealthy country where the wealth gap widens daily, largely due to government policies & priorities, there is only one immediate action required, do the right & compassionate thing & start caring for our fellow citizens, and stop being hung up on the "Most Liveable City" hype.

Yours sincerely, Kensington, Victoria, 3031, Australia

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From: <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Monday, 27 February 2017 10:42 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 think this is a callous law which is more focused on managing blow back from the herald sun rather than helping to solve the problem by supplying more public housing to these people in need.

It's demeaning to us all so please do not pursue this course of action.

Further more, it makes me furious that with all of this development taking place across the city, we see very little public or affordable housing included, while the developers drive cement trucks full of cash back to their offices. Surely we can find an effective balance that supports both positive socio-economic outcomes and promotes and enhances the diversity that makes this city the most livable.

Yours sincerely, North Melbourne, Victoria, 3051, Australia

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From: <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Tuesday, 28 February 2017 3:56 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, as experts in the field agree, it does not address why people are homeless in the first place. It merely further stigmatises homeless people.

The obvious cause is the lack of affordable housing, with currently 33 thousand people on public housing waiting lists in Victoria.

The obvious solution is for both the City of Melbourne and the Victorian Government to invest more in public housing. The City should also require all major developments within the city to contribute to affordable housing.

Yours sincerely, Carlton, Victoria, 3053, Australia

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From: <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Friday, 3 March 2017 12:19 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 recent action to ban homeless people sleeping rough in the city is ridiculous and cruel. It won't achieve any real change because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place. Is this really how we are proposing to treat the most vulnerable members of society, just sweep them under the carpet. Instead of funneling resources into a punitive approach, use those same resources to help address the things that cause homelessness. Mental health, Youth support and the creation of affordable housing options are just some of the levers that can be controlled at a governmental level. Many people are potentially just a stone's throw away from being in a homeless situation. Please show true leadership on this most important issue. Thanks for your time.

Yours sincerely, Richmond, Victoria, 3121, Australia

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From: <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Friday, 3 March 2017 8:31 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.

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

Instead of a campaign against homeless people, spend your time and energy to advocate for the only solution to resolve people's lack of a home, more and consistent funding from the Federal and State Governments for public housing.

Yours sincerely, Fitzroy North, Victoria, 3068, Australia

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From: <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Saturday, 4 March 2017 12:57 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.

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Yours sincerely, South Yarra, Victoria, 3141, Australia

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From: <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Monday, 6 March 2017 5:05 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.

As a frequent cbd visitor I am well aware of the situation of homeless people having to campout in the city. Yet homelessness is not a choice, it is a direct result of a severe lack of quality housing at a rate that is affordable to those on low incomes. Many are on extremely low incomes not because of choice, but because of life circumstances and health issues which have placed them in this dire situation.

There are so many people on the public housing waiting lists, its incredible, more than 30 thousand by my last count.

A key solution for our community is to invest in more affordable housing, full stop. To my thinking all new development proposals must include housing which is affordable to the least well off. I have been reading the news for sometime about this issue and watching the tv and as far as I can see the not for profit experts working to support disadvantaged groups all agree, a blanket ban on homeless people using the city as a home will not work, worse, it will be a breach of basic human justice and rights.

Let the Mayor of the City of Melbourne stand by the most disadvantaged and vulnerable in our community, and lobby state government to fund programs that will provide homes, longterm security, social support for all our citizens. After all it could be anyone of us out there on the streets if life takes a turn for the worse.

Yours sincerely,

Yours sincerely, Guildford, Victoria, 3451, Australia

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From: <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Tuesday, 7 March 2017 11:15 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.

The main issue is the lack of affordable housing (I note that there are presently 33,000 people in Victoria on public housing waiting lists).

The proposed ban will not have the desired effect and instead will simply stigmatize homeless people even further and drive them further into desperation and hopelessness.

Efforts should instead go into creating affordable housing on a large scale. This will constitute a concrete, long term and effective response to the current issues.

Yours sincerely,

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From: <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Tuesday, 7 March 2017 4:25 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.

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Yours sincerely, Brunswick, Victoria, 3056, Australia

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Sent: Tuesday, 7 March 2017 6:19 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.

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Yours sincerely, Brunswick, Victoria, 3056, Australia

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From: <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Tuesday, 7 March 2017 8:08 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.

While I live in Hoppers Crossing, I work in the CBD. Every day I see our homeless people. Sometimes I give them money, sometimes I buy them a meal, sometimes I learn something about them that allows me to find connections to services or people that can help. I always acknowledge them because these are not garbage on our streets, these are people.

Our people.

I am aware the number of homeless on our streets is growing. I have no doubt that the council understands that the problems that create homelessness are many and complex. There are no easy answers.

But BECAUSE of this, we should be working together to find real solutions. Sweeping our homeless people off the streets so that our fine city looks better isn't the answer. Removing our "problem" from the public eye isn't the answer.

I have, at points in my life, been homeless. The fact that I now earn over six figures never wipes away the memories of being alone, helpless and unable to resolve the issues that put me on the street. I was not a "bad" person. I was not a stupid person. I wasn't on drugs, or an alcoholic or mentally ill. Some of these are legitimate problems for our street people. Some are truly incapable of fitting into a 9 to 5 society and the kind of expectations that come with that. Some simply need help to break the cycle of homelessness.

I, as a citizen, as a tax payer, as a voter, understand this. I, in these capacities, choose to support our homeless, to support finding real solutions to very real problems.

I do not support "banning" our homeless, or fining people that everyone is quite aware do not have the means to pay such fines. This leads to no choice but to incarcerate people who have done nothing wrong except try to survive as best they can.

I ask that the council reconsider this proposal. I ask that the council instead put effort, time and money into real solutions that will benefit our homeless people and give them a chance to live with dignity, as all people deserve to have their dignity preserved. I ask that these people be given our understanding, our compassion and most of all, our help.

I would be willing to help in finding and providing real solutions in such ways as a citizen of Melbourne, Victoria and Australia can do.

All problems have solutions. The solutions are simply not always easy to find or implement. I believe this because I make a living out of solving problems.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and consider it.

Yours sincerely,

Hoppers Crossing, Victoria, 3029, Australia

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From: <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Wednesday, 8 March 2017 1:45 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.

Making it an offence to sleep rough in the City of Melbourne is a cruel knee-jerk reaction to homelessness and won't work. It doesn't address the current problem because it will move the problem elsewhere either to the jails or to another part of the city where there are empty factories.

Why does the current problem exist? For obvious reasons such as not enough shelters for the homeless in Melbourne but plenty of high-rise vacant flats and too many people out of suitable work and unable to afford the excessively high rents landlords demand.

So more shelters for the homeless are needed. How many shelters for the homeless does the city council provide? Is it like New York which has only three and its mayor has the same problem as Melbourne. Has our Lord Mayor been in touch with him to find out how he is solving it?

Obviously new long-term shelters in the outer circle of the city where the big developers are currently planning their high-rise moves. Perhaps the solution lies with them and the Council should provide an inducement of a fast approval if ground floors included residential shelters for the homeless. In any case new buildings in the city need to include more residences and less offices so why not more ground floors given over to cheaper residences or shelters for the homeless.

Yours sincerely, Preston, Victoria, 3072, Australia.

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From: <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Wednesday, 8 March 2017 10:01 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.

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Yours sincerely, Avondale Heights, Victoria, 3034, Australia

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From: <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Wednesday, 8 March 2017 4:55 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.

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Most of them are good people just trying to get back on there feet, they don't have anywhere else to go, so you're just going to kick them off the streets, because they don't have anywhere else to go so what are they going to do, just go and sleep where, just somewhere else on the street and eventually go to jail because they can't pay the fine, and how are they supposed to pay for the fine anyway, they don't have a job. We should be helping them get off the streets, help make there life better. Imagine if that was you, you wouldn't like being on the streets. They fight to stay alive as it is, why make it any harder!

Yours sincerely, Wangaratta, Victoria, 3677, Australia

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From: <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Friday, 10 March 2017 2:49 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 is a cruel short-sighted solution to a growing problem; a complex problem which deserves some investigation and propositions for consideration to address the problem.

Melbourne City Council owns lots of potentially sites usable for housing development. Melbourne City Council collects rates so why isn't some of this funding available for council funded housing. Melbourne City Council has a planning scheme where provisions could be made for social housing quotas for all multi-residential developments.

Why does the mayor consider this is not the cities problem the council needs to find some solutions for Melbourne's citizens.

Yours sincerely, Fitzroy, Victoria, 3065, Australia

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From: <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Sunday, 12 March 2017 2:56 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.

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****INCLUDE YOUR OWN WORDS TO THE SUBMISSION HERE**** I disagree with the Council enacting a Bill to ban homeless people from sleeping rough in the city

Believe that homeless people need practical help, such as low cost housing

Access to mental health services

There are many varied reasons why people sleep decide to sleep on the streets such as sexual abuse and violence in the home

By forcing homeless people to move out of the city only redirects the problems elsewhere, and does to resolve the underlying issues

Yours sincerely, Kensington, Victoria, 3031, Australia

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From: <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Tuesday, 14 March 2017 3:48 PM
To: CoM Meetings
Subject: Proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017

To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

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Yours sincerely, Saint Helena, Victoria, 3088, Australia

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From: <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Tuesday, 14 March 2017 6:29 PM
To: CoM Meetings
Subject: Proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017

To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

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Yours sincerely, Donnybrook, Victoria, 3064, Australia

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From: <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Tuesday, 14 March 2017 9:05 PM
To: CoM Meetings
Subject: Proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017

To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

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Yours sincerely, Upwey, Victoria, 3158, Australia

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To: CoM Meetings
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Yours sincerely, Bundoora, Victoria, 3083, Australia

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From: <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Wednesday, 15 March 2017 8:18 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.

I am shocked and saddened at this proposal, having just found out that my sister with mental illness has been living rough for months. Until you have a personal experience of this plight, you cannot understand the situation fully.

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

I shall attempt to précis the experience of one such homeless person & why she finds herself outcast and on the streets.

Over the last 16 years since my sister was first diagnosed with schizoaffective disorder it has been a shocking, heartbreaking traumatic journey companioning her (and then watching her) through her demise. I hope through giving an overview of her story, it may enlighten and en'heart'en those making policy.

At the onset my sister was told by her psychiatrist that outcomes often weren't good for people with her condition and was given only pharmacological options in her recovery plan. She went from a working, social, intelligent, caring, contributing, loving 30 year old woman with close relationships with family, friends, partner, housemates & dog, to a human shell, completely broken & isolated, with no relationships, a drug addiction, lost in the psychotic world & homeless.

Each early psychosis, she'd lose her job, use up all her (house-deposit) savings & have trouble maintaining her rented sharehouse. Each post-psychosis she'd work hard to get another job & get her life back together. But the themes of the psychosis were never addressed (through psychotherapy which works in other countries); the conflicting inner voices were never understood or integrated (with voice dialogue processes which have been found to be profoundly helpful); and the pharmaceuticals had intolerable side effects (for which she took other substances to control -eg marijuana to settle restless leg syndrome & help her sleep at night, ecstasy to help her 'feel' & not be a zombie & illicit drugs seemed to open a gateway back to psychosis where she felt compelled that she had to do planet-saving work or the world would die & it would all be her fault!)

Some medication side effects sadly made her look & act strange which further alienated her from society. Hospital visits were traumatic, adding each time to her growing trauma experiences & real help was not forthcoming. After a few years, somehow ice got into the mix and her personality changed.

The time came when she never came out of psychosis & wasn't able to go back to work, couldn't maintain her sharehouse, lost her friends & partner, and moved into a rooming house (cockroach infested & undesirable). Dogs weren't permitted so she had to give away her only beloved companion. She also became disconnected from family (who over the years experienced their own burnout & mental health issues from this experience & became characters of 'evil' in the landscape of her psychosis). Grief & trauma contributed to her malaise.

Due to her continuing state of unwellness over the years she was evicted. Her worker found other accommodation (with street workers & jail people) but it was very unsafe. Unbeknownst to her family (who were not kept in the loop) she became homeless.

While regular hospital visits helped reduce her extreme floridness temporarily, beds run out & after short times she was discharged (still florid) – the psychosis remained & nothing was ever done about her addiction (treatment currently is voluntary & she was always in an altered reality & never able to volunteer). She stopped having money for food so relies on a food van every few days for sustenance.

There has been no safe asylum to keep her off the streets (as all asylums were closed many years ago)... leaving her vulnerable to abuse, vagrancy, malnutrition and disconnection. The waiting lists are long for the few supported accommodation options and one has to volunteer for those, which, if she even had access I doubt she would be in enough reality to volunteer for.

So this is why she is homeless.

Decades ago I thought there was no reason for Australians to be homeless because we have 'welfare'. I've been made to eat those words through enlightenment to the great complexities of the issue – and this is only one story, one perspective. A heartbreaking, family shattering experience.

Last year through all the stress my mother developed psychosis & had to experience forced hospitalisation & extreme medicalisation. We are all terrified of a similar outcome. She's worked hard all year to develop alternative recovery options off her own back and get off medication, which she despised the side-effects of!

The problems are more complex than just 'moving the homeless along'. The homeless need destigmatising... to be heard, to be understood, to be helped. They need changes in the mental health Act, addiction treatment, more supported accommodation options, helpful asylum options again when they become a danger to themselves & vulnerable to drug pushers, more affordable housing options, alternative medical options (not just pharmacological)! And for heavens sake, some compassion & understanding in all of this.

Yours sincerely, Frankston, Victoria, 3199, Australia

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From: <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Wednesday, 15 March 2017 11:26 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 the root causes of homelessness or the rise in homeless people sleeping in our streets and other insecure locations.

Homeless people should not be othered or distanced from because they happen to be homeless; they are people, first and foremost, deserving of basic access to shelter and support and respect from everyone in the community. Judging their presence on our streets as anything other than a symptom of wider cracks in our community support networks is only denying these root causes and will do nothing to alleviate the social consequences of leaving our most vulnerable unaided. All kinds of life events can result in homelessness. I find it very dissappointing that this ban is being proposed at all. It helps no one, sweeps broader social issues aside and criminalises those who already have enough to deal with.

Having been in need of support as a low income person while I was ill a few years ago I know how difficult it is and how thinly stretched the services are. A ban would only further stress services and use up police time on work that would demean the police in carrying it out.

I make this submission to directly participate in helping to voice the needs of our wider community, not merely for homeless persons. I am concerned with the harm this inevitably violent sweeping under the rug approach will have on our morale as a city that prides itself on progressive ideas and inclusivity. The shame of spending public funds locking people up instead of supporting them into housing is plain.

Yours sincerely, Coburg, Victoria, 3058, Australia

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From: <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Thursday, 16 March 2017 10:37 PM
To: CoM Meetings
Subject: Proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017

To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

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Yours sincerely, Springvale, Victoria, 3171, Australia

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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 proposed law will not address the key issues surrounding homelessness or decrease the amount of homeless people.

It is a temporary law designed to hide the issue of homelessness from public view rather than try and solve the problem.

Yours sincerely, Maidstone, Victoria, 3012, Australia

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From: <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Friday, 17 March 2017 5:17 AM
To: CoM Meetings
Subject: Proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017

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By purely focusing on band-aid solutions we do nothing to make our city a better place. Housing affordability isn't a problem we can magically make disappear by getting homeless people off the streets

We need to invest more in making housing in Melbourne affordable – particularly given the huge number of people on public housing wait lists.

Yours sincerely, North Melbourne, Victoria, 3051, Australia

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To: CoM Meetings
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Yours sincerely, West Melbourne, Victoria, 3003, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Summerlands, Victoria, 3922, Australia

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

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Are you kidding with this law? Do you think homeless people would sleep on the streets by choice? Like they have a house but instead choose to sleep on cardboard in the cold? Your law is illogical and cruel and won't change a thing. How about providing the homeless with a place to stay...

Yours sincerely, Woodend, Victoria, 3442, Australia

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Sent: Friday, 17 March 2017 1:31 PM
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. Instead, the City of Melbourne should invest more in affordable housing; including requiring all major developments within the city to contribute to affordable housing.

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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.

Punishing those who cannot find affordable housing is a despicable way to deal with the housing crisis. You cannot fine people out of homelessness. The only genuine, long term solution to homelessness is to invest in more public housing. With 33,000 people on the waiting list across Victoria, the numbers of those sleeping rough will continue to grow until the cause of homelessness is addressed.

It is also appalling that Council is spending public money to discourage people from showing support and solidarity for people experiencing homelessness.

This ban will continue to invite public outrage until it is reversed. Save us all the trouble and stop this attack on homeless people before it ruins lives.

Yours sincerely, Collingwood, Victoria, 3066, Australia

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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.

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Homelessness affects vulnerable people and makes people vulnerable. Vulnerability ought not to be criminalised. Police violence and judicial violence is not the solution to homelessness.

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

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You can't ban the homeless in Melbourne any more than you can ban them in New Orleans post-Hurricane Katrina, in Fukushima post- Tōhoku Earthquake, or in regional Victoria post-Black Saturday.

You have a crisis, and you have to stop the crisis, not the situations it creates.

Yours sincerely, Richmond, Victoria, 3121, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Brunswick East, Victoria, 3057, Australia

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To: CoM Meetings
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We have a housing affordability crisis in Melbourne. At the same time we have many other social issues affecting Australia due to rising inequality, rising unemployment and inadequate services to address this.

This action simply attempts to move the problem and sweep it under the carpet.

Provide more services and address the housing affordability crisis.

Yours sincerely, Brunswick, Victoria, 3056, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Brunswick, Victoria, 3056, Australia

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

To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

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It's just not right to criminalise the true victims of failed economic rationale – there are too many homeless people in Melbourne to honestly say that its due to personal failings at an individual level – this unjust law is a disingenuous social outrage ☹️☹️☹️

Yours sincerely, Abbotsford, Victoria, 3067, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

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I have worked as a social worker in the homelessness sector. In my years working with some of the most vulnerable women in the state I never met one who had chosen to sleep rough in the face of better options. They did so because housing was expensive, they had no friend or family to help, rooming houses are a good place to get raped and nothing else and the streets were safer. That's right, the streets are safer than our emergency housing.

The Office of Housing is in shambles, there is no investment in new public housing to speak of, and community housing does not meet the needs of complex clients.

Banking rough sleeping will not solve any problems. It will just create criminals out of desperate, downtrodden people.

Yours sincerely, Reservoir, Victoria, 3073, Australia

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As Leilani Fahra from the United Nation/ rights to housing department discusses in her recent global report on housing. She looks at dangerous levels of global capital investment in housing as a commodity, leaving many homeless with larger amounts of houses sitting empty.

This is the issue that needs to be addressed.

Homeless people need the inner urban environment to acquire any kind of public assistance. Displacing them to outer suburbs and will render them more vulnerable and has been condemned by the United Nations.

This law is a global embarrassment for Melbourne and Australia.

Yours sincerely, East Brunswick, Victoria, 3507

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the homeless deserve real assistance to get started again and to be able to count on gov't and council support to see that there lives and well being are better into the future .INCLUDE YOUR OWN WORDS TO THE SUBMISSION HERE****

Yours sincerely, Tullamarine, Victoria, 3043, Australia

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It's time for a real solution! What are we supposed to do? wait around for the State government to keep thinking about maybe doing their job? This issue is extremely personal to me and all this bullying of people and their very real situation breaks my heart as it just makes me think that if this is happening in Melbourne then it's surely happening to my poor mother in , who I have regained contact with after 20 years recently. She has been homeless for those 20 years and do you know why? NOT BECAUSE SHE IS LAZY OR CHOOSES TO! She is effected by schizophrenia and has limited ability to come up with rent, cannot hold a job because of her mental illness and even though she receives the pension, as far as she is concerned she has \$2 in her purse, no matter what you tell her. So what are you going to do about that? Blame her for her illness? She left the family situation because of violence in the home and how many other stories are out there like that? What you're real

ly doing is putting women, men and children in great danger and completely shirking your responsibilities as local and state government. YOU HAVE BEEN PUT IN YOUR ROLE TO ACT ON OUR BEHALF FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR COMMUNITY! If I neglected the main function of my job for even 5 minutes I wouldn't have it any more. So just please think about the possible implications on people like my mother and people who are much younger than her, who have a great many years still (as if 20 was not enough) to deal with the constant danger, exposure, threats and mistreatment from the rest of society. This is not the way forward on the the homelessness issue, which is growing at an alarming rate. Don't just cower and look away as so much of the world is doing right now. Be a leader, be remembered for putting forward a great policy that helped so many people. Why wouldn't you?

Yours Sincerely,

Yours sincerely, Coburg, Victoria, 3058, 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.

I have worked in mental health for nearly 5 years, two of those years spent working in a local homeless service. Many people who experience homelessness struggle with serious mental health issues which are difficult to address. Without affordable housing and accessible and appropriate services available mental health issues are unable to be addressed. Their symptoms are not only exacerbated by their unsafe environments, but also their symptoms are a barrier to accessing such services if they are available. Lives of people experiencing homelessness are often filled with trauma, vulnerability, abandonment and distress. "Banning" homelessness will negatively contribute to their desire to access support services and could be potentially re-traumatising for many who feel without a place. Safety is crucial for people experiencing homelessness and many feel safer in densely populated areas whereby they could be close to help if it's needed. There is no evidence to support banning ho

melessness will have any positive impact on society, it will only shift the visibility of the problem to a different council location.

Council should instead be looking into supporting affordable housing initiative, and pressuring State Government to invest in more public housing and fund housing support services.

Yours sincerely, Saint Helena, Victoria, 3088, 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.

The proposed local law does nothing to address the reasons people are forced to sleep rough, but it does do a lot to make their situation worse.

The proposed local law will bring homeless Melbourne into unavoidable conflict with the legal system. People who are homeless will get fines they can't pay, for behavioral they can't avoid, further entrenching their poverty and disadvantage.

People who sleep rough in public do so because it is safer than trespassing in order to sleep in fire prone squats.

The dark corners of our city where rough sleepers might go unnoticed are prone to violence and attacks on the homeless.

Please please reconsider this terribly I'll thought and I'll considered local law.

It should not be a crime to sleep on the streets.

Yours sincerely

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It is unreasonable to assume that imposing fines for activities that arise as a result of not having sufficient funds/resources to obtain secure accommodation will solve the homelessness challenge, they will simply exacerbate it and lead to further challenges related to enforcement and confiscation of possessions. No-one wants to be homeless, thus a deterrent is not necessary.

Are we truly a city that thinks that moving homeless people into another area will relieve us of the social burden of responsibility? There is no doubt it will merely hide the problem from your view and make it visible somewhere else. I would much rather you focus your efforts on working with state and federal governments to resolve the root cause of this issue and to ensure that any reduction in the visibility of Melbourne's homeless population comes about as a result of every person having access to and securing ongoing proper accommodation.

The entire issue reflects on the social values of our community and we need to come up with solutions not deterrents.

Yours sincerely, South Yarra, Victoria, 3141, Australia

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It is an action that hopes that ignoring or pushing a problem elsewhere will be the solution. In all areas of public policy this dedication to self-deception does not work.

Providing services, support and affordable housing is surely the only way to end homelessness. It is also the only ethical way to proceed. The planned law is cruel and takes no heed of the reasons why people find themselves homeless. It is an attempt to pretend that people do not exist rather than an attempt to listen to and respond to their needs.

As a resident of the City of Melbourne I find it abhorrent and shameful. Please take the above as a plea not to adopt this law.

Yours sincerely, Kensington, Victoria, 3031, Australia

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To ban homelessness without taking the necessary action to address the cause is an act as heartless as it is effective, there are numerous more appropriate, humane, and viable solutions to this scenario.

I urge you to take the time to consider the creation of homelessness centres within the city of Melbourne which can provide services much needed to Melbourne's homeless, such as housing, health, and employment services. Give these centres sufficient resources to host shared facilities for living and storage of belongings and you create a place where people who need help most will be encouraged to regularly engage with staff who can help provide it.

This is but one of many potential solutions to a complicated issue that can not be resolved by a simple ban.

Yours sincerely, Aberfeldie, Victoria, 3040, Australia

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Criminalizing disadvantage will only make things worse.

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This action is inhumane and will exacerbate issues relating to homelessness and further stigmatise homeless people.

Yours sincerely, Kensington, Victoria, 3031, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Greenvale, Victoria, 3059, Australia

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Instead of persecuting the homeless for their circumstance, perhaps we could start addressing the real reasons why these people are falling through the cracks.

It is abhorrent that, in this day and age, and in a country that so many of you refer to as 'the lucky country', we let this problem spiral out of control and then attempt to just sweep them under the carpet once they become a problem.

Show some leadership, make some tough decisions and be courageous for a change. I am not alone when I say that the people are sick to death of watching politicians bluster their way through the evening news, acting as though they are insulted at the notion they they are completely in the pockets of a few vested interests, when we all know that's exactly what is going on.

Yours sincerely, Richmond, Victoria, 3121, Australia

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This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place. This policy will push already vulnerable individuals into the criminal justice system, increasing imprisonment and exacerbating the core issues of homelessness. Instead, we need to be addressing the underlying causes of homelessness, such as mental health, domestic violence, and addiction.

Yours sincerely, North Melbourne, Victoria, 3051, Australia

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The key driver of homelessness in the city is a lack of affordable housing.

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.

The City of Melbourne should call on the Victorian Government to invest more in public housing.

Yours sincerely, Northcote, Victoria, 3070, Australia

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Services are inadequate and well beyond capacity. In addition, charity does not allow for human dignity.

I myself have been homeless on more than one occasion at one instance for a period of more than 4 months. Had I been unable to sleep rough without fear of fines and police harassment it would've contributed to an already stressful situation exponentially. There are not always alternatives to rough sleeping, however much some people would like to see it as choice.

I am now an enrolled nurse and about to begin a bachelor of arts at Monash mid year.

Please address the causes and look to long-term solutions. Politics is a long game after all.

Yours sincerely, Saint Kilda West, Victoria, 3182, Australia

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

“Out of sight, out of mind” is not an appropriate response to the issue of homelessness.

Clean up the streets of Melbourne by providing opportunities and improving resources, to facilitate long-term housing solutions.

Yours sincerely, Kensington, Victoria, 3031, Australia

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A violation of human rights, stop forming a fist and open your hands instead. Don't dismiss domestic issues for nuisances.

Yours sincerely, Coburg, Victoria, 3058, Australia

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The City of Melbourne should, instead of viewing homeless people as a problem to be solved, should view homelessness as the problem, and aim to be helping homeless people, not driving them out of our sight.

I work in the city, am there every weekday, and I frequently am approached by homeless people, and when I can I take the time to chat with them. I do not view them as a nuisance. The city should not view them as a nuisance. The city should view them as people, who have every right to occupy public space as any other person does.

The main reason for homelessness is the lack of affordable housing options. The City should be lobbying the government to provide more affordable and accessible public and affordable housing.

The City has the power to make policy that could really improve the quality of people's lives, but instead it is choosing to introduce policy that will make vulnerable people's lives harder. It is cruel. Provide services to people that will make their lives better, not policy that will increase the power police have over them and their property.

There are currently 33 thousand people on public housing waiting lists in Victoria. This action makes no attempt to fix this serious human rights issue. This city needs to drastically rethink how it approaches homelessness. This is not the way.

Yours sincerely, Coburg, Victoria, 3058, 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 aforementioned action shows no commitment to developing better long term housing solutions which will suit the individuals who need them. Furthermore, this action will be ineffective and only place continual strain on local law enforcement, as it does not address the reasons why each individual is homeless on a single day or for a longer term.

The fining of individuals would also put further stress on their financial situation, potentially contributing further to their inability to find and afford stable housing, the basic human need of food, and accessibility to health services.

I hope you take my points into heartfelt and rational consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Brunswick, Victoria, 3056, Australia

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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.

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

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My friends and family tell me they would like to homeless people, especially young ones, treated with kindness and respect. How about adopting this approach?

Yours sincerely, Ascot Vale, Victoria, 3032, Australia

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From: <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Friday, 17 March 2017 3:51 PM
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Sent: Friday, 17 March 2017 3:52 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 will cause many unforeseen consequences that may cause more problems for the City if Melbourne and the general public.

It will push homeless people to other council jurisdictions instead of addressing the causes of homelessness across the different levels of government.

This action is a poorly thought out quick fix that does not fix anything. If this is the type of solution that councillors support, I will not hesitate to vote them out at the next election.

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

All this will do is criminalise already vulnerable people with no other options. It is expensive, ineffective, and most importantly inhumane.

Everyone I know is strongly against this proposal and prepared to actively fight it.

Yours sincerely, Ascot Vale, Victoria, 3032, 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.

People have the right to sleep rough wherever they please. Build public housing and support domestic violence programs.

Yours sincerely, Coburg, Victoria, 3058, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Collingwood, Victoria, 3066, Australia

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Sent: Friday, 17 March 2017 4:02 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.

You know the plethora of reasons of why people become homeless and you know that it can happen to anyone. If it happened to you – what would you hope your community did to help you and your family? Put yourself in the shoes of the homeless and see it through their eyes. Do you feel uncomfortable and challenged by the very idea of discomfort...of shameof people judging you without knowing your story?

Look at all the case studies and reports from welfare services we know that short term options only meet the criteria of services rather than the needs of people. History tells us that band-aid effects do nothing.

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Yours sincerely, Fitzroy North, Victoria, 3068, Australia

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Sent: Friday, 17 March 2017 4:08 PM
To: CoM Meetings
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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

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Yours sincerely, Doncaster, Victoria, 3108, Australia

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Sent: Friday, 17 March 2017 4:14 PM
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.

The proposal for a punitive approach to Melbourne's homeless population should be scrapped. Instead Council should assemble and lead a taskforce of Voluntary sector, Local and State government agencies, ensuring representation of organisations working directly with and advocating on behalf of homeless people, to find solutions to Melbourne's homelessness problem. The priorities of the Council should be: first, to identify both temporary and long-term solutions to the chronic shortage of affordable housing in the city; and second, to identify and work to solve other barriers to accessing decent housing among the homeless population.

Further, I would like to point out that if a person is homeless they are unlikely to have the means or inclination to pay a fine to the Council. The system will create administrative difficulties for the Council and impose costs of debt collection attempts that are likely to be futile.

Yours sincerely, Hawthorn, Victoria, 3122, Australia

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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.

It has been proven many times over that the cost to provide homes, medical assistance, and general living assistance is cheaper than policing homelessness. There is a solution and we know what it is.
<http://www.npr.org/2015/12/10/459100751/utah-reduced-chronic-homelessness-by-91-percent-heres-how>

And regardless of the cost, it is the kind and right thing to do. Plain and simple.

Yours sincerely, Saint Kilda West, Victoria, 3182, 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, nor does it provide a solution to their plight.

Yours sincerely, Prahran, Victoria, 3181, 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.

The key driver of homelessness in the city is a lack of affordable housing.

There are currently 33 thousand people on public housing waiting lists in Victoria, this is outrageous.

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 and further exacerbate the factors in their lives that lead to homelessness.

Instead, I would like to see the City of Melbourne invest more in affordable housing; including requiring all major developments within the city to contribute to affordable housing.

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

Yours sincerely, East Melbourne, Victoria, 3002, Australia

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Yours sincerely, , Victoria, 3072, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Werribee, Victoria, 3029, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Epping, Victoria, 3076, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Maidstone, Victoria, 3012, 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 is absurdly tone-deaf and shows the complete disconnect between the Melbourne City Council and the people it purports to represent.

Ban homelessness by building useful amenities and accommodation that homeless people can access, not by being reactionary and callous.

Yours sincerely,

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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.

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Please address the systemic issues that cause homelessness and stop punishing individuals who are victims of it.

Yours sincerely, Springvale South, Victoria, 3172, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Brunswick East, Victoria, 3057, Australia

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Batch 22

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Yours sincerely, Kew, Victoria, 3101, Australia

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Batch 22

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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.

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We need to support the homeless not discard. Please, this is not a solution. It is just another kick to people who are already down.

Yours sincerely, Thornbury, Victoria, 3071, Australia

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Batch 22

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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.

I can not accept any action that fails to address the root cause of homelessness in our city. The lack of innovative and dynamic thinking in this policy area is not only disappointing, but actually hurtful to those facing tough times.

A confluence of federal, state, and local government policies criminalising homelessness whilst simultaneously degrading the social safety net, need to be scrutinised more heavily before simply applying a 'law and order' solution.

I trust that you will make the right decision to tackle the homelessness and poverty issue more holistically, and in a way that is supportive, rather than hostile, to those in our city living rough.

Sincerely, Bundoora, VIC Australia

Yours sincerely, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000, Australia

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To the Manager Governance and Legal, Melbourne City Council

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I and my children are currently living in transitional housing due to family violence we live each day with the fear that our housing will be taken and we will end up back on the streets, we are not criminals.

I write to beg your urgent intervention, please address the homelessness problem in our community.

Yours sincerely, Victoria, 3031, 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.

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Instead, the council and local government should be seriously addressing the root issues that cause homelessness, and providing practical and realistic help to those that are experiencing it, including affordable and safe housing.

In February last year the Herald Sun reported that more than 82,700 residential properties in Melbourne are unoccupied. This is a shocking figure considering the number of people needing accommodation, and probably doesn't take into account the number of businesses, warehouses etc that are lying empty but could potentially be converted into housing. Surely the council and government should be working with the owners of these properties to come to an arrangement to provide people experiencing homelessness comfortable, safe and very importantly AFFORDABLE (if not free) living space.

Yours sincerely, Fitzroy North, Victoria, 3068, Australia

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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 as it does not address why people become homeless in the first place. I believe it is harming people who are already disenfranchised and let down by the existing systems. More research must be done on programs which will benefit the homeless people in Australia, not simply remove them from our sight.

Yours sincerely, Northcote, Victoria, 3070, 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.

This action will not work because it does not address why people are homeless. We need to put these people first, or no solution will work.

When I see the rise of homelessness in the city, and in the suburbs, I know that there are very real underlying problems being mismanaged, neglected, ignored, or even exacerbated. Homelessness is not a problem, not a disease in our society – it is a symptom. A symptom of many intersecting problems, different for each individual, with the same heartbreaking consequence.

It's time to face up, and step up. By misdiagnosing homelessness as a disease, not a symptom, we waste time on this – not a cure, but an action that will do more harm than good. Time for compassion, and real solutions.

Yours sincerely, Hawthorn, Victoria, 3122, Australia

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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, in opposition, to the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

This proposed law is a cruel knee-jerk reaction to a complex and very human problem, that WILL NOT WORK because it does not address why people are homeless in the first place.

Any policy to deal with the challenge of homelessness should have as it's priority supporting people who find themselves homeless and addressing the causes of homelessness, NOT have as it's main priority 'tidying up streets'. Such priorities belie narrow, self-interested business motives, not the compassion and more critical thinking required to actually deal with the challenge of homelessness in Melbourne.

Melbourne has long been recognised as an enlightened, forward-thinking, fair and welcoming city. If Melbourne City Council continues down the current path of punishing rough sleepers – some of our most vulnerable people – and introduces this local law, Melbourne will justifiably continue to have this reputation undermined, gaining instead one of cruelty, small-mindedness and stupidity.

I urge Melbourne City Council to show leadership, compassion and foresight, and NOT proceed with the proposed Activities (Public Amenity and Security) Local Law 2017.

Yours sincerely, Morwell, Victoria, 3840, 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.

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

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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.

What is needed is safe and affordable places for people to live. If people are banned from sleeping rough in the city, this will just mean they will have to sleep rough elsewhere. Surely this is not any kind of solution to homelessness.

Yours sincerely, Reservoir, Victoria, 3073, 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.

Whilst I appreciate that even providing a roof over each homeless persons head will not solve the problem either, all your law will do is move the encampments to other areas, postponing effective problem solving and solutions.

Yours sincerely

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.

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.

Solve the homelessness crisis, don't punish the homeless for an already punishing situation. No one lives on the street by rational choice, all your proposed homeless ban does is traumatise further those already in the most vulnerable situation imaginable. Find a better way, there are no simple solutions. stop looking for one please.

Yours sincerely, Toolangi, Victoria, 3777, 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.

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

It should not be an offence to sleep rough in the city. The Melbourne City Council must address the reason why people are homeless; lack of safe housing for one of them. By refusing people the right to sleep on the streets you are potentially putting vulnerable people in enormous danger, while failing to make any difference to the number of people who do not have accommodation in the first place.

I believe in the City of Melbourne – the council has put many positive and wonderful things in place to make our city one I am proud to call home. I believe that we all want what is best for our citizens, and I urge you to recognise this decision. Everyone deserves a basic level of respect.

Yours sincerely, Brunswick East, Victoria, 3057, 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 is a superficial, bandaid solution. You need to look into funding organisations which assist at-risk and homeless people, working with a model of prevention and early intervention.

Yours sincerely, Brunswick, Victoria, 3056, Australia

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Yours sincerely, Brunswick, Victoria, 3056, 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. AT ALL.

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

This is a state sanctioned action to 'clean up' what looks unsightly and embarrassing. But it won't work, because the PROBLEM has been avoided & the blame shifted onto vulnerable people. The people of Melbourne are better than that. Our governance is better than that. I urge you to create a panel of experts from all sectors to actually look at this problem & the related problems (mental illness, joblessness, substance abuse, lack of education and options, lack of affordable housing) and to ACTUALLY DO SOMETHING humane.

Melbourne is better than this. We are compassionate, insightful and caring. We don't believe in punishing people who are already struggling to keep safe. Let's fix this problem by paying attention to it and working together to improve the lives of people marginalised and excluded by their circumstances.

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.

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

We need long term housing solutions to get people off the streets. Arresting and fining people will not do anything other than hurt people. Please stop this.

Yours sincerely,

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Yours sincerely, Perth, Western Australia, 6000, 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.

A homeless ban does literally nothing to solve a growing problem in Melbourne. Money needs to be spent on services to assist and support people who are living rough on the streets and a ban will only further discriminate and alienate people who are already barely scraping by. It is insensitive and downright stupid. It treats homeless people like they are worthless and it is an embarrassment for such an amazing city like Melbourne to have laws such as this proposed.

I oppose the ban.

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.

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

This action is nothing more than an attempted bandaid solution and the people of Melbourne and Victoria deserve better.

From an economic perspective, this could increase crime and council costs in enforcement and desperate people driven to do desperate things, forcing them into a cycle of poverty and crime that is incredibly costly and difficult to stop.

From a reputational perspective, it looks absolutely terrible that the UN have said this would be a human rights violation.

Do not be someone who signs their name to a human rights violation.

Yours sincerely, Balwyn, Victoria, 3103, 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.

Please act compassionately and create long-term housing solutions rather than this cruel proposition.

Yours sincerely, Carlton North, Victoria, 3054, Australia

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Yours sincerely, East Melbourne, Victoria, 3002, Australia

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