

Title: Clarification of Motion for Westchester Park	Item No. 4.8
Meeting date: 8/10/21	
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Committee Vote (if appropriate):	
Does this item have a fiscal impact on the Neighborhood Council? ___ Yes <u>_X_</u> No	
Additional documents attached? ___ Yes <u>_X_</u> No	

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa issue a motion/request to Councilman Mike Bonin to clarify the discrepancy between the Approved Motion 21-0350 and his website with respect to “Cabin Communities”

**BACKGROUND:**

It was brought to my attention that there is a major discrepancy between **City Council Approved Motion 21-0350** and **Mr. Mr. Bonin’s Public Website under “Issues/Homelessness”** (<https://11thdistrict.com/issues/homelessness/>), with respect to Westchester Park, which resides in my District 15. Listed below are the two referenced items and the concern is that only “Safe Camping” was addressed in the approved motion, but on his website it shows “proposed” “Cabin Communities”, Which is much different.

**City Council Approved Motion 21-0250 (subset excerpt**

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the Department of Recreation & Parks to evaluate the feasibility of identifying a portion of Westchester Park for a safe camping program, while allowing for the resumption of parks and recreation programs and public use of the rest of the park, and INSTRUCT the CAO to identify funding for safe camping there.

**Mr. Bonin’s Public Website under “Issues/Homelessness”**

**Cabin communities** are a collection of small structures (approximately 100 sq feet), constructed quickly and inexpensively, that provide personal shelter. The communities provide services, security, sanitation and a path out of homelessness. Proposed locations for either safe camping or cabin communities are:

- Westchester Park – **(proposed)** – *this site under consideration for a cabin community OR safe camping)*

**DISCUSSION:**

It is my understanding that the motion, pursuant to Westchester Park, was only approved for “Safe Camping”, yet Councilman Bonin’s website now includes “Cabin Communities”, which was NOT approved for Westchester Park and countermands the fundamental “Temporary” solution on the motion.

**The real question for clarification is: How and To Whom, did Mr. Bonin Propose this to?** While there is no formal definition for “Safe Camping”, it does imply a more “temporary” condition, whereas, “Cabin Communities” implies a much more “permanent” solution, which would definitely reduce the recreational footprint of the park.

**FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

N/A

**MOTION:**

That the Neighborhood Council:

Issue a motion/request to Councilman Mike Bonin to clarify the discrepancy between the Motion 21-0350 and his website with respect to “Cabin Communities”, which is a major change to an “Approved Motion” by the Los Angeles City Council. “Cabin Communities will require a large and permanent space commitment on a key recreational area, used by Westchester residents.