



LEGISLATIVE ALERT

CITY TO HOLD HEARING ON ACLU-LAPD SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT RE: STREET ENCAMPMENTS ON OCTOBER 27

On October 27, 2006, the City Council will be holding a much-awaited second hearing on the proposed ACLU-LAPD settlement agreement regarding Los Angeles' ordinance barring sleeping, sitting or lying on public rights of way at City Hall. It is our understanding that there are no changes in the boundaries or hours of enforcement. In fact, to our knowledge, there are no written changes to the settlement agreement at all. Instead, we understand that the parties may ask the 9th Circuit to vacate its decision. This appears to be an effort to undermine the initial vote against the settlement agreement.

As background, the Los Angeles City Council voted in closed session in September 2006 to reject the initial proposed legal settlement agreement that would have allowed individuals to sleep and set up encampments on Skid Row's sidewalks from 9:00 pm to 6:00 am. Councilmember Jan Perry and CCA led the charge against the agreement, which would have set an unconscionable precedent that would further devastate the grim landscape of Skid Row.

This is an important issue for CCA and the thousands of residents, property owners and businesses in the region. We need your support at this hearing. The hearing will take place on:

Friday, October 27th at 10:00 am
Room 340, City Hall
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

If you have any questions or would like more information on this issue, please contact Veronica Perez Becker at (213) 624-1213, ext. 217.