



Zine

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Dear Neighbor - You may be wondering about us, the random strangers who visit nearly every week to drop off supplies. We're your neighbors who just want to help. We are part of Ktown for All, an all-volunteer community organization that was started in summer 2018 to support the proposed Koreatown homeless shelter when thousands protested against it. The proposed homeless shelter was moved out of Koreatown to Lafayette Park at Hoover/Wilshire, but we haven't gone anywhere. In the last two years, we've continued our supply drop-offs, learned more about homelessness and related issues, and organized our members to challenge political power in Los Angeles. We focus our political advocacy on:

Housing Policy: preventing homelessness by advocating for laws that help renters stay in their homes and expanding housing that people can afford.

Decriminalizing Homelessness: fighting against unjust laws that make it a crime to be homeless and supporting Black Lives Matter LA in defunding the police to fund housing and services.

We've had some moderate successes so far. We've shut down City Hall when they passed a law that made it illegal to sleep in your car - that law no longer exists. And we protested when Council Member Mitch O'Farrell tried to outlaw sitting/sleeping/lying down outside. Our lawsuit against the City of LA has led to a preliminary injunction that bans the City from destroying bulky items.

Unfortunately, LA City Council is relentless in their efforts to punish people for being homeless. We all know that housing ends homelessness - not a ticket or handcuffs. As LA City Council reconvenes in August, we are deeply concerned that they will attempt to criminalize homelessness in Koreatown. **We invite you to join us in our organizing. We need your voices to fight back against these inhumane policies and advocate for real solutions to homelessness.**

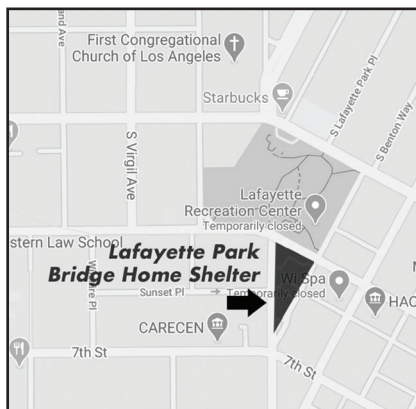
What is SECZ?



SECZ stands for **Special Enforcement and Cleanup Zone** - the area around “A Bridge Home” shelter with enhanced enforcement and sweeps. Everyone who is unable to get a spot inside the shelter would be subjected to regular enforcement and criminalization. This enhanced enforcement zone was proposed by the City as a way of appeasing anti-homeless shelter protestors.

Ktown for All was formed in May 2018 in response to protests against the proposed bridge home shelter in Koreatown. Because of the strong opposition to the homeless shelter, we were unable to win concessions from Council Member Herb Wesson to eliminate the SECZ. By the end of summer 2018, Wesson moved the bridge home site outside of Koreatown to Lafayette Park, ostensibly at the request of Heart of LA (HOLA), the school across the street from Lafayette Park.

The Lafayette Park Bridge Home shelter has 72 beds and is expected to open sometime in August, and with its opening will come a new wave of enforcement for Koreatown’s unhoused population. The Services Not Sweeps coalition is fighting back against the SECZ. In the coming weeks, we’ll be doing online educational campaigns, calling our Council Members, writing to the press, and holding protests.



SERVICES NOT SWEEPS

Join us to fight for public health infrastructure and services, not sweeps and criminalization. All unhoused people are welcome. *Your input is vital.*

Email ktownforall@gmail.com to join our virtual meetings on Wed at 4pm.

Text Street Watch LA at (323) 379-2275 to inform us about sweeps or harassment by police or Sanitation.

COVID19 Update



In the last week, Los Angeles County has seen around **2,000-4,000 new cases daily**, with a new daily record of 4,244 new cases on Tuesday, July 14th. In a response to the increase in cases, some businesses that were previously allowed to re-open have now been ordered closed. The newly closed businesses include Gyms, Churches, malls, and barber shops. Restaurants are restricted to outdoor dining and take out.

To Protect Yourself And Help Prevent The Spread Of Covid-19:

- Wash your hands frequently
- Avoid touching your face
- Avoid sharing food & drink
- Avoid surfaces touched by others
- Wear a face covering or mask when around others
- Stay at least 6 feet away from other people
- Keep interactions short

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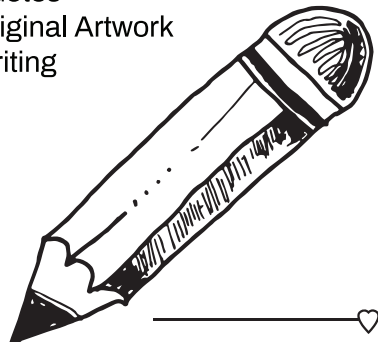


This publications reaches 200 unhoused people in Koreatown and thousands more readers online.

Let us know if you're interested in submitting something when we make our Saturday visits or email ktownforall@gmail.com

We are looking for:

- Stories
- Interviews
- Quotes
- Original Artwork
- Writing



Koreatown Resources

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