

In 1994 voters in Berkeley, California voted to forbid people from sitting or lying within six feet of a building, from asking for money within ten feet of a cash machine, from begging from anyone getting in or out of a car, or from soliciting in public at night. The measure has not gone into effect, however, because Federal District Court Judge Claudia Wilken issued a temporary restraining order blocking its implementation, which the City has appealed. "You shouldn't have to walk over people to get into a store or look in a window," said Berkeley city attorney Manuela Albuquerque. "Berkeley is very compassionate, declared Mayor Shirley Dean, "but being compassionate," she continued, "doesn't mean that you are a doormat." When they approved the above measures, the voters of Berkeley, California also approved expenditure of more than \$500,000 in new services for the homeless population.

Are the above regulations that the City of Berkeley wants to put into effect morally justifiable? If so, why? If not, why not?

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