

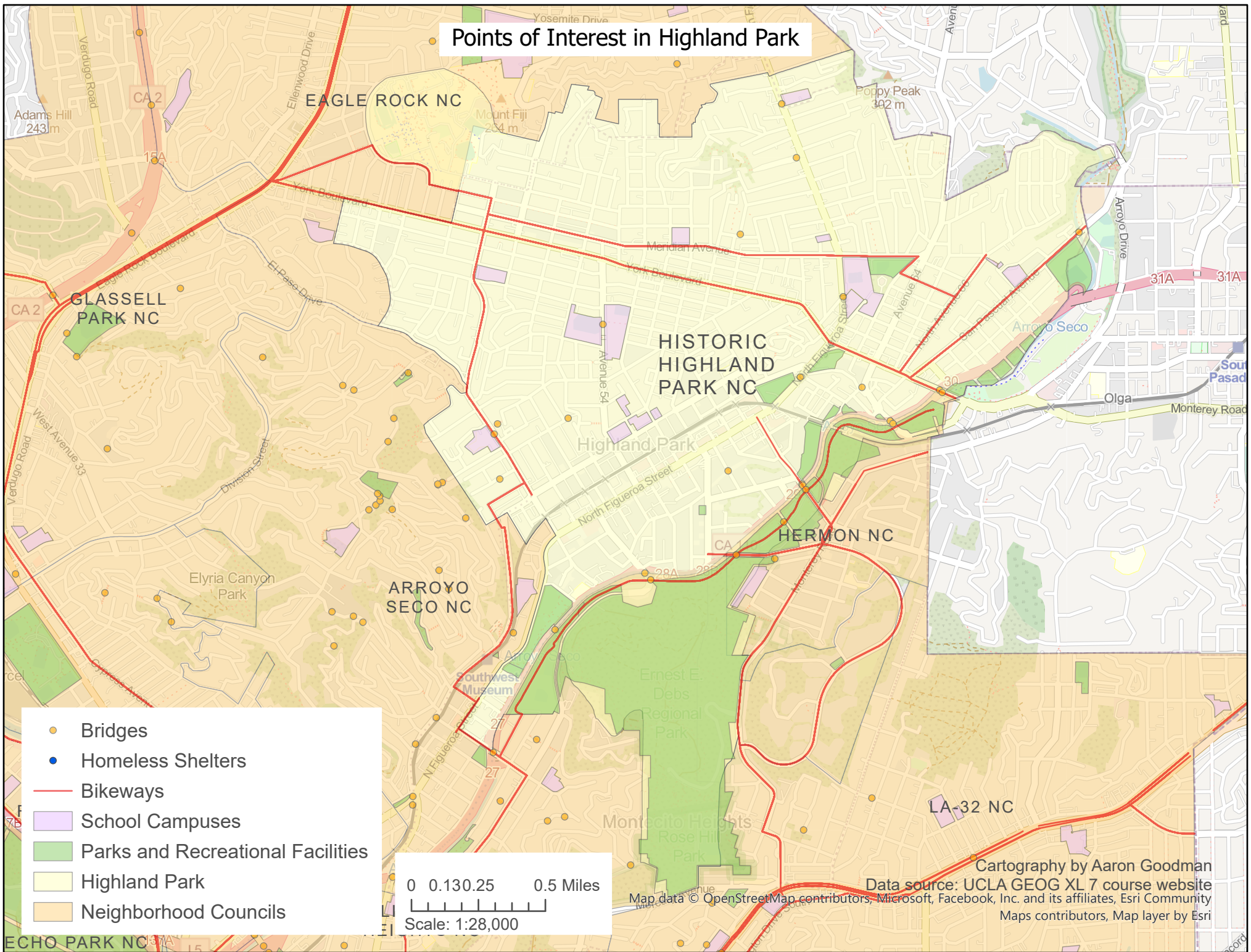
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Week 9 Policy Analysis Report
Sidewalk Sleeping Ban in Los Angeles (Highland Park NC)

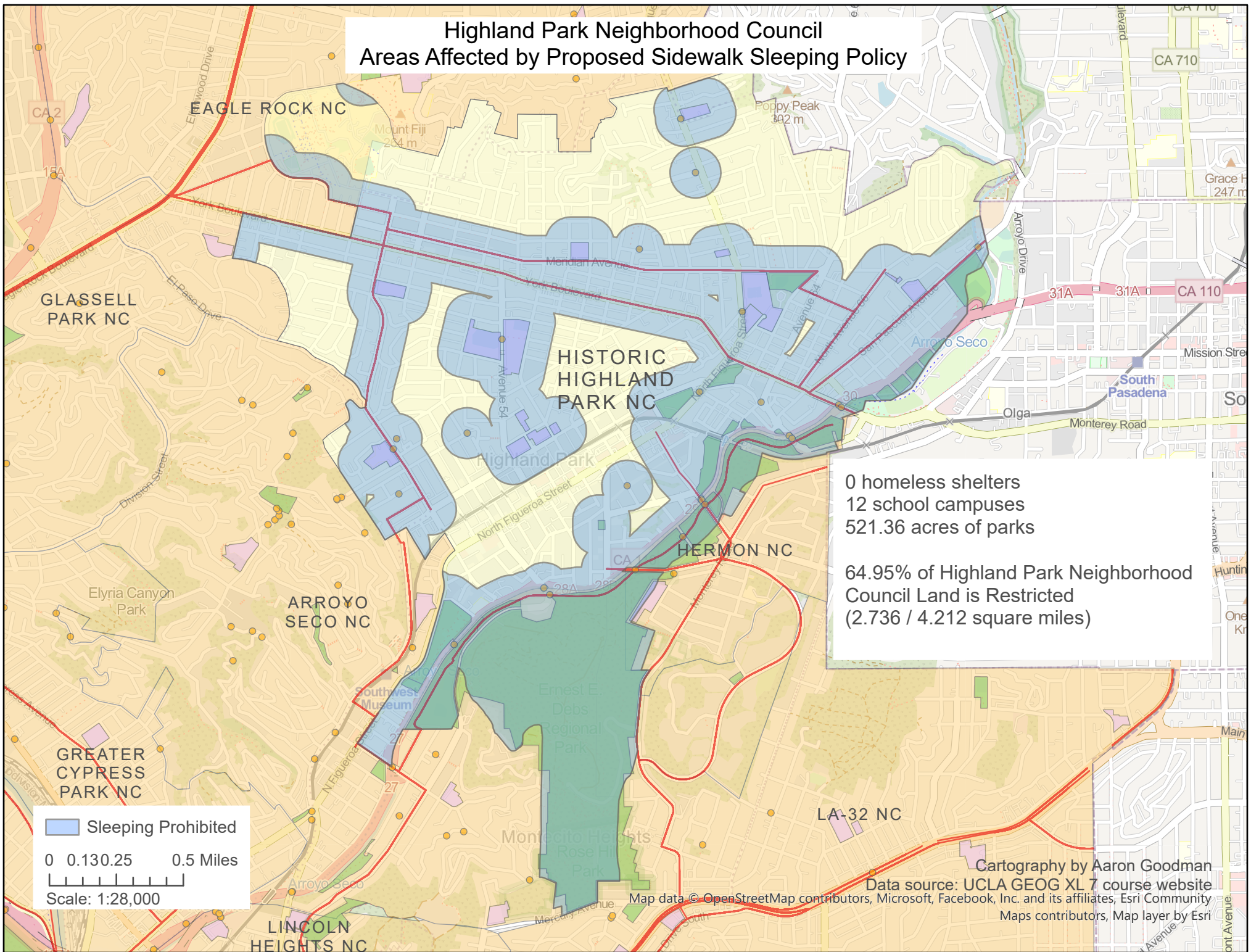
This report provides a brief examination of the effects of a proposed “sidewalk sleeping” ban in the city of Los Angeles. Specifically, this report will focus on the neighborhood council of Historic Highland Park. The proposed policy would effectively prohibit sleeping or camping within 500 feet of certain facilities, including parks, school campuses, homeless shelters, bikeways, and bridges. GIS and geoprocessing allow us to accurately and thoroughly visualize the effects of this policy.

Historic Highland Park contains 12 school campuses and a considerable area of park land. There are no homeless shelters in Highland Park. These features, combined with a handful of bridges and several bike paths, provide the basis upon which a “buffer” may be drawn, which is visualized by the blue polygon in the second attached map. This buffer region marks locations in Highland Park where “sidewalk sleeping” would be explicitly prohibited, and constitutes 64.95% of the total land area in the neighborhood council. Of the 4.212 square miles of land in Historic Highland Park, 2.736 square miles would be restricted by this proposed policy. With zero homeless shelters in the neighborhood, this policy may have quite a disruptful effect on any unhoused locals, who would be pushed out of the neighborhood or out of the city. The unhoused locals remaining in Highland Park could prevent fines or citations by avoiding the marked buffer zones, but their designated “safe” zones may incur further obstacles for them beyond the impacts of this proposed policy.

Points of Interest in Highland Park



Highland Park Neighborhood Council Areas Affected by Proposed Sidewalk Sleeping Policy



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