

# Part of Jessica's Law ruled unconstitutional

*In response to a judge's decision, California corrections officials stop enforcing a section of the measure in L.A. County restricting how close sex offenders can live to parks or schools.*



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California corrections officials this week stopped enforcing portions of Jessica's Law in Los Angeles County after a judge ruled that the 2006 statute restricting how close sex offenders can live to parks or schools is unconstitutional.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Peter Espinoza concluded that the controversial measure left sex offenders in some areas with the choice of being homeless or going to jail because the law restricts them from living in large swaths of some cities such as Los Angeles.

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## FOR THE RECORD:

Jessica's Law ruling: An article in the Nov. 5 LATExtra section reported on a judge's ruling that portions of Jessica's Law, the 2006 statute restricting how close sex offenders can live to parks or schools, were unconstitutional. The article erred in stating that in 2007 there were 30 sex offenders on active parole in Los Angeles and that by September the number was 259. Those figures referred to the number of homeless sex offenders on active parole. —