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RE: CF-23-0529

The Los Feliz Improvement Association, representing all residents of Los Feliz, supports the regulation of RV “vanlords” who are using the public right of way for illegal vehicular housing rental businesses and capitalizing on the vulnerable homeless community who have little opportunity to find safe, affordable indoor housing.

Dangerous and unsafe conditions have arisen from the growing entrepreneurship of these vanlords who act with careless disregard for their occupant’s health and safety. Waste and garbage coming from the RVs into the gutters and sidewalks also impacts nearby residents.

There also exists various criminal activities, ranging from drug manufacturing to sex trafficking, within oversized vehicles parked in residential neighborhoods. Often an unhoused individual living in their RV falls further into debt, unable to afford the gas to move their vehicle to avoid street-cleaning tickets, and then has to sell their RV to a vanlord, after which the individual is exploited and forced to participate in these criminal enterprises.

Therefore, we not only support this motion, but look forward to the city developing a comprehensive plan, to disallow the rental of these vehicles. In addition, please install a city-wide ordinance for regulating oversized vehicles as has been done in other cities within Los Angeles County.

Sincerely,
The Board of Directors of LFIA

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