

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: RV's in the City of Los Angeles for several years now have been in a profound legal limbo which has created a significant state of anarchy and lawlessness Remarkably, even without a license plate, if the RV is deemed to be a "dwelling" vehicle, the Dweller RV cannot be enforced against by either Parking Enforcement or LAPD (with a few exceptions.) This is because of a Directive which has remained in place now through the last two Mayor administrations, both Garcetti and now Bass. Because of this Directive, which is often referred to as "Hands Off", many bad actors have now been taking advantage of this outside-the-law status, and many communities, as well as the dwellers within the RVs, have been tremendously suffering because of it. During 2022 over more than a 6 month period, hundreds of Los Angeles residents reached out by calls and emails to express their dismay and negative impacts on their communities. An extensive accounting of these reports are included in the LADOT Commissioner's Report, which includes: FIRES: including a massive 50 alarm fire at the Ballona Wetlands which threatened to engulf a nearby gas plant CRIME: gunshots, stolen materials, breaking and entering, and other violence SEWAGE: extremely unsafe disposal of human waste and drug paraphernalia (needles, etc) into the surrounding community and natural environments. In my community of Los Feliz there were RVs without license plates parked on Riverside Drive next to a Nursery School (the 60 year-old Los Feliz Nursery School Co-Operative) about which both Parking Enforcement and LAPD's hands were tied, we were told, by the City-Wide "hands off" Directive. How extraordinary and bizarre. This new "Van Lord" law addresses one segment of the RVs. It is a good effort to return to some semblance (any semblance would be better than what we have now) of legal boundaries around the extremely rogue behavior by the bad actors who rent out, and/or use the RVs. It is reported Van Lords rent out RVs to dwellers with a "bag and bucket" to serve as the bathroom. The Van Lords prey on both the dwellers they rent to and on the surrounding communities, exploiting the legal limbo and anarchy which presently exists in the law. There must be an organizing law to address all RVs parked on City streets throughout Los Angeles. Everyone agrees on this, including Mayor Bass. The state of lawlessness must stop. The present 'hands off' Directive has led to far too many distressing unintended consequences. Legally addressing all such bad faith actions by the Van Lords is an obvious and necessary First Stage measure to address the broader, overall issue of all RVs parked on the streets of Los Angeles. Document link below: CITY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONERS Updated Subcommittee Report Date: November 4, 2022 <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WVyA3WZ2IiZhcjXOzd1DFIrCpD82LZ1/view>