

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge members of the Transportation Committee to take their jobs seriously and to not repeat previous rubber stamping of a council member's request to ban RV overnight parking on streets in their districts. In this case, since the request comes from a known racist, Councilor DeLeon, it should probably be rejected out of hand. Failing that, please ask LADOT to do a thorough review as per LA.MC 80.69.4, section 2. LAMC 80.69.4, section 2 specifies in excellent detail the dangers that would justify banning oversized vehicles from street parking. These dangers are summed up as “adversely impacting the visibility of oncoming traffic, creating constrictions in the traveled way, or substantially reducing the availability of parking for residents and businesses.” The six restricted areas proposed by Councilor Park should be thoroughly evaluated per Section 2, and a report should be produced before any vote is taken. The stakes are too high to do otherwise. The public should be able to see these reports so that we can better evaluate our Councilors' votes. Only when I have such reports can I decide whether my councilor is allowing aesthetic considerations to outweigh humanitarian ones, whether racist constituent sentiments are guiding her actions (32.9% of unhoused Angelenos are Black, three times their proportion in the total population) or whether banning OVOs from a particular street is merited by safety and resident parking issues. As a homeowner in Council District 11, I am aware of the disruption that unhoused residents living in their vehicles can cause to housed residents. However, if vehicles do not in fact block visibility, constrict traffic, or take up a majority of parking spaces, there are other steps that can be taken to soften this disruption. More public bathrooms would help, as would public showers. I, for one, am willing to support such services with increased taxes in order to make my community less cruel to the unfortunate and, in a word, more civilized. It is neither civilized nor humane to criminalize poverty and to make it so difficult for our unhoused neighbors to retain the vehicles that function as both transportation and protection. It does not surprise me that the latest OVO request comes from the disgraced Kevin DeLeon, who should have resigned months ago after his racist comments were published. Council members should not normalize DeLeon's clinging to his salaried position on the City Council. No one

should talk to him beyond the bare essentials. Any proposal he makes should be vetted for possible racist foundations. I therefore call upon city council members to vote NO on Council File 23-0008-S5 agendized for the Transportation Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 10th. In this time of horrendous homelessness, we must make sure that public streets are available to all members of the public. Public safety, not aesthetics, should be the only justification for any restrictions. Thank you for your time and attention. Katherine C. King