

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Vote YES on CF 23-0662 Dear Transportation Committee Members, I urge you to vote YES on CF 23-0662, Councilmember Hernandez's motion calling for long-overdue oversight of LA's oversize vehicle ordinance. As you know, the number of people experiencing vehicular homelessness is up 129% since 2017. For so many who are priced out of traditional rental housing, a vehicle is the next logical, safe choice. Unfortunately, there are only 18 safe parking sites in the City, with a total of 404 spaces—and only 7 of those locations accept RVs. Alas, the City's approach to the issue is to create zones to ban RV parking, zones that end up criminalizing homeless people who must live in their vehicles. Since 2008, with no debate or oversight, your Committee and City Council have been rubber-stamping motions establishing such zones. Incredibly, LADOT does not even keep track of where these OVO banned street segments are. When these ordinances are passed, we're ALL on the hook, forced to pay for City Councilmembers' and LADOT staffers' time, the physical no parking signage, LAPD harassment of vehicle dwellers, and the increase in trauma and harm inflicted on unhoused people who will likely have to move from their van to the sidewalk. It's time to stop rubber stamping these OVO motions. Instead, we need to analyze their impact and create real solutions. I congratulate Councilmember Hernandez for addressing the issue with CF 23-0662, and I urge you join her in asking for hard data. Please Vote YES on CF 23-0662.