

Communication from Public

Name: Brett Sullivan

Date Submitted: 06/26/2023 11:23 PM

Council File No: 23-0662

Comments for Public Posting: Our organization provides aide to vehicle dwellers on the Westside. The lack of streets with parking, especially in a city who has seen 129% increase in vehicular homelessness since 2017, is absolutely cruel and heartless. Among the people we have met living in their vehicles have been veterans, families with small children, domestic abuse victims and youth that have aged out of the foster care system. The overnight parking restriction causes unnecessary police harassment. The police will come and knock on their RVs while they are inside trying to get a good night sleep. Please stop rubber stamping motions! Every time a new zone is put into place, unhoused vehicle dwellers struggle to find an alternative because no such alternative exists. Some people have spoken to me about getting rid of their RV for a tent because it's just so hard to keep up with these zones and tickets. Is the city's solution to homelessness to further strip people of the only resources and belongings they have left? You must vote YES on CF-23-0662. You need to stop criminalizing poor people. You need to consider adopting solutions like tenant protections, ending evictions, and permanent, supportive public housing. Anything less than this is a non-solution.

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Name: Jane Demian

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Comments for Public Posting: I support this Motion to gather long-overdue information about the number of unhoused people living in vehicles, the number and location of available lots that could be used for 24/7 Safe Parking, and the number of vehicles that have been cited and impounded for parking in restricted zones and other data that delineates the ways that the City's oversized vehicle parking restrictions have not been effective at helping unhoused individuals to find stable places to park, and stable housing. Due to the dearth of low income, affordable housing, individuals living in RVs and other vehicles have found a way to live in a safe shelter. If a vehicle is impounded, in the absence of available temporary or permanent housing, those individuals will end up living in a tent on the street. In addition, once a vehicle is impounded the individual(s) may no longer have access to personal possessions, medications and important documents, especially if they don't have access to vehicle registration papers, and do not have funds to pay the hundreds of dollars to get the RV out of impound. It would take months for the individual to reapply for all the documents needed to acquire housing. Moving individuals living in RVs from one street to another under pain of threatened citation and impound does nothing to solve the thorny issues of homelessness. The City can and must do better. Creating 24/7 Safe Parking lots for RVs with access to showers, case managers and waste disposal is a necessity.

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Name: Anne Shapiro

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to support 23-0662 for the sake of all members of the community but particularly those who can no longer afford to rent a traditional apartment and are forced to live in an RV. Tickets are merely "kicking the can" and offer absolutely no humane solution to the NEED for people to live in RV's. They too would choose apartments if apartments with space, safety, pet tolerance and privacy were available. Be sane, sympathetic and rational: support 23-0662. Thank you in advance.

Communication from Public

Name: susan millmann

Date Submitted: 06/26/2023 11:49 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Transportation Committee Members, I'm writing to urge you to vote YES on CF 23-0662, Councilmember Hernandez's motion calling for long-overdue oversight of LA's oversize vehicle ordinance. LAMC 80.69.4 is just another weapon in the city's arsenal for criminalizing and displacing poor people. For so many who are priced out of traditional rental housing, a vehicle is the next logical, safe choice. As the cost of housing soars, it's no wonder the number of people experiencing vehicular homelessness is up 129% since 2017. And yet, we have nowhere near the amount of resources necessary to begin addressing the crisis. There are only 18 safe parking sites in the City, with a total of 404 spaces—and only 7 of those locations accept RVs. But the City's approach to the issue is to create zones to ban RV parking. Your Committee and City Council have been rubber-stamping these motions since 2008 with no debate or oversight. Incredibly, LADOT does not even keep track of where these banned street segments are. When these ordinances are passed criminalizing new areas, 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. Sadly and shamefully, my council district (11) has by far the most street OVOs. It's time to stop rubber stamping these OVO motions, analyze their impact, and create real solutions. Vote YES on CF 23-0662. Sincerely, susan millmann