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SUN VALLEY AREA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Honorable Councilmembers;

I am here representing the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council.

The Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council vehemently opposes the passage of Assembly bill AB- 516.

Passage of this State bill would have severe consequences in Sun Valley, which is one of the most severely impacted neighborhoods from the decision which allows people to live

and park their vehicles in Commercial and Industrial areas in the City.

Driving in the state of California is a privilege. Not a right.

There must be consequences for people who violate the rules. Many of these rules and laws have been relaxed to accommodate people with limited incomes to live in their mobile homes on our Streets.

Unfortunately this has led to many unintended consequences. Mostly in the area of health and safety. Many, Many of these mobile homes are not entirely functional--they lack working electricity and water and toilet facilities. They have boarded up windows and structural elements.

This has resulted in unsafe and unsanitary conditions.

In Sun Valley these vehicles park in our business areas and without proper toilet facilities they use the public streets and do their business on the Street. This causes unsafe health conditions and costly cleaning problems for our business communities and those residential areas that are directly adjacent to them,

We do have businesses and residents looking to move from our area because of the economic hardships of constantly cleaning up the mess and having to steam clean the sidewalks in front of their business and on their property. As well as the loss of income.

Customers find other places to do business because they do not wish to subject themselves to these unsanitary conditions and to a degree-- the feeling of being unsafe in places where there are large numbers of these vehicles parked for long periods of time.

Many of those living in these vehicles have become hoarders and they gather all kinds of discarded property and store it on the sidewalk and street around their vehicle making it difficult for pedestrians to walk through the area. They also accumulate a great deal of garbage and refuse.

There are residents and Businesses in Sun Valley who are actively searching for other places to move to.

Places away from Sun Valley that do not have the zoning that allows so many of these problems to exist in our neighborhoods.

All Cities are unique. One size does not fit all.

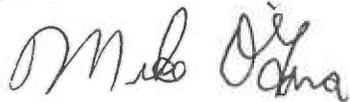
Los Angeles is blessed by terrific weather, and great topography. We have Mountains, desert and Oceans. This is why people live here instead of other places in the State with different appeal to different people.

I recently read we are a county of 450 square acres with about 91 separate communities. We have 99 Neighborhood Councils

The State should not be mandating a relaxation of Police enforcement of the rules and regulations which are designed to maintain some degree of order in Neighborhoods such as ours.

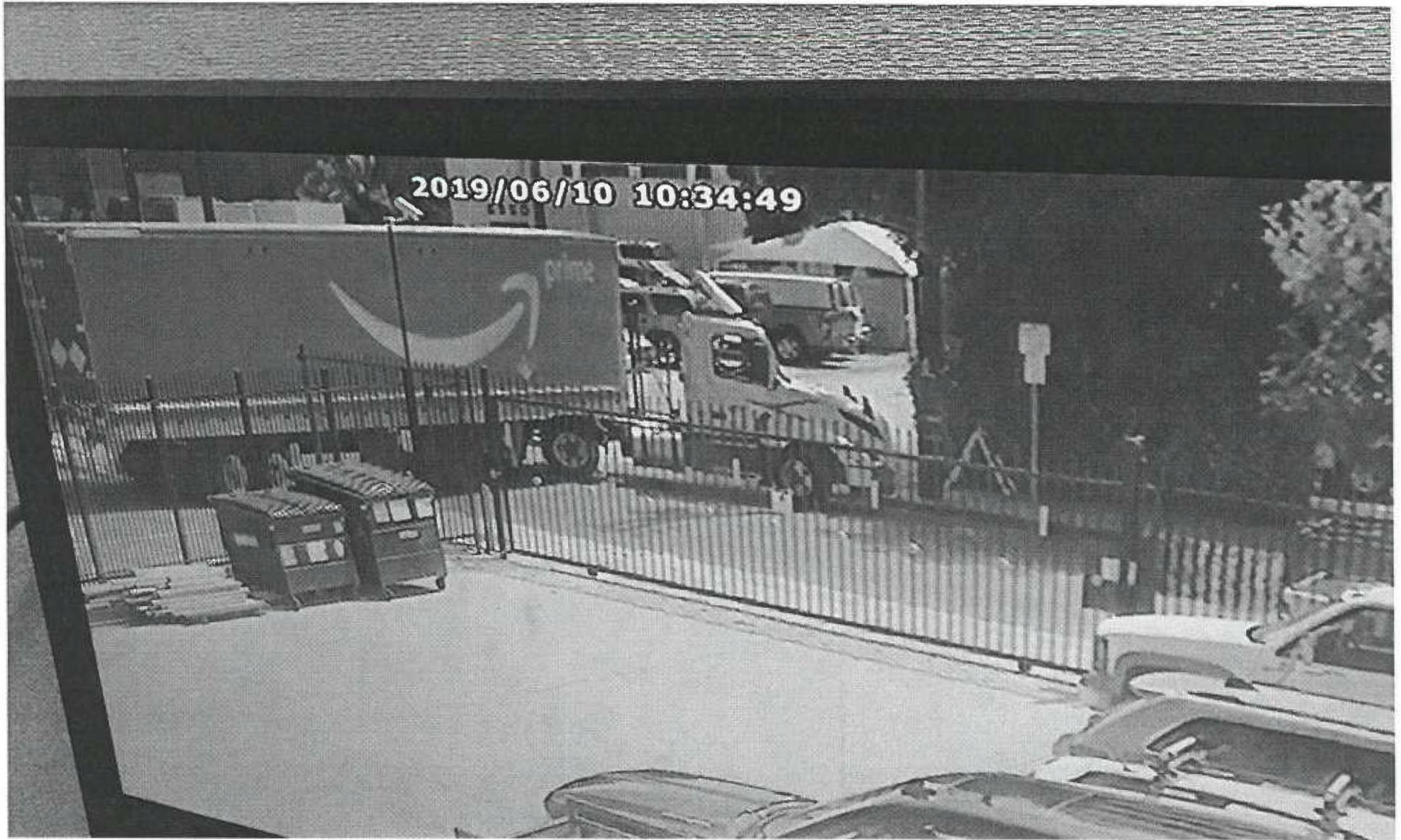
Again, I will state, the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council strongly opposes the passage of AB-516. It removes the ability of Law Enforcement to deal effectively with issues of quality of life, public nuisance, blight, and many other UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCIES

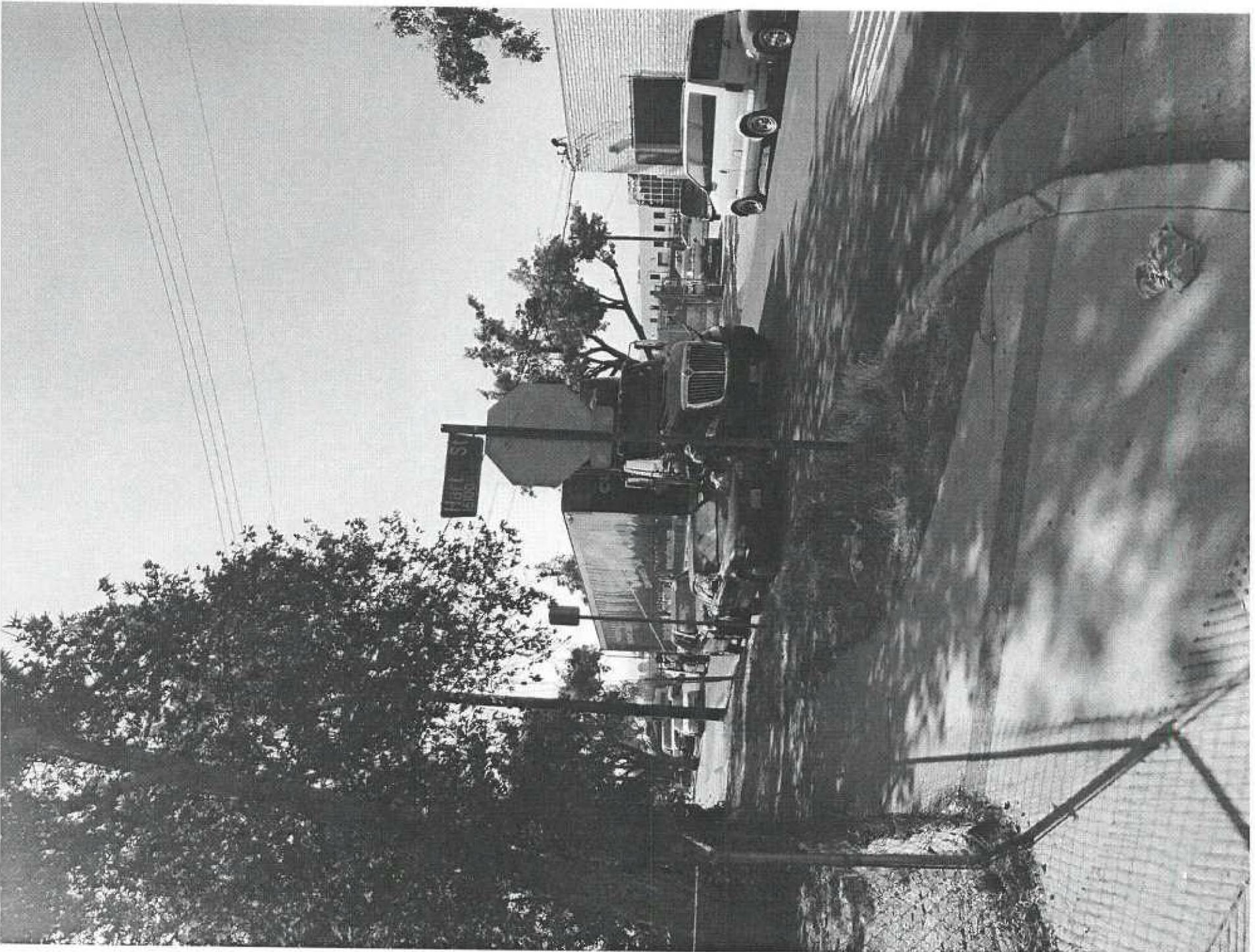
Thank you.



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