

Communication from Public

Name: Dana Locke

Date Submitted: 11/19/2022 08:46 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE DO NOT give a 2.3 million dollar blank check with no plan from Mike Bonin to the same people who have had little to no progress in the past with the homeless. Do not allow him to waste any more of our valuable taxpayer dollars with no results! Please let Traci Park spend these valuable funds in a responsible way as our newly elected Council member! Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Noel Haro

Date Submitted: 11/19/2022 10:05 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I object to \$2.3 million of my taxpayer dollars going to a no bid contract with no plan. Outgoing Councilperson Bonin wants to keep spending our money, with no plan or accountability. Millions upon millions of dollars have been spent with nothing to show for it. How is this any different? It's throwing good money after bad. If we are going to spend millions of dollars, please wait for Councilperson Traci Parks to come up with a plan and hold her accountable. Certainly this can wait for Traci Parks. Please oppose this motion. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 09:05 AM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: Vote NO!!! 22-1326 Westchester community is NOT the place for this encampment housing proposal. Please note that this is a community already battling this issue and does not need any more burden. The last minute proposal needs to be tabled. The new council person will address this issue with input from the community.

Communication from Public

Name: Susan H

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 09:16 AM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly object to \$2.3 million dollars of MY taxpayer funds being offered to a no bid contract to St. Joseph Center and LAHSA to move the Jefferson vehicle dwellers to Westchester/Playa with no detailed plan. The fact that this is being proposed by a councilman who was kicked out by his constituents, shows that this is a last minute attempt for Bonin to give the middle finger to the community members who fired him. We VOTE NO on this contract. Please allow the newly voted council member to address this issue. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Larry Steven Londrethe policies have to change. It about filth
Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 09:17 AM
Council File No: 22-1326
Comments for Public Posting: The policies have to change. The trash, filth, the environment, using the wetlands as a toilet. We support change. Ths status quo isn't good for anyone.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 09:25 AM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote no on this last minute motion authored by Mike Bonin. Traci Park has been elected and has a fair and equitable plan to clear the RV encampment from wetlands. Any attempts to transfer the RVs to Westchester Park will be vigorously opposed.

Communication from Public

Name: L Farris

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 09:34 AM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I object to \$2.3 million of my taxpayer dollars going to a NO bid contract, with no clear plan for use of these funds. The taxpayer questions around corruption in Los Angeles stem from unchecked, no-bid plans, and lack of accountability. The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) itself should be evaluated as the new LA City administration enters. Before allocating another \$2.3 million just before a new City Council and Mayor have an opportunity to review how much money these organizations have received in the past two years and what has been accomplished, is unacceptable.

Communication from Public

Name: Kelly

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 09:37 AM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I object to Mike Bonin's \$2.3M grant of tax dollars to a no-bid contract with no plan. This is clearly a last minute handout of our tax dollars to his buddies and retaliation against our communities, as he has become known for. The program he states it will be modelled after in Venice is an unmitigated disaster. He is sneaking this in right before he leaves office with no consultation with or care for the communities he is supposed to represent.

Communication from Public

Name: Todd Bear

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 09:47 AM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: Please approve item 86 to remove RVs and camper vehicles from Jefferson Blvd and return the Ballona Freshwater Marsh and Wetlands to the public. Since the occupation of Jefferson Blvd by unhoused RV dwellers and campers the public has not felt safe visiting this open-space resource and schools no longer bring groups of children to the marsh for educational purposes. Its time to remove these dwellers and repair the damage done over the last 3 years, both physical damage to the marsh and trails as well as damage to the public's trust in safe access to this unique space. Please approve 86!

Communication from Public

Name: Duke Heger

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 09:55 AM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I am a Westchester resident and I object to my tax dollars going to a no bid contract with no plan - under council file 22-1326. CD 11 has elected Traci Park and I want her to evaluate and assess the future plans for my district. Traci was elected because the district voters believe she has the best interest of the residents when formulating a plan and solution for the homeless issue that has consumed our city.

Communication from Public

Name: Bridgette Agness

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 10:16 AM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I am requesting that the city council use the funds requested to house the homeless that have been living on Jefferson Blvd next to the federally protected wetlands area. This area has turned into the epicenter of drug sales, shootings, fires, thefts, and a trash dump. These people need to be assured in getting off the streets and provided emergency housing. They are damaging protected land with endangered species. They are also routinely walking over to playa vista and assaulting residents or stealing cars, bikes, packages, etc. I urge you to utilize these funds for this encampment.

Communication from Public

Name: erin
Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 10:21 AM
Council File No: 22-1326
Comments for Public Posting: I support of the emergency motion to move the homeless encampment on Jefferson.

Communication from Public

Name: Chelsea Jacobs

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 10:23 AM

Council File No: 22-1326

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Communication from Public

Name: Joel Andryc

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 10:36 AM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: The Balboa Wetlands area is being destroyed by homeless encampments. Trash, wildfires and criminal activity are making this area a major detriment to our community. It's no longer safe to walk along the path areas. Spillover crime activity from the encampment has now moved into the Playa Vista area. As a tax payer and resident in Playa Vista, I ask the council to take immediate action and require all of the encampments along Culver and Jefferson to be removed. Thank you. Joel Andryc
13044 Discovery Creek Playa Vista , CA. 90094 818-968-4033

Communication from Public

Name: Zac Fisher

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 10:39 AM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: This is a govt handout of taxpayer money. The homeless need to be moved the local politicians are a disgrace, the last few days of a term and this is the kind of free handouts of tax payer money these corrupt politicians do

Communication from Public

Name: McCray Miller

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 10:44 AM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: As a ten year resident of Playa Vista, I strongly support this measure to move the rv encampments off Jefferson Blvd and provide housing to the homeless. The wetlands and our community have been negatively impacted for years and this action is far over due! For the safety and welfare of our community and the wetlands please allocate funds to solve this ongoing crisis. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 10:50 AM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: Agenda Item 86: (86) 221326 CD 11 CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (BONIN – RAMAN) relative to allocating funds and coordinating a comprehensive service-led response for housing and services targeted for vehicular homelessness at West Jefferson Boulevard, between Culver Boulevard and Lincoln Boulevard, near the Ballona Wetlands? and related matters. Recommendations for Council action? SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR: 1. DIRECT the City Administrative Officer (CAO), with the support of all relevant City departments, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), and the St. Joseph Center, to coordinate a comprehensive service-led response at West Jefferson Boulevard, between Culver Boulevard and Lincoln Boulevard, modeled after successful Encampment to Home operations in Council District 11, and incorporating best practices from vehicular homelessness interventions by West Valley Homes Yes (WHVY) and L.A. Family Housing in Council District 7. The operation shall commence only upon the determination by Council District 11 that housing and vehicular interventions are in fact available for potential clients, and will provide for a minimum of three weeks of active engagement with people experiencing homelessness at the location. 2. AUTHORIZE the transfer of \$2,283,313 from the Additional Homeless Services General City Purposes Fund No. 100/56, Account No. 000931, Additional Homeless Services to the Los Angeles Housing Department Fund No. 10A/43, in a new account entitled "Westchester/Playa Vehicular Homelessness Intervention Program" for the above described vehicular homelessness interventions within the Westchester/Playa vicinity. 3. INSTRUCT the General Manager, Los Angeles Housing Department, or designee, to amend the LAHSA General Fund Contract (No. C140706) to reflect the funding allocation as mentioned above. 4. REQUEST the LAHSA execute a new or amend an existing sole source subcontract with the St. Joseph Center for an amount of \$2,283,313 to implement the Council District 11 Westchester/Playa Vehicular Homelessness Intervention Program. 5. AUTHORIZE the CAO to prepare Controller instructions or make necessary technical adjustments, including to the names of the Special Fund accounts recommended for this report, to

implement the intent of these transactions? and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement these instructions. 4. REQUEST the LAHSA execute a new or amend an existing sole source subcontract with the St. Joseph Center for an amount of \$2,283,313 to implement the Council District 11 Westchester/Playa Vehicular Homelessness Intervention Program. 5. AUTHORIZE the CAO to prepare Controller instructions or make necessary technical adjustments, including to the names of the Special Fund accounts recommended for this report, to implement the intent of these transactions? and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement these instructions. Thank you for your support in addressing this pressing issue and voting to approve the funds necessary to relocate the homeless at Jefferson Blvd and thereby rescue the Freshwater Marsh and Ballona Wetlands from the destruction they have seen to the ongoing homeless issue in that area.

Communication from Public

Name: pam lawler

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 10:54 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I object to \$2.3 million of my tax payer dollars going to a no bid contract with no plan.

Communication from Public

Name: Terri Coffey
Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 10:55 AM
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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 11:02 AM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: We implore you, please do not approve this no plan, no oversight, last ditch effort to further destroy Westchester and Playa!

Communication from Public

Name: Joe

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 11:07 AM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: When I saw this, my first reaction was why is a councilman who has admitted he is in the throws of depression and mental illness, allowed to make important decisions for CD11? We all know that good decisions are not made in that state of mind. There are many great posts on why this is not a good thing to do. If Mr. Bonin is so set on doing this, and you want to approve it, I ask that you have the location moved to Palisades by Mr. Bonin's house. That way, every day he steps out of his house after leaving office, he can see the success he has brought to CD11. Plus since he is leaving office, any decision he makes should be approved by the new incoming councilman. That way bad decisions do not need to be cleaned up.

Communication from Public

Name: Barbara Smiley

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 11:44 AM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I absolutely object to any tax money going to this disgusting proposal. Westchester has more than enough filth on our streets. If Mr. Bonin thinks it is ok for people to create that much trash around their vehicles then put facilities for them in the park in Pacific Palisades.

Communication from Public

Name: Elaine

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 11:46 AM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly urge a no vote on this proposal to spend 2.4 million to remove RV's from Ballona Creek area. I would welcome this long overdue action but our Councilman has not done anything for months about this. Now, with weeks left he wants to move them into our neighborhoods with zero input from our community. We have been struggling without being able to safely use our park or senior centers and kids stepping over people to go to school. Why now, is he asking the City Council to act? I fear the fires, crime and stored gas, and wildlife devastation in Ballona area. Most kids never get to tour that at school anymore due to the Rv situations at the Bird sanctuary. This needs action from the City but it should wait until it is discussed with our community! This is a no bid from groups we have seen first hand have failed in their duties in Venice. We have a hotel being turned to the chronically homeless near our homes, and fifty safe parking spots. Our area of CD11 has taken on more than any other except Venice. Where are the meetings on this? Where is the info for us? Where is accountability for when they move into our school and home areas, where will these groups with no bids or accountability be for us then? Why would the City Council even consider making such a huge overdue move when this Council group is almost over. Whether Erin Darling won or Traci Park this would be a slap in the face for the new Council person to deal with the ire of their new constituents right out of the gate. Perhaps they would take the time to engage with the community on when and how this could be done and who would be in charge and be held accountable. This is sloppy, rushed, unfair and so egregious to all of us in this area of CD11 but it is typical how Bonin operates. Do it, break it, and ask permission later. Please vote No on this or be prepared for LA to once again face a lawsuit for his actions. We all want the wetlands cleared immediately but in a way that does not further harm both the wetlands that have been allowed to be damaged for years, or our communities! We want input, discussion, information, details, and accountability. You should want that as well for your citizens who elected you. Vote NO on this rushed and ill-thought-out proposal. We have and will take our share of this issue but this is not how to do it, no matter how dire the wetlands have become. Another few weeks will not matter. Please use common sense and wait to vote on this until a

well-thought-out plan is proposed that has engaged the area that will bear the brunt of this decision.

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Name: Donald F Cooper
Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 11:51 AM
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Communication from Public

Name: Julie Moret
Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 11:15 AM
Council File No: 22-1326
Comments for Public Posting: Please have those living along Jefferson removed.

Communication from Public

Name: Cynthia Strand

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 11:18 AM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE approve Item 86 and help save our Ballona Wetlands! For the past several years the problem of illegal camping has threatened that protected land and it needs to STOP. These wetlands are fragile and are for all of us to enjoy but with the filth, trash, and encroachment, no one is able to access it. You have an obligation to serve all the residents of the city and the majority of us are taxpayers who support our City and property. Do the right thing and remove these vehicles from the fragile area and do not allow any overnight stays. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Alexa carrington

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 11:19 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Linda Asher

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 01:29 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I object to \$2.3 million of my taxpayer dollars going to a no bid contract with no plan." This is straight up political pork. Jefferson can wait two more months for our new Councilperson to address that mess in an organized comprehensive manner. Maybe Bonin would like his solution to include HIS neighborhood.

Communication from Public

Name: Lynn Marks

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 01:44 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: My family and I are vehemently opposed to \$2.3 million of our taxpayer dollars going to a no-bid contract without a plan. We want to wait until our new council person, Traci Park, can evaluate CD 11 and come up with a plan that makes sense and is fair for everyone. Westchester and Playa have for too long shouldered the burden of un-housed people. Our park, the Senior Center, Westchester Library, and the wetlands have been essentially unusable for several years now. Solutions for this issue need to be spread more equitably throughout the city of LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa Gaines
Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 01:54 PM
Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I, and my community, OPPOSE the allocation of funds as proposed by Bonin because we care about the wetlands and want swift encampment removal by the LADOT plan. Here're some facts: 1. 4/6/22 Bonin was absent for the vote to resume enforcement of the LAMC 80.69.4 RV/camper overnight camping on streets, alleys and highways, which directly would remove the campers from the wetlands; he was opposed to this. Other cities enforced this ordinance which unfairly pushed more homeless to our council district because our councilman's lack of enforcement. 2. Bonin claims to care for the homeless but prevented interventions from happening at the wetland encampment. If you read the motion, it says that, ..."For over a year, outreach workers from St. Joseph Center and LAHSA, as well as CD11 staff, have engaged with the unhoused community at this location, connecting people with case management and successfully transitioning numerous families and individuals off of the street and into both temporary and permanent housing placements as such opportunities have become available." But the facts are in this report by the LADOT subcommittee Report http://ens.lacity.org/ladot/transreports/ladottransreports2425165678_10062022.pdf: there are the same numbers living on Jefferson today as a year ago and majority have lived here the whole time. 3. The motion says, "St. Joseph and LAHSA have helped people into housing from the wetlands": read the report. It categorically says that no LASHA or other agency attempted to assist any of the dwellers during their research findings from May 2022 thru October 2022. If Bonin was trying to help the wetlands, he would have made it a top priority to get these people into housing, but the facts from LADOT show otherwise, no interventions, no transitions occurred. Why? And now he wants to do something? 4. The motion says, "The operation shall commence only upon the determination by Council District 11 that housing and vehicular interventions are in fact available for potential clients". So exactly how is this \$2M fund doing anything to help them differently than before? It doesn't, it just wastes tax dollars on duplicative services and slows down the clean up of the protected wetlands. There are already agencies set up and working on the homeless. In CAO file 0022-5151-0343 they state that the CAO outreach team went to 4 critical council districts with success in moving RVs except "...one council office opted to approach addressing oversized vehicles one-by-one at specific locations in their district" (Bonin) and we still have encampments but they don't. Bonin is not making good decisions for our district. 5. Lastly, the LADOT board of commissioners declared the wetlands as an emergency and is granted the powers to handle all vehicles in designated emergency areas. They have the city manager's approval to follow a transition plan immediately to clear the encampments from the protected wetlands. Read the report. It is methodical and allows for the swift transition (approximately 3-4 weeks). As opposed to more of the same, this option sounds the best for everyone. Bonin, you are disingenuous setting up a last minute meeting on a day that most who oppose you would be unavailable for a vote on another failed project. Enough.

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

BOARD OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONERS

Subcommittee Report

Date: October 6, 2022
To: The Board of Transportation Commissioners
From: Subcommittee re Oversized Vehicles
Subject: Parking Enforcement of Oversized Vehicles

A. SUMMARY

Since July 2022, the Board of Transportation Commissioners (the “Commission”) has received hundreds of complaints from residents of the City of Los Angeles (the “City”) about the proliferation of oversized and other vehicles parked illegally on our streets. To investigate the concerns of City residents, the Commission created a subcommittee (the “Subcommittee”). Commissioners Eric Eisenberg, Cris Liban, and John Ly were appointed to the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee’s purpose was to investigate the complaints, issue a report, and make recommendations for immediate action to be taken by the Commission and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (the “LADOT”). Based on its investigation, the Subcommittee issues this Report with preliminary findings and recommendations for consideration by the Commission and LADOT.

B. BACKGROUND

1. LADOT Resumes Enforcement For Parking Violations For Vehicles.

In March 2020, the City declared a local emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As part of this emergency declaration, the City relaxed enforcement for parking violations for all types of vehicles, including violations relating to the parking of oversized vehicles under Los Angeles Municipal Code (“LAMC”) § 80.69.4. In October 2020, LADOT resumed enforcement for all parking violations. (Ex. A.) However, LADOT did not enforce parking violations in connection with the towing of vehicles being used as dwellings. During this time, there were many vehicles, including oversized vehicles such as RVs and campers, that remained parked in certain areas in the City.

On April 6, 2022, the City Council authorized the LADOT to do the following: (1) immediately resume parking enforcement for the five categories of vehicles detailed in the February 23, 2022 LADOT Report; and (2) resume parking enforcement for *all* motor vehicles in violation of LADOT’s parking enforcement policy and posted signage on May 15, 2022. (Ex. B.). As set forth in the February 23, 2022 LADOT Report, LADOT could resume parking enforcement of *all vehicles* in five categories:

1. Vehicles that posed a traffic safety violation, including blocked traffic lanes, walkways, fire hydrants, driveways, anti-gridlock/peak hour zones, and stolen vehicles.
2. Vehicles that posed an environmental or public health hazards defined as vehicles that create an environmental or public health hazard through the repeated excess of accumulation of trash, debris or discharge of biohazard as documented by three (3) or more service call responses from the Department of Sanitation to mitigate this hazard. Such vehicles may be towed, after notice of enforcement and after initiating and documenting engagement with homeless services.
3. Vehicles that interfered with the public works projects or special events, which allows LADOT to cite and impound vehicles that remain on the street in violation of posted temporary signs.
4. Vehicles that were inoperable defined as vehicles that cannot be safely or reasonable operated.
5. Unregistered vehicles defined as unregistered with LADOT being authorized to tow the vehicles after notice to the owner/occupant.

(Ex. C, February 23, 2022 Report, pp. 2-3.) In addition, the City Council instructed the CAO's City Homelessness Coordinator to report back on a plan and process to initiate outreach and offer services to occupants of vehicles used for dwelling before a vehicle being towed. (*Id.* p. 3.)

2. The Commission Receives Complaints From Hundreds Of City Residents Regarding Oversized Vehicles.

Beginning in the Summer of 2022, the Commission started getting complaints from concerned residents about the proliferation of oversized vehicles in certain areas of the City. For example, at the Commission hearing in July 2022, dozens of members of the public spoke out about the situation concerning oversized vehicles. Since then, Commissioners have received hundreds of written complaints about the parking oversized vehicles. The complaints about the oversized vehicles can be summarized as follows:

- The vehicles have been parked illegally in impacted areas for extended periods of times often for over several months.
- The vehicles have been surrounded by trash, feces, urine, intravenous needles, and other debris in the impacted areas and are posing a potential public health hazard to both the occupants of the vehicles and the nearby areas where human waste has accumulated.

- The continued presence of the vehicles over the period of months have led to increases in crime in the impacted areas and surrounding neighborhoods.
- The continued presence of the vehicles have led to serious public health dangers, such as fires threatening nearby communities and damage to sensitive environmental areas.
- Oversized vehicles are being rented out as a business, with one owner purportedly owning 23 vehicles.

City residents were extremely frustrated about the perceived lack of enforcement from the City with respect to these vehicles. Many of the residents also told the Commission that, before coming to the Commission, they had complained to numerous City departments, including LADOT, and their respective City Council offices.

In response to the complaints, the Commission formed the Subcommittee on August 11, 2022 to investigate, report back to the Commission, and provide a series of recommendations and proposed actions. Since then, the Commission has undertaken an investigation that has included the following: visits to the impacted areas, analysis of the relevant correspondence and applicable ordinances, review of the commission meetings and applicable Council file, discussions with LADOT staff and various City departments, and discussions with residents and neighborhood groups regarding the complaints.

3. The City Administrative Officer’s Report And Recommendations.

On September 15, 2022, the City Administrative Officer (“CAO”)—which provides centralized administrative services to the Mayor and City Council—issued a “Review and Recommendations for Citywide Vehicle Dwelling Outreach and Engagement Protocols” (the “CAO Report”). (Ex. D.) The purpose of the CAO Report was to offer services and resources to people experiencing homelessness and address “public health, safety, traffic, and welfare hazards associated with vehicle dwellings and abandoned vehicles.” This was in response to the City Council’s action relating to oversized vehicles earlier in April 2022.

The proposed protocols contemplate (1) homeless outreach and services; (2) addressing debris and hazardous activity; (3) investigating any ancillary criminal activity; (4) providing advance notice of parking enforcement and impoundment; and (5) impounding vehicles dwellings and abandoned vehicles.¹ The homeless outreach and services will be made from

¹ The CAO report recommended that the City Council and the Mayor approve the proposed citywide dwelling outreach reach and engagement protocols for vehicle types. It also recommended that the directed LADOT to provide quarterly reports and instructed the directors and general managers of LADOT and other departments to coordinate all outreach efforts through the CAO’s office. There were also recommendations to compile data and the identification of funding such as yard and shop space to support operational needs. The proposed protocols are guidelines and are optional for the City Council, the Mayor, and the City departments.

referrals to the CAO, with referrals from the public through LADOT via the MyLA311 or the respective council office. Under the CAO’s proposed protocols, the “appropriate City department *may take immediate action, up to and including immediately impounding the offending vehicle*, if a vehicle presents an “immediate public safety concern or public health hazard.” (Ex. D, p. 5.)

C. THE SUBCOMMITTEE’S INVESTIGATION AND FINDINGS.

The Subcommittee focused its investigation in several impacted areas where there have been concentrations of oversized and other vehicles. The impacted areas were the subject of the complaints brought to the Commission and have been identified as the following: (1) Ballona Wetlands (Jefferson Blvd. between Lincoln and Culver); (2) Los Feliz (Franklin Ave. between Vermont Blvd. and Western Blvd.); (3) Cahuenga Pass (Cahuenga Blvd. between Barham and Highland Blvd.) and Forest Lawn Drive.²

1. Ballona Wetlands

The location of the impacted area adjacent to the Ballona Wetlands is a section of Jefferson Blvd. between Lincoln Blvd. and Culver Blvd. in Marina Del Rey. The Ballona Wetlands is a state-owned ecological reserve managed by California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Comprising of about 600 acres, the Ballona Wetlands is the second largest open space in the City after Griffith Park and contains a freshwater marsh, saltwater marsh, and discovery park. A huge gas storage facility owned by SoCalGas abuts the ecological reserve.

As of September 19, 2022, there were 45 vehicles (25 oversized vehicles and 20 cars) parked in this impacted street, which runs alongside the ecological reserve. (Ex. E.) The number of vehicles in the impacted area has ranged from 54 as of January 26, 2022, 65 as of February 7, 2022, 56 as of March 8, 2022, 56 as of April 7, 202, and 50 as of July 7, 2022. The majority, if not all, of the vehicles as of July 7, 2022 appeared to be vehicles with dwellers. Many of the vehicles appeared to be inoperable. The impacted street has signs stating, “No Stopping Any Time Sign” and “No Parking from 10pm to 6am.” (Ex. F.) There is a sidewalk and walking trail along the path.

As part of its investigation, the Subcommittee reviewed correspondence, photographs, and key reports from impacted residents. The Subcommittee also spoke to residents, LAPD officers, and the manager of the Ballona Wetlands. In addition, a Commissioner from the Subcommittee personally visited the impacted street in July 2022. Since May 2022, the Commissioners have received more than five hundred letters and emails from residents registering complaints about the vehicles in the impacted street. (Ex. G, Complaint Excerpts.)

Based on its investigation, the Subcommittee observed the following:

² The Subcommittee is undertaking an investigation of other impacted areas such as Westchester Park.

- There have been vehicles parked in the impacted street in violation of the parking signs since at least January 2021. LADOT does not appear to have issued citations for violations of these signs. The impacted area has also been blocked by encampments on the street that have arisen alongside the vehicles.
- Residents in the area have reported that vehicle dwellers have been defecating, urinating, dumping septic tanks, disposing of hypodermic needles into the Ballona Wetlands—actions that residents fear have and continue to have an adverse environmental impact on the preserve.
- There is evidence that there has been a substantial increase in crime in the surrounding areas due to the concentration of vehicles on this impacted street. According to an LAPD report dated May 9, 2022, there has been a 266% increase in crime per LAPD report. (Ex. H). There have been reports from neighbors regarding shootings, a drug lab, and a chop shop. The presence of crime in the impacted street was corroborated in discussions with LAPD officers. In a one-year period in 2021, there were 109 phone calls to the LAPD. (Ex. I.) In analyzing the log, the information appears to identify calls relating to assaults on women, shots being fired, nine instances of suspects in the area, and fifteen instances of ambulances being called to the impacted street.
- The Ballona Wetlands reserve has had to spend enormous resources in cleaning up the trash and debris left by the vehicle dwellers, as well as repairing damage to the fences enclosing the reserve; the costs per month of this clean up and repairs total thousands of dollars per month.
- The continued presence of the vehicles and their dwellers increases the risk of fires in the area, at least 4 of which have been reported in 2021 and 2022. (Ex. J.) In 2021, there was a report of a five-acre brush fire attributed near the impacted street that required 54 firefighters, helicopters, and ground crews. On September 26, 2022, there was a car fire in the impacted area. The residents fear that these fires could damage the wetlands and ignite the gas storage facility, creating an uncontrollable fire. (Ex. K.) There have been concerns about gas leaks and other issues related to the storage facility in the past. (Ex. L.)
- The residents have noted that the impacted areas have resulted in a dramatic decrease of visitors to the Ballona Wetlands and had a negative impact on the health and safety and public enjoyment of the preserve.
- There are reports by residents that the oversized vehicles are being rented out by their owners to people experiencing homelessness.

- It is unclear whether there has been any outreach and offer of services and/or housing has been made to the vehicle dwellers in the impacted street. The LAPD officers that have been responsible for the area have not been contacted by any homeless provider regarding offers of housing as of July 2022.

2. Los Feliz.

The location of the impacted street is on Franklin Ave. between Vermont Blvd. and Western Blvd. in Los Feliz. As of September 26, 2022, there were about 28-35 vehicles, consisting of 20-25 oversized vehicles and 8-10 other vehicles (*e.g.*, cars, mini vans, boat) in this impacted area. It is unclear what parking restrictions are on these streets. Based on discussion with residents, the vehicles have been parked in this area for months, if not years. The vehicles in this impacted street are mostly operable, as residents report that they are moving one side to the street on days meant for street cleaning, to avoid receiving citations.

As part of its investigation, the Subcommittee reviewed correspondence and reviewed comments from members of the public. In addition, a Commissioner from the Subcommittee personally visited the impacted street in September 2022. Since May 2022, the Commission has received letters from residents and speakers during Commission meetings who have made complaints about the vehicles in the impacted street. (Ex. M.)

Based on its investigation, the Subcommittee observed the following:

- There have been vehicles parked in the impacted street for months, and LADOT does not appear to have issued citations for the parked vehicles.
- There are reports that vehicle dwellers have been disposing of heavy amounts of waste from RV storage tanks, garbage, and trash into and near the impacted street.
- There are reports that there is an increase in criminal activity including drug use near the impacted street.
- There are reports that calling 311 will not trigger any enforcement of parking violations for vehicle dwellings.
- The impacted street is blocking access to cyclists in the impacted street.

3. Cahuenga Pass and Forest Lawn Drive.

The location of the impacted street is on eastside of Cahuenga Blvd., alongside the 101 Freeway near the Hollywood Bowl. As of August 16, 2022, the number of vehicles were 16. This number has since decreased to about 3 to 4 vehicles as of September 16, 2022. It is

unclear what parking restrictions are on these streets. The presence of the vehicles on this impacted street has been for over one year.

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Over the last several months, there has been a growing concentration of oversized vehicles on near the Cahuenga Pass on Forest Lawn Drive near Warner Brothers Studios. As of September 26, 2022, there were about 34 oversized vehicles, 5 cars, and 3-4 unhitched camper trailers.

Based on its investigation, the Subcommittee observed the following:

- There have been vehicles parked in the impacted street for many months, and LADOT does not appear to have issued citations for the parked vehicles.
- There are reports that vehicle dwellers have been disposing of heavy amounts of garbage and human waste into and near the impacted street and over the embankment on the freeways.
- There are reports that there is an increase in criminal activity including drug use near the impacted street.
- There are complaints that the area in the Cahuenga Pass is a high fire danger area.

D. APPLICABLE LAW RELATING TO PARKING OF OVERSIZED VEHICLES.

1. Los Angeles Municipal Code § 80.69.4.

The State of California authorizes local authorities to establish their own policies that prohibit or restrict vehicles of a certain size from stopping, parking or standing in adherence with California Vehicle Code (CVC) 22507. Enacted in 2010, Los Angeles Municipal Code (“LAMC”) § 80.69.4 prohibits parking RVs, campers, trailers, or similar vehicles that are more than seven feet in height or twenty-two feet in length between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on various public streets, on penalty of being fined, towed, or impounded. L.A. Mun. Code § 80.69.4.³ In addition, LAMC § 80.69 enables LADOT to prohibit vehicles stopping or parking

³ Subsection (a) of LAMC § 80.69.4 states that “No person shall stop, stand or park, when authorized signs are in place giving notice of the restriction, any oversize vehicle, defined as a motor vehicle in excess of 22 feet in length or over 84 inches in height, between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. The registered owner of the oversize vehicle or other person having control of the oversize vehicle shall also be in violation of this section if he or she has knowledge

where it would cause “traffic congestion, create a hazard, detrimentally affect the public welfare, or deprive the public of the efficient use of available curb space.” *Id.* § 80.69. LAMC § 80.73.2 also states that, “[i]t shall be unlawful for any person who owns or who has possession, custody or control of any vehicle to park that vehicle or leave it standing upon any highway, street or alley for 72 or more consecutive hours.” LAMC § 80.73.2. LADOT has the power to ticket, tow, and impound vehicles in the City that are in violation of the LAMC ordinances, the California Vehicle Code, and other applicable laws and policies.

2. The Powers Of The Commission.

LADOT’s Commission generally serves in an advisory capacity. (LA Charter, § 22.482(d). However, under the Los Angeles Charter, the Commission has certain powers that extend beyond an advisory capacity. For example, under Section 22.828(g)(2)(A), the Commission’s powers include the following:

- (2). The Board of Transportation Commissioners may by resolution, which shall become effective when published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the City, adopt rules regulating the use of the public streets or other public ways for travel, including parking or other use of vehicles thereon, when determined by the Commission to be necessary to meet an emergency. No rule adopted under the authority of this section shall remain in force longer than thirty (30) days unless incorporated into an ordinance.
- (3). The Transportation Commission is authorized to submit ordinances relating to traffic to the Council for adoption. Such ordinances must be adopted or rejected by the Council within ninety (90) days from receipt thereof.
- (4). The Transportation Commission is authorized to conduct hearings on all matters within the purview of the Department and to advise the General Manager as to its findings and recommendations.
- (5). The Transportation Commission shall have the authority, through and in cooperation with the General Manager, to employ such personnel as may be necessary to coordinate all matters relating to off-street parking vehicle facilities acquired by the City for public use, to expend sums for expenses incurred in the coordination and directing of the Off-Street Parking Acquisition Program including such sums as are necessary for legal, engineering and other professional services required to promote the Off-Street Parking Program,

that the oversize vehicle had been so parked and the person parking had the express or implied permission to operate the oversize vehicle.”

subject to the prior authorization of resources by the Mayor and the Council and Charter limitations.

- (7). The Transportation Commission shall have the power, duty and responsibility of coordinating, directing, and managing all matters respecting the acquisition, and thereafter the management, of all public off-street parking places by the City except for those parking facilities which are under jurisdiction or control of departments controlling their own funds.

E. THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Subcommittee recommends that the Commission consider taking the following actions in light of this Report's findings:

- Advise the General Manager to commence immediate parking enforcement of vehicles (including oversized vehicles) in violation of LAMC §§ 80.69.4 and § 80.69. Such enforcement should include the issuance of citations to vehicles and the towing of vehicles parked in violation thereof, as required by applicable law and the City Council in its order dated April 6, 2022.
- Advise the General Manager to effectuate the immediate installation of parking restriction signage, if needed, in the impacted streets in the areas identified in this Report to facilitate enforcement.
- Advise the General Manager that the Commission has determined that the vehicles parked on the impacted street in the Ballona Wetlands in violation of LADOT street signs present an immediate public safety concern and public health hazard, that they detrimentally affect the public welfare, and deprive the public of the efficient use of available curb space.
- Advise the General Manager that it should propose and recommend a citywide ordinance to be adopted by the City Council that prohibits oversized vehicles through the City or, at a minimum, in *all* residential-zoned portions of the City. Citywide restrictions on parking have been adopted in numerous large and medium cities across the United States and in California as detailed in LADOT's November 13, 2018 Report. (Ex. O, Nov. 13, 2018 Report.)⁴

⁴ In the November 13, 2018 Report, LADOT compared the City's approach to nine large cities in the United States (New York, Chicago, Houston, Phoenix, Philadelphia, San Antonio, Austin, and Jacksonville) that prohibit the parking of oversized vehicles and RVs throughout either the entire city or the entire residentially-zoned portion of the city. (Ex. O, Nov. 13, 2018 Report, pp. 3-4.) The same city-wide restriction approach was also taken largely by eight other large and medium size cities in California, many of which have a permit program as well. In the same report, LADOT observed the problems with the City's enforcement, observing that once "oversize parking

- Find that the current situation in the Ballona Wetlands constitutes a public emergency, and, as a result, the Commission shall adopt a rules and regulations to immediately clear the impacted street in the Ballona Wetlands, including the towing and impounding of all vehicles after providing notice to vehicles of impending enforcement one week in advance.
- Advise the General Manager to ask that the County of Los Angeles explore the purchase, lease, and/or development of large areas suitable for the parking of oversized and RV parking with basic sanitation and water.
- Instruct the City Attorney to advise the Commission on whether a Councilmember of the City can enjoin and/or stop the enforcement of a citywide municipal ordinance regulating the parking of oversized vehicles, including the LAMC § 80.69.4.
- Instruct the City Attorney to advise the Commission on potential liability to the City for injuries to persons and property resulting from traffic collisions, crime, and fires from vehicles parked in violation of LAMC § 80.69.4.

restriction signs are installed, the vehicles often move to nearby streets until parking restrictions are posted on those streets . . . [c]ommunities continue to experience a proliferation of these vehicles, and the current program provides a piecemeal approach to the problem.” The LADOT Report also noted enforcement was limited by the impound capacity and that vehicles cannot be towed while occupied as of 2018. (*Id.*, p. 6.)

EXHIBIT A

MOTION

I MOVE that the report from the Transportation Committee, Item #30 on today's Council agenda (C.F. 20-0147-S7), relative to the transition plan to resume parking enforcement for previously suspended parking infractions and proposed economic relief measures for parking fines, BE AMENDED to delete existing recommendations A. and D. and replace with the following new recommendations:

A. Beginning October 15, 2020, resume parking enforcement and impounds, when applicable, for street cleaning, abandoned vehicles, oversize and overnight restrictions, peak hour and anti-gridlock zones, and expired registration, and conduct public outreach and education between October 1, 2020 and October 14, 2020.

D. Delay the impounding of vehicles in which there is vehicle dwelling and report in 30-60 days with a next step plan.

PRESENTED BY: Joe Buscaino
JOE BUSCAINO
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY: Gi Alitto
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Mary Martinez

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
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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

Date: September 17, 2020

To: Honorable City Council
c/o City Clerk, Room 395, City Hall
Attention: Honorable Mike Bonin, Chair, Transportation Committee

From: Seleta J. Reynolds, General Manager 
Department of Transportation

Subject: **TRANSITION PLAN TO RESUME PARKING ENFORCEMENT FOR PREVIOUSLY SUSPENDED PARKING INFRACTIONS AND PROPOSED ECONOMIC RELIEF MEASURES FOR PARKING FINES**

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) proposes a transition plan to resume parking enforcement of parking infractions that were suspended in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), and economic relief measures for parking fines (CF 20-0147-S7).

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council, subject to approval of the Mayor:

1. DIRECT LADOT, beginning October 1, 2020, to resume parking enforcement and impounds, when applicable, for street cleaning, abandoned vehicles, oversize and overnight restrictions, peak hour and anti-gridlock zones, and expired registration;
2. DIRECT LADOT, beginning October 15, 2020, to resume enforcement of expired preferential parking district permits;
3. DIRECT LADOT to suspend imposing new citation late penalties until October 22, 2020; and
4. DIRECT LADOT, beginning January 1, 2021, to resume scofflaw enforcement and impounds.

BACKGROUND

On March 4, 2020, the Mayor declared a local emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. On March 6, the City Council approved a resolution ratifying the Declaration of Local Emergency. With the Declaration of a Local Emergency and the unique public health risks posed by COVID-19, on March 16, the Mayor relaxed parking enforcement across the City putting a temporary halt to the issuance of several citations so that residents can more effectively practice the safe social distancing necessary during the outbreak. Subsequently, LADOT relaxed enforcement for the following categories:

- Residential street sweeping
- Expired registration on a vehicle

- Peak/rush hour and anti-gridlock zone parking restrictions
- Vehicles displaying recently expired permits within preferential parking districts were granted a two-week grace period following the expiration
- No ticket or tow for abandoned vehicles, overnight parking, or oversize vehicles.

On September 1, 2020, City Council instructed LADOT to continue the current relaxed enforcement until October 1, 2020 and to report back with a phased transition plan to resume parking enforcement and propose economic relief measures for parking fines.

DISCUSSION

Enforcement Transition Plan

Below is an explanation of the City suspended parking violations with recommendations when enforcement should resume.

Street Cleaning and Abandoned Vehicles

The Mayor's Safer at Home emergency order dictated that City residents must isolate themselves in their residences where feasible. Typically, residents are required to move their on-street parked vehicles for street cleaning, and cannot leave them parked on the street for more than 72 hours per the California Vehicle Code. While residents remain at home and use their vehicles less, moving and reparking them is more challenging. To acknowledge that challenge, both street cleaning and 72-hour (abandoned vehicle) enforcement was relaxed under the emergency order, and LADOT closed the abandoned-vehicle complaint line.

After months without street sweeping, the debris and trash build up around unmoved vehicles creates a public health and safety concern with vermin and rodent infestations. Even with the complaint line closed, LADOT receives daily complaints from disgruntled residents requesting vehicles be cited and/or removed. Prior to COVID-19, LADOT's abandoned complaint line received an average of 10,500 abandoned vehicle complaints per month or 126,000 per year.

Many residents are now back to work, and the challenge of moving vehicles is reduced. To address health and safety and respond to constituent complaints, LADOT recommends resuming enforcement and impounds for street cleaning and abandoned vehicles, when warranted, beginning on October 1, 2020.

Peak Hour and Anti-gridlock Zones

With the State of California, and County and City of Los Angeles public health orders to stay at home and close nonessential businesses, traffic volumes and travel delay significantly decreased. This reduction in traffic volume eliminates the need for peak period lanes and punitive penalties and impounds to keep those lanes clear. To allow businesses to operate safely, curbside parking and pick-up and delivery access to restaurants and other essential businesses were temporarily in greater demand. As businesses reopen, there is a noticeable increase in traffic volumes and delay during peak periods. Streets that have peak hour lanes and that are designated as anti-gridlock zones can now benefit from normal operation and enforcement. LADOT recommends resuming peak hour lane and anti-gridlock zone enforcement, when warranted, beginning on October 1, 2020.

Expired Registrations

At the beginning of the pandemic, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) temporarily closed their offices making it more difficult for the public to renew their car registrations, and the City suspended registration violations. In June 2020, the DMV reopened all field offices to the public so suspending this citation is no longer necessary. LADOT recommends resuming enforcement for expired registration, when warranted, beginning on October 1, 2020.

Overnight and Oversized Vehicles

To ensure traffic safety, the California Vehicle Code authorizes cities to restrict oversized vehicle parking where it may constrict or even block vehicle travel lanes. These overnight restrictions require City Council resolution and posted signs to enforce. When LADOT traffic enforcement officers encounter an occupied oversized vehicle in a restricted area, they do not ticket or tow these vehicles. Instead, they coordinate with agencies including the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) who can provide occupants with access to supportive services. At the beginning of the pandemic, while traffic volumes were low, the City ceased oversized vehicle restrictions and enforcement to further assist people experiencing homelessness who use vehicles as shelter. As traffic patterns and volumes return to normal, and oversized vehicles create increased safety concerns, LADOT recommends resuming enforcement and impound for overnight oversized vehicles, when warranted, beginning October 1, 2020. LADOT will continue to coordinate with partner agencies to assist individuals living in oversized vehicles, and to establish protocols that ensure occupied vehicles are not impounded.

Expired Preferential Permits

LADOT and its contractor closed public service centers to maintain the health and safety of the public and the contractor's employees. While services continued online, by telephone, and through mail, LADOT recognized that there may be instances where permits processed by mail are delayed, and the Mayor granted a two-week grace period for expired permits. Beginning the week of October 1, 2020, the public service centers will reopen and resume processing parking permits in person in addition to the other mediums. Once those centers are reopened, LADOT recommends a minimum two-week grace period to resume enforcement of expired preferential parking permits, when warranted, on October 15, 2020.

Scofflaws

Vehicles that accumulate five or more delinquent citations, known as scofflaws, can be booted and/or towed. In the emergency orders to relax enforcement, the Mayor also granted extensions on all outstanding parking fines, which suspended scofflaw enforcement. During this time, LADOT's Smart Boot vendor contract expired and is in the process of renewal. LADOT expects to execute the contract within the next 90 days. Upcoming citation amnesty programs that will tentatively be in effect until December 31, 2020 could assist scofflaw motorists with coming into compliance. LADOT recommends resuming scofflaw enforcement, when warranted, starting January 1, 2021 once the vendor contract is renewed.

Parking Fine Economic Relief

The City of Los Angeles offers several programs to assist low income individuals and individuals experiencing homelessness with outstanding parking citation debt. At the direction of the Mayor's office, LADOT is also working on new economic relief programs to allow citation amnesty and provide an early citation payment incentive. The citation amnesty program will grant a one-time opportunity for those with citations over three years old the chance to have all late fees waived and pay the base citation amount(s) over a period of time thereby clearing DMV holds, tax intercepts, and/or tow orders. An unemployment citation amnesty program will assist those that lost their job during the pandemic by allowing them to have late fees waived and pay only the base citation amount over a period of time. As enforcement resumes, an additional program will allow motorists an early payment discount for parking violations previously relaxed under Safer at Home order (e.g. street sweeping, expired tags, expired preferential parking permits, etc.). This program will reward those who pay citations within 48 hours with a \$20 discount.

Programs the Department already has in place to provide economic relief include:

- Community Assistance Parking Program (CAPP): LADOT offers the CAPP for individuals experiencing homelessness that allows them to pay their parking citations through volunteer community service or through enrollment in a homeless service program. As of June 30, 2020, LADOT assisted 1,070 participants to complete 14,238 community service hours for a total of \$559,783 worth of citations converted to community service.
- Low Income Payment Plans: LADOT worked with the State Legislature to shape bills that created or modified payment plans for the indigent and eligible low income motorists. Depending on the existing payment plan, the City may waive all late fees for eligible motorists and allow up to 18 months to pay off the base citation fines.
- Accessible Adjudication Hearings: To prevent further spread of COVID-19 and protect the health of the public and City staff, LADOT quickly pivoted to accommodate the public by conducting adjudication hearings through mail and telephone and most recently through video conferencing. The video conferencing was only allowed through the emergency order of the Governor. LADOT intends to submit a legislative proposal to request to make this a permanent option.
- Temporary Suspension of Parking Fines and Payments: Under the direction of the Mayor and in response to the economic impact created by the pandemic, LADOT suspended parking fines and granted extensions on all deadlines for payments until October 1, 2020. Motorists are allowed up to 21 days to pay citations to avoid the late penalties. With the complexity of programming systems to determine the number of remaining days for payment of citations issued pre-suspension, during the suspension, and post-suspension, LADOT recommends allowing 21 days, until October 21, 2020, for motorists to pay their citations to avoid new late penalties. Beginning October 22, 2020, citations older than 21 days would be subject to the late penalty schedule.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Parking citation revenue is deposited into the General Fund. In Fiscal Year 2019-20, prior to the Declaration of a Local Emergency, LADOT projected parking citation revenue to reach approximately \$135 million annually or an average of \$11.25 million per month. For Fiscal Year 2020-21, assuming current conditions remain the same with reduced parking enforcement and officers are deployed similarly for the remainder of the fiscal year, parking citation revenue is estimated to be between \$55

million and \$60 million or \$4.5 million to \$5 million per month. Compared to the 2020-21 Adopted Budget, the estimates for the current year are up to approximately \$85.5 million below budget, which is about 62% below budget. Delayed normal parking enforcement is one of the main drivers for the \$6 million revenue loss each month. The revenue may continue to drop with work output impacts related to the recently approved employee Separation Incentive Program, upcoming furloughs, unfilled vacancies, and other factors associated with the pandemic.

The new citation amnesty programs combined could be revenue generating or neutral as the citation payments would otherwise be difficult to collect. Assuming the early payment program extends to the end of the fiscal year, it is estimated to result in a revenue loss of approximately \$1-2 million.

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EXHIBIT B

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OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

Council File No.: 21-0956
Council Meeting Date: April 6, 2022
Agenda Item No.: 7
Agenda Description: TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the current process for towing vehicles in violation of posted signs.
Council Action: TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT - ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY MOTION (MARTINEZ – RODRIGUEZ) AND MOTION (BUSCAINO – RODRIGUEZ)

Council Vote:

YES	Blumenfield	ABSENT	Bonin	YES	Buscaino
ABSENT	Cedillo	YES	de León	YES	Harris-Dawson
YES	Koretz	YES	Krekorian	ABSENT	Lee
YES	Martinez	YES	O'Farrell	YES	Price
NO	Raman	YES	Rodriguez	YES	Wesson, Jr.

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 21-0956 Transportation Committee Report 3-1-22


MOTION

I MOVE that in the matter of the TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the current process for towing vehicles in violation of posted signs, Item 7 on today's Council agenda (CF 21-0956) BE AMENDED to include the following:


Instruct City Attorney to review LADOT's criteria to distinguish between abandoned vehicles suitable for towing and vehicles as dwellings that warrant additional engagement.

Instruct City Attorney to work with LADOT to develop the guidelines needed to execute the policy

PRESENTED BY: 

SECONDED BY: 

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MOTION

7B

I MOVE that the report from the Transportation Committee, Item #7 on today's Council agenda (C.F. 21-0956), relative to vehicle enforcement procedures in instances of vehicle dwelling, BE AMENDED to include the following new recommendation:

AUTHORIZE the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to immediately resume parking enforcement for the five categories of vehicles detailed in the February 23, 2022 LADOT report, attached to the Council File, and resume parking enforcement for all motor vehicles in violation of LADOT's parking enforcement policy and posted signage on May 15, 2022.

PRESENTED BY: Joe Buscaino
JOE BUSCAINO
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY: Unica Rodriguez

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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the current process for towing vehicles in violation of posted signs.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. APPROVE the Los Angeles Department of Transportation's (LADOT) criteria, as detailed in the February 23, 2022 LADOT report, attached to the Council File, for:
 - a. Distinguishing between abandoned vehicles suitable for towing and vehicles used as dwellings that warrant additional engagement.
 - b. Prioritizing among oversized vehicles that are eligible for towing.
2. DIRECT the City Administrative Officer (CAO) Homelessness Coordinator to develop within 30 days a process for officers from LADOT and Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to communicate referrals of outreach services for persons experiencing homelessness.
3. DIRECT the LADOT to identify LADOT parking lots suitable for storage of oversized vehicles.
4. DIRECT the Department of General Services, with the assistance of the LADOT and LAPD, to identify other City-owned parcels suitable for storage of oversized vehicles.
5. DIRECT the Port of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and Los Angeles World Airports, with the assistance of LADOT and LAPD, to identify parcels owned by proprietary departments suitable for storage of oversized vehicles.
6. DIRECT the Bureau of Sanitation to report with criteria to define public health or environmental hazard for the purposes of requiring an immediate tow.
7. RECEIVE and FILE the February 18, 2022 Board of Police Commissioners report, inasmuch as this report is for information only and no Council action is required.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT reports that there is no financial impact from this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For:
Studio City Neighborhood Council

Summary:

On March 1, 2022, your Committee considered February 23, 2022 LADOT and February 18, 2022 Board of Police Commissioners reports relative to the current process for towing oversized vehicles in violation of posted signs. According to the LADOT, in March 2020, in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and effort to maintain public safety, the City declared a local emergency that included relaxed enforcement for parking violations. In October 2020, as residents returned to the workplace, the LADOT resumed enforcement for all parking violations with the exception of towing vehicle dwellings as directed.

Pursuant to Council direction, LADOT traffic officers suspended towing vehicles identified as vehicle dwellings. LADOT currently determines a “vehicle dwelling” based on an officer’s observation of person(s) sleeping inside a vehicle, or items contained inside or on the vehicle that are not typically associated with ordinary vehicle use, such as a sleeping bag, bedroll, blanket, sheet, pillow, kitchen utensils, cookware, or cooking equipment. This inclusive definition was helpful during the early stages of the pandemic to ensure vehicles used as dwellings were exempt from impound and the unhoused did not meet additional burdens during a health crisis.

Over time, however, officers note that the definition is so broad that it captures vehicles that are clearly abandoned which have become a source of frustration and potential health hazards for people nearby. To address this issue, the LADOT recommends revised citation and towing criteria that can better identify vehicles used as dwellings that warrant additional engagement and distinguish them from abandoned vehicles based on evidence of active living.

To identify evidence of active living, an officer will observe a vehicle and note its condition and interior contents on multiple days to reveal whether there has been any change in the vehicle’s appearance, such as whether the vehicle’s location, exterior, or contents have changed. A minimum of three visits and assessment of the vehicle must take place to determine whether the vehicle is being actively used as a dwelling. The officer’s notes and photos taken during these visits will be part of the evidence package prior to any enforcement. Movement of the vehicle from its original location would negate any enforcement action, consistent with LADOT’s current enforcement policy. If an officer observes any vehicle occupants, he or she will report to the Unified Homelessness Response Center (UHRC) or Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) requesting engagement with the vehicle occupants. If, during multiple visits, an officer does not observe any vehicle occupant; if the vehicle does not move from its original location; and if there is no evidence of active living, the officer will place a notice on the vehicle notifying the owner that failure to move their vehicle within 24 hours will result in citation and towing of the vehicle. This notice will also include information about service providers and resources available to persons experiencing homelessness.

The LADOT is committed to ensuring the health and safety of our public streets and roadways while connecting unhoused Angelinos with critical support services. Vehicles that create traffic hazards, environmental or public health hazards, obstruct City services, and/or are inoperable or unregistered will be subject to citation and tow. If a vehicle that

shows evidence of active living meets any of these criteria, LADOT traffic officers will first seek willing compliance with the posted regulations and all applicable City ordinances. If an officer encounters an illegally-parked, occupied vehicle clearly used as a dwelling, he or she will first request that the vehicle occupant(s) move their vehicle and direct people to move to a location where they may legally park. If the motorist refuses to move their vehicle, the officer will provide a report to UHRC and LAHSA staff.

These homeless services partners will work with other relevant City Departments, such as the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS), and other homeless services agencies to respond to the location and offer supportive services. If an officer cannot achieve compliance and notifies UHRC or LAHSA, LADOT will consider vehicles outlined below eligible for citation, relocation, or removal. Prioritizing these locations will help inform outreach to the unhoused community. After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the LADOT report, as amended, and detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Transportation Committee



COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

BONIN:	YES
KORETZ:	ABSENT
BUSCAINO:	YES


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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

Date: February 23, 2022

To: Honorable City Council
c/o City Clerk, Room 395
Attention: Honorable Mike Bonin, Chair, Transportation Committee

From: Seleta J. Reynolds, General Manager 
Department of Transportation

Subject: **CITATION AND TOWING PROCESS FOR ABANDONED VEHICLES AND OVERSIZE VEHICLES IN VIOLATION OF POSTED SIGNS**

SUMMARY

In response to Council File (CF) 21-0956, this report outlines the process for the removal of oversize and other vehicles parked in violation of posted signs and the recommended criteria for prioritization of their removal.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council, subject to approval by the Mayor:

1. APPROVE LADOT's criteria for distinguishing between abandoned vehicles suitable for towing and vehicles used as dwellings that warrant additional engagement
2. APPROVE LADOT's criteria for prioritizing among oversized vehicles that are eligible for towing
3. DIRECT the CAO Homelessness Coordinator to develop a process for officers from LADOT and LAPD to communicate referrals of outreach services for persons experiencing homelessness.

BACKGROUND

In March 2020, in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and effort to maintain public safety, the City of Los Angeles (City) declared a local emergency that included relaxed enforcement for parking violations. In October 2020, as residents returned to the workplace, LADOT resumed enforcement for all parking violations with the exception of towing vehicle dwellings as directed. In the Department's report to City Council (CF 20-0147-S7), LADOT reported back with a plan for handling these impounds.

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EXHIBIT C

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

Date: February 23, 2022

To: Honorable City Council
c/o City Clerk, Room 395
Attention: Honorable Mike Bonin, Chair, Transportation Committee

From: Seleta J. Reynolds, General Manager 
Department of Transportation

Subject: **CITATION AND TOWING PROCESS FOR ABANDONED VEHICLES AND OVERSIZE VEHICLES IN VIOLATION OF POSTED SIGNS**

SUMMARY

In response to Council File (CF) 21-0956, this report outlines the process for the removal of oversize and other vehicles parked in violation of posted signs and the recommended criteria for prioritization of their removal.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council, subject to approval by the Mayor:

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EXHIBIT D

REPORT FROM

OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Date: September 15, 2022

CAO File No. 0220-05151-0343

Council File No. 21-0956

Council District: All

To: The City Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer



Reference: C.F. 21-0956

Subject: **REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CITYWIDE VEHICLE DWELLING
OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT PROTOCOLS**

SUMMARY

In April 2022, the City Council approved the City's Department of Transportation's (LADOT's) updated prioritization process for citing and towing abandoned and oversized vehicles (C.F. 21-0956). The Council also instructed LADOT to immediately resume parking enforcement for oversized vehicles being used as dwellings by people experiencing homelessness (PEH). Further, the Council directed the CAO to develop a plan to initiate outreach and offer services to PEH found to be dwelling in oversized vehicles. After parking enforcement resumed in May, however, Council offices began requesting the CAO's outreach team to coordinate oversized vehicle outreach operations prior to the release of this report. As a result, the CAO consulted with Council offices, the Mayor's office, the City Attorney's office, and key departmental leadership about the need to pilot operations across the City and to use lessons learned from those operations to shape the final recommendations to Council. Accordingly, the CAO spearheaded an inter-departmental pilot program for oversized vehicle dwelling outreach and developed protocols, which are described in more detail below. Prior to this pilot, there were no pre-existing policies or protocols in place. The CAO believes these protocols should apply to the management of all vehicle dwelling engagements in the City, and not just oversized vehicles.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council, subject to approval by the Mayor:

1. APPROVE the CAO's proposed citywide vehicle dwelling outreach and engagement protocols for all vehicle types.
2. DIRECT the CAO to report back to the City Council on a quarterly basis with performance and outcome data related to the implementation of the citywide vehicle dwelling protocols.

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5. INSTRUCT the CAO to identify funding for dedicated resources, such as increased staff capacity, equipment, including vehicles, yard or shop space for LASAN's Watershed Protection Division, as well as for the CAO, LADOT, LAPD, and other relevant departments, to assure these City departments can adequately respond to operational needs and report back to Council with funding options and a timeline for securing and deploying these additional resources.

BACKGROUND

On April 6, 2022, the City Council directed LADOT to adopt an updated prioritization process for citing and towing abandoned and oversized vehicles. The City Council also directed LADOT to immediately resume parking enforcement for vehicles used as dwellings found to be in violation of any of the following categories:

- Vehicles that pose a traffic safety hazard;
- Vehicles that pose a public health or environmental hazard;
- Vehicles that interfere with public works projects or special events;
- Inoperable vehicles; and
- Unregistered vehicles.

Council further instructed LADOT to resume enforcement of *all* posted parking regulations beginning on May 15, 2022.

In addition to LADOT's report back, the Council instructed the CAO's City Homelessness Coordinator to report back on a plan and process to initiate outreach and offer services to occupants

of vehicles used for dwelling prior to a vehicle being towed.¹ The purpose of this report is to respond to Council's request, and recommend citywide oversized vehicle outreach and engagement protocols, as well as a strategy for implementing the protocols.

Since May 2022, the CAO's outreach team has led and/or helped to coordinate a total of eight large-scale oversized vehicle outreach operations, in four Council Districts. Additionally, at least one Council office opted to approach addressing oversized vehicles one-by-one at specific locations in their district, without a large operation. The CAO's outreach team learned important lessons from these operations. Importantly, the CAO found the current system lacked a centralized coordinating entity; experienced bottlenecks at key points in the referral process; was redundant in several places; and led to more questions than were able to be answered. Therefore, the CAO worked with all relevant City departments, including and especially LADOT, LASAN, and LAPD, along with the City Attorney's office and LAHSA, to develop protocols for streamlining the process for identifying and addressing oversized vehicle dwellings in the City.

PROPOSED CITYWIDE OVERSIZED VEHICLE DWELLING OUTREACH PROTOCOLS

The primary objectives of the CAO's coordinated oversized vehicle dwelling operations are to offer services and resources to PEH, including housing or shelter where and when available, and to address public health, safety, traffic, and welfare hazards associated with vehicle dwellings and abandoned vehicles. The CAO's outreach operations operate on a referral basis, and contemplate the following protocols: (1) homeless outreach and services, (2) addressing debris and hazardous conditions, (3) investigating any ancillary criminal activity, (4) providing advance notice of parking enforcement and impoundment, and (5) impounding vehicle dwellings and abandoned vehicles.

Following the CAO's protocols for initiating outreach and offering services to PEH is optional for City Council, the Mayor, and City departments. Council offices, which play a critical and lead role in allocating and directing resources and operations in their respective districts, as well as the Mayor's office, can choose not to follow them. Additionally, LADOT and LAPD can impound oversized and other vehicles outside the CAO's planned operations.

The proposed protocols are intended to be used as guidelines, and do not create any legal, policy, or other obligations on the part of the City, a City department, or any partner entity supporting or participating in these operations.

¹ Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) section 85.02 [Regulating the Use of Vehicles as Dwellings] was not renewed by Council and expired on January 1, 2020. Any enforcement of vehicle dwellings referenced in this report contemplates other enforcement provisions of the California Vehicle Code, LAMC, or other applicable laws or policies. Additionally, the discussion and recommendations contained in this report do not preclude or prejudice the City's ability to reenact or amend LAMC Section 85.02.

The CAO recommends the following protocols:

Referrals

- All oversized vehicle dwelling referrals should be made to the CAO's citywide outreach team. Referrals can come from any number of sources, including from Council offices, the Mayor's office, City departments, LAHSA, other nonprofit service providers, elected officials, agencies, or departmental personnel from outside of the City (e.g., federal, state, or county government, or the school district). In all cases when the CAO receives a referral, the Regional Outreach Coordinator and/or Director of Homeless Outreach will ensure all partners are made aware of the information and/or request, if they are not already.² As a part of this process, it is envisioned that referrals from the public should continue to go through LADOT via MyLA311 or the respective Council office.
- After receiving a referral, the assigned Regional Outreach Coordinator (ROC) will gather additional information on the location, including the number of oversized and other vehicles, the number of PEH, pictures of the vehicles if a preliminary site visit is possible, potential vehicle violations, whether outreach has been ongoing at the location, and any other relevant information from LAHSA, City departments, and other partners.

Operational planning

- When needed, the CAO's citywide outreach team will immediately convene a working group comprising representatives of the impacted Council office(s) and/or Mayor's office, the UHRC, Los Angeles Police Commission, Commission Investigation Division (CID) LAPD, LADOT, LASAN, and others, like the Chief Legislative Analyst's office (CLA), to discuss and begin planning operations for the targeted location(s).
- LADOT will post signs when necessary or required to do so in advance of an impoundment operation.³
- ROCs will confirm with CID that capacity and storage for oversized vehicles will be available for the operation at the earliest opportunity, knowing that capacity fluctuates and that the towing and storage capacity may differ on the actual day of the operation.

² In order to effectuate and streamline the referral process, the CAO created a centralized email for the outreach team.

³ While advance notice is required with every impound involving an illegally-parked vehicle, the posting of signs is not necessarily required in every impoundment operation. Posting of signs is required only to the extent the statutory basis to which LADOT is relying on requires it.

Coordination of homeless outreach and engagement activities

- After the initial working group meeting, the ROC will ensure that the outreach teams, whether from LAHSA and/or contracted service providers, begin deploying to the location, engaging with the PEH, and gathering pertinent information. Additionally, the ROC will do as follows:
 - Outreach will conduct their first engagement with the PEH within five days of receiving a request from the City, and outreach teams will make best efforts to complete at least three separate engagements on different days for each dwelling, prior to and/or on “choice day” or day of impoundment.
 - The designated outreach lead will complete an outreach form that captures the days of engagement and services offered at the time of engagement. This form will be provided to the ROC, who will make completed forms available to Council offices and/or the Mayor’s office. The ROC may provide a redacted form or brief summary to City departments and partners from outside of the City.
 - The ROC will attempt to coordinate outreach for abandoned vehicles even where there are no occupants or evidence of active living or use prior to impoundment.
- If a vehicle presents an immediate public safety concern or public health hazard, then the appropriate City department may take immediate action, up to and including immediately impounding the offending vehicle. In this instance, there may not be time to conduct outreach consistent with the timeline and guidelines as described above.
- Next, the ROC will request LASAN’s Watershed Protection Division⁴ and/or Livability Services Division⁵ to go to the priority location to assess the RVs/vehicles for any public health hazards and/or environmental health hazards that may have a negative impact to the general public or the public right of way. If Environmental Compliance Inspectors from the Watershed Protection Division issue any citations, officers will subsequently return to the location as available to conduct additional enforcement activities as needed.
- As LASAN conducts their health or environmental hazards assessment, the ROC will request that LADOT conduct a parking and safety assessment of the priority location. Prior

⁴ Enforcement of the City of LA’s Stormwater and Urban Runoff Pollution Control ordinance (LAMC 64.70) is an integral part of protecting LA’s watersheds. Watershed Protection Program environmental compliance inspectors enforce local, state, and federal laws, investigate environmental crimes and refer cases to the Los Angeles City Attorney’s office for evaluation and possible prosecution.

⁵ LASAN officially formed the Livability Services Division (LSD) in June 2019. LSD is a consolidation of multiple programs developed in 2015 by Mayor Garcetti’s Executive Directive 8: Clean Streets Initiative. These programs include: the CleanStat Street Indexing System, Citywide Receptacle Collection program, and citywide collection of Illegal Dumping. Additionally, LSD added to its portfolio the newly created Mobile Hygiene Unit program and also a revamped homeless encampment clean-up service under the Comprehensive Cleaning and Rapid Engagement (CARE and CARE+) program model.

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Day of the operation

- Day of operational steps consist of the following, as needed:
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 - LADOT confirms the traffic officers are on scene to determine the statutory and constitutional legal basis to tow a vehicle.
 - LAPD officers confirm their presence to ensure the safety of all staff.
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 - LASAN Watershed Protection Division will confirm their presence (if needed) to ensure any vehicle being towed is able to be towed without creating a public health or environmental health hazard.
 - CARE+ aligns with the operation date.
 - LADOT confirms advance notice has been issued, as required.
 - Outreach partners – LAHSA and/or local service providers – will confirm their presence and will engage with PEH before and during the operation, continuing to offer them resources, including housing or shelter referrals if available.
 - ROCs will reconfirm with CID that capacity and storage for oversized vehicles will be available and ready to be deployed.
 - Confirm the presence of, and support from, other relevant partners, such as StreetsLA, Bureau of Street Lighting, Recreation and Parks Department, LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, California Department of Transportation.

Follow-up / after-action debriefing

- Once an operation has concluded, the ROCs will debrief all partners and discuss lessons learned. The ROC may also provide a report back to the relevant Council office with key performance indicators from, and outcomes of, the operation, including from all involved City departments and partners where and when available.
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ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

During the CAO led or supported coordination meetings, teams encountered many situations in which the individual residing in the RV or oversized vehicle was not the vehicle's registered owner, or could not verify if the owner wanted to relinquish their RV/vehicle. Given the current process for LADOT and LAPD, there is a need to create and have a standard waiver form that PEH can sign when they want to relinquish their RV/vehicle/trailers, etc. Therefore, the CAO recommends the following:

1. REQUEST the City Attorney, working with the CAO, LAPD, LADOT, and other departments as necessary, draft a waiver form for an individual to relinquish their vehicle to the City.

Through these coordination efforts, partners have raised concerns about vehicle storage and towing capacity. Currently, these operations rely on the Official Police Garage (OPG) to tow and store the towed or impounded RVs or other oversized vehicles. It would be important to look into other locations that can be utilized as storage and expedite the process for them to be an approved City Contractor.

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It became apparent during the pilot operations that challenges with City department staffing and capacity posed a significant challenge to continued and increased operations across the City.

Numerous operations were planned simultaneously across the City thus, creating challenges for departments, and in particular LASAN and its Watershed Protection Division, LAPD, and LADOT.

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

There will be a future potential impact to the General Fund as a result of the recommendations in this report.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations in this report comply with the City Financial Policies in that budgeted funds are being used to fund recommended actions.

Communication from Public

Name: Fernanda Karina Gimenes Paggi Caron
Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 02:07 PM
Council File No: 22-1326
Comments for Public Posting: Please clean up the city and remove all the homeless from the Ballona Wetlands. They are destroying the nature, animals and we already have many fires there. It's not safe!

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Name: julie glass

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 02:27 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly object to \$2.3M of my taxpayer dollars going to a no bid contract with no plan. That's no way to run a budget or a potential project of this magnitude.

Communication from Public

Name: Robert Wilt

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 02:41 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I object to a no bid contract with no plan where \$2.3 million go towards moving the squatters on Jefferson. I would like to have some over site and reviews done by the newly elected leaders of district 11 instead of the outgoing Mike Bonin who has spent millions of dollars on policies that have resulted in worsening quality of life for all residents in the west side - both housed and unhoused. Mike Bonin should not be allowed to do any more damage and waste any more of our tax dollars on his failed policies.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 02:53 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly object to \$2.3 million dollars of MY taxpayer funds being offered to a no bid contract to St. Joseph Center and LAHSA to move the Jefferson vehicle dwellers to Westchester/Playa with no detailed plan. I VOTE NO on this contract. Please allow the newly voted council member to address this issue. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Eugene E Elling
Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 12:25 PM
Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: Do not even think or consider doing this. Mr. Bonin comes up with the screwiest plans.....remember the bike lanes, homeless in our neighborhood park, drug deals outside his local office, continuous shuffling the homeless population around from one location to another. This is not solved in the LEAST by an address change. Wake up and go help these people. Hey, go park them in your own neighborhood and see how your solution works. We have 13 homeless camps living on the beach, controlling the public baths and showers. Where are you! Come get harrassed and stop faking it.

Communication from Public

Name: Brittany

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 12:49 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 01:01 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I object to this \$2.3 million no bid contract with no plan.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 01:05 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I object to \$2.3 million of my taxpayer dollars going to a no bid contract with no plan. This idea does not do justice to either the Jefferson Blvd. vehicle dwellers or the many many residents of Westchester and Playa del Rey who use the park and other public areas. We want our communities to be safe. Bonin's bid is not a legitimate answer and should be turned down.

Communication from Public

Name: Matt Lansford

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 02:58 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly urge you to approve Item 86 (CF 22-1326) on the Council Agenda. Ballona Wetlands is the only place I can think of where homelessness is causing immediate, direct and severe environmental harm. What took decades to nurture back to life, the Freshwater Marsh at the Ballona Wetlands, is rapidly being destroyed by people living in permanently parked recreational vehicles only ten feet away. The RVs are parked on city property, but it is the wetlands that are being inhabited and abused. Through campfires, water pollution, litter, sewage, trampling and an all around disrespect for this sensitive habitat, it has become shockingly degraded in just the past year. Many the rare and endangered species found only there are protected by the Endangered Species Act of 1976. I fully understand our civic duty to help those who have fallen on hard times. They need temporary places to live, whether parked on city streets, at the coastline or freeway underpasses, until proper homes can be found for them. But this is Los Angeles' LAST REMAINING MAJOR WETLAND - one of a kind. If this abuse is allowed to continue any longer, those endangered species will certainly perish. RVs can be parked on any street. But a sensitive habitat can only exist if it is protected. Please pass item 86 now to halt the destruction as we seek solutions for helping the homeless. Thank you, Matt Lansford

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 03:02 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: These RV's need to be moved where they are not a traffic and environmental hazard to the community. If anyone of us parked our cars the way they have kept these RV encampments for the last year, we would be cited. Many of us pay inordinate amount of taxes and as a homeowner, I deserve the same accord and protection under the law. This pertains to my rights to be able to enjoy my community without fear of being attacked, approached and harassed, driving by the encampment and not being fearful, and not worrying if they start a fire or pollute the area around them that will eventually affect my home. This is not helping our city become more attractive to prospective homeowners and businesses. I would never have bought in this area if I knew that two years after, it would look like this.

Communication from Public

Name: Elliott Prather

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 03:41 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

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Communication from Public

Name: Harold Gordon

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 03:43 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

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Communication from Public

Name: Kathleen Fishburne

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 03:44 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly object to the \$2.3M "no bod" contract being proposed to St. Joseph Center and LAHSA to move Jefferson vehicle dwellers in the Westchester/Playa Del Rey area with no detailed plan available for review. This is one more plan of millions of dollars supposedly being spent to address the homeless criss -- but instead being awarded without a plan in place, and so, essentially wasted. I'm tired of this community, and our state, for that matter, throwing money at a problem it has no actual plan to solve. It is expensive "busywork" that is putting money in the pockets of people who are getting rich not solving the problem. SHOW US A PLAN BEFORE YOU AWARD MONEY. And.....the program in Venice that this effort will supposedly be modeled after has been a disastrous failure. Why model failure?

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Dakoske Koslu

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 03:47 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: Since May, we have worked very hard to get the Dept of Transportation and the LAPD to enforce the law and to require the vehicle dwellers to leave the wetlands. For more than three years now, the vehicle dwellers have been doing untold damage to the wetlands, lands which we fought to retain and restore nearly 25 years ago. They dump fuel, raw sewage, and garbage into the wetlands. They have started numerous fires in the wetlands. They have made the area uninhabitable for the many species that once thrived there, and the area is completely inaccessible to the general public because of the many safety issues that the encampment presents. We obviously want the encampments removed from this once-beautiful nature preserve. They should not be there, and the city should enforce the laws against overnight vehicle dwellings in this area. The continued proliferation of homeless people camping on the perimeter and inside the wetlands poses a grave threat not only to the eco-system and native species but also desecrates the Native American grave sites and has the potential to cause a major disaster due to the proximity to the Gas company's natural gas storage facility which is also located in that area. Finally, these people are human beings who should be offered alternative housing solutions as well as mental health and addiction services. This is not a campground. Mike Bonin's policies have been a complete failure in our district. That is precisely why we did not vote for his hand-picked successor. The voters have spoken. Traci Park was overwhelmingly chosen to represent the people of CD-11. Mike Bonin barely survived a recall effort last spring and has been all but completely unresponsive to the residents of PDR for nearly a year or more. I believe that our new council person should be consulted and should have a voice on this issue since she does have a plan to clear this encampment and to enforce the no parking laws. I know that she wants the wetlands to be restored ASAP. I know that she wants to move people off the streets in a humane fashion and into alternative housing. However, I also know that every day that we allow these encampments to remain- we are flirting with imminent danger. If we can get the money approved to move the encampments- then I believe we should. However, I would like to ask the City Council to insist on a more detailed plan before granting the funds. Does the current motion

provide a reference to any actual plan or details as to where these vehicles would be towed to and where people will be offered safe parking or housing? What will be done to prevent these campers from moving into the residential areas of PDR and Westchester? From what I have read in this very limited motion, there are no details provided at all. And, I would like to ask if the motion will provide any funding for the restoration of the perimeter of the wetlands along Jefferson and also provide for the installation of K-rails to prevent further encampments after the cleanup. Lastly, it is rumored that Bonin has put forth this motion in an effort to secure future employment with St. Joseph's, and I would like the council to inquire as to whether or not Mr. Bonin does indeed have a plan to work for this organization which he is essentially providing a no-bid contract worth 2.3 million. The fact that this encampment has been allowed to exist for so long, causing millions of dollars in damage to a delicate and vulnerable ecosystem, is not debatable, and the city council bears full responsibility for not protecting this area. It is a disgrace that one of LA County's last remaining wetlands has been allowed to be treated in this manner for so long. The failure of the LA City Council to protect this wetland is clear and the responsibility should a major fire break out in this area, igniting the natural gas storage facility and setting off a catastrophic disaster of epic proportions, should weigh on EACH council member. It is, therefore, incumbent upon each of the council members to do whatever they can to remove this encampment at once and to put forth the funding necessary to restore the valuable ecosystem.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 04:22 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I object to \$2.3 million of taxpayer dollars going to a no bid contract plan to St. Joseph Center & LAHSA to move the Jefferson vehicle dwellers to Westchester/Playa with no details. While all of our community wants the illegally parked RV's, cars, tents, trash, etc. on Jefferson Blvd, beaches, sidewalks, etc to be removed, there has to be a detailed plan. We are thankful that Traci Parks is our new councilwoman & she has a plan. We look forward to a clean & safe area at the Ballona Bird Sanctuary/Wetlands, our beaches, parks & sidewalks for all to enjoy. Thank you for wisely & prudently using taxpayers money.

Communication from Public

Name: Marla Kay
Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 04:23 PM
Council File No: 22-1326
Comments for Public Posting: I would like to have this agenda move forward so that we can removed the encampment in the Ecological Reserve and restore it back to how it was pre pandemic. Thank you for your service.

Communication from Public

Name: A call for immediately sanitation/hygiene

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 04:26 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: While the once temporary, now seemingly permanent, unlawful encampment on Jefferson must be removed for a variety of reason including, but not limited to environmental and public safety concerns, the single most urgent and pressing issue is public health: Hepatitis A and B, dysentery, E. coli, and even Cholera (as well as a host of other infectious entities) can be transmitted to the individuals residing there. With no means by which to implement sanitation services it is my strong contention that the supervising bodies have an ethical and moral duty to immediately and completely shutter what can, at any moment, become a public health disaster. I absolutely believe in the benevolence of proving our less fortunate citizens with a place to reside but I can't intelligently consider this encampment as a viable option when the blind eye currently being turned puts their health in serious jeopardy. To wit, this ticking health crisis bomb will, given enough I know time, undoubtedly spread pestilence and disease to the immediate squarer occupants, the sounding community (including a nearly adjacent elementary school), and because of a major waterway (Balona Creek and Marina Del Rey), the entire Westside of Los Angeles. As a physician, I highly recommend that you take all available measures at your disposal to protect the health and safety of the community though a swift and thorough removal, clean up, and waste testing to address this dire matter.

Communication from Public

Name: DANIEL

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 04:51 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: It's almost too late to save the marsh. Folks have been dwelling their illegally now for two years once laws stopped being enforced in this area of town. I can no longer safely walk the area as it's full of trash and garbage, it's become an open drug zone with needles on the ground and the illegal residents yell at people when they walk on public grounds. There have also been multiple fires here. I'm begging the city to finally take action and enforce parking rules here, save the wetlands and find a better home for these rvs

Communication from Public

Name: Maureen Watson

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 05:08 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I object to millions being awarded on a no bid contract to an organization with no plan. CD11 has just elected a new councilperson so she should have a chance to deal with this issue.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 05:28 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (BONIN – RAMAN) relative to allocating funds and coordinating a comprehensive service-led response for housing and services targeted for vehicular homelessness at West Jefferson Boulevard, between Culver Boulevard and Lincoln Boulevard, near the Ballona Wetlands; and related matters. Recommendations for Council action; SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR: 1. DIRECT the City Administrative Officer (CAO), with the support of all relevant City departments, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), and the St. Joseph Center, to coordinate a comprehensive service-led response at West Jefferson Boulevard, between Culver Boulevard and Lincoln Boulevard, modeled after successful Encampment to Home operations in Council District 11, and incorporating best practices from vehicular homelessness interventions by West Valley Homes Yes (WHVY) and L.A. Family Housing in Council District 7. The operation shall commence only upon the determination by Council District 11 that housing and vehicular interventions are in fact available for potential clients, and will provide for a minimum of three weeks of active engagement with people experiencing homelessness at the location. 2. AUTHORIZE the transfer of \$2,283,313 from the Additional Homeless Services General City Purposes Fund No. 100/56, Account No. 000931, Additional Homeless Services to the Los Angeles Housing Department Fund No. 10A/43, in a new account entitled "Westchester/Playa Vehicular Homelessness Intervention Program" for the above described vehicular homelessness interventions within the Westchester/Playa vicinity. 3. INSTRUCT the General Manager, Los Angeles Housing Department, or designee, to amend the LAHSA General Fund Contract (No. C140706) to reflect the funding allocation as mentioned above. 4. REQUEST the LAHSA execute a new or amend an existing sole source subcontract with the St. Joseph Center for an amount of \$2,283,313 to implement the Council District 11 Westchester/Playa Vehicular Homelessness Intervention Program. 5. AUTHORIZE the CAO to prepare Controller instructions or make necessary technical adjustments, including to the names of the Special Fund accounts recommended for this report, to implement the intent of these transactions; and, AUTHORIZE the

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Communication from Public

Name: Nathan childe
Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 05:36 PM
Council File No: 22-1326
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Communication from Public

Name: Cathy Burton

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 05:42 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: Please return the Ballona Wetlands to its natural environmental place. Many endangered species are threatened and Los Angeles is in need of parks. Please approve Item 86.

Communication from Public

Name: Amy Frelinger

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 05:57 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: As a taxpaying citizen of Los Angeles for decades and an advocate for a productive solution to our homeless crisis, I object vehemently to the \$2.3 million of my taxpayer dollars going toward a no bid contract with no plan. Please vote NO against this motion. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: D McDonnell
Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 06:07 PM
Council File No: 22-1326
Comments for Public Posting: Please Approve item 86, Please do it tonight. Let's work to educate students, families and the community about the science, culture, and civic responsibility for our environment. This is when the phrase "Think global, act local", means something. Act responsibly and relocate the RV's The very health of our ecosystem requires it.

Communication from Public

Name: Keith Orum

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 07:00 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: As a life long resident of Westchester I strongly oppose Item #86 on the agenda for November 22, 2022. It is true that Los Angeles has become the testing or proving grounds of how to handle homelessness. However we have become the object of ridicule and jokes as to the pathetic attempts of how to manage the unhoused. The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) has become demoralized as their hands have been literally tied by LA City Council and the Bonin regime. The ridiculous increase in crime is directly proportional to the quantity of homelessness and non enforcement by the DA. I have taken time to speak with homeless at Burton Chase Park, Westchester Park, Santa Monica Beach and have learned that not only are 90% of them not from Los Angeles... most aren't even from California. Our temperate climate and Increasingly open arms socialist attitude is welcoming a disproportionate number of indigent. It is profoundly unfair to force residents on the West side, all of which are now million dollar neighborhoods, to witness defecation on the streets as well as public drug use. I am not describing hypothetical scenarios, but actual events I have witness personally.

Communication from Public

Name: Rudy S Garciduenas

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 07:13 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not pass this measure!!!! This measure is not a solution to the homeless problem but just a continuation of the failed strategies of Mr. Bonin. The residents of this district continue to work hard every day to reclaim their community. The voters of this district have made their choice clear. We do not want Mr. Bonin or his handpicked protege to make decisions for this district. Mr. Bonin's term cannot end fast enough. Our Public Works department has made significant progress at Westchester Park in cleaning up and restoring public use to that area. We need to capitalize on this momentum and keep the clean-up moving. If you award this no bid, no plan contract to the designated agencies, you are only perpetuating the perception that the city council continues to be corrupt. This measure is an insult to the residents of this district. Mr. Bonin is obviously not happy with the results of the election and is trying to get back at the voters for not choosing Mr. Darling. The voters of this district prefer to wait for Traci Park to begin her term and continue the work that the Public Works Dept has started. It is difficult to believe that amidst a corruption scandal, Mr. Bonin would try and award a no bid contract to his friends. Please stop the perception that our city council is corrupt!!!! PLEASE DO NOT PASS THIS MEASURE!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Marlo Goldstein
Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 07:21 PM
Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I am strongly IN FAVOR of allocating city funds to eliminate the RVs and dwellings on Jefferson. This stretch has become not only a blight on our community, but also a calamity to our wetlands (which are now covered in trash, waste, and debris). These individuals do not have permits nor do they pay property taxes to take up residence in our area. Further, this area has been rendered horribly unsafe (multiple shootings, fires, drug deals, etc.). These individuals and associated encampments need to move, so we can take back our community and clean-up the damage done to our beautiful environment.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 07:26 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: This plan to move RV encampments to the Playa / Westchester area will result in increased crime with no additional aid for those living in the RVs.

Communication from Public

Name: Nancy Andryc

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 07:56 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I am requesting that the city council use the funds requested to house the homeless that have been living on Jefferson Blvd next to the federally protected wetlands area. This area has turned into the epicenter of drug sales, shootings, fires, thefts, and a trash dump. These people need to be assisted in getting off the streets and provided emergency housing. They are damaging protected land with endangered species. They are also routinely walking over to playa vista and assaulting residents or stealing cars, bikes, packages, etc. I urge you to utilize these funds for this encampment.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 08:00 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: The situation at the Ballona wetlands has continued to deteriorate. More encampments, more trash, and belligerent people who do not respect the reserve. I used to walk the wetlands about 2 times a week. It is very sad to see the nature preserve we worked so hard to create being distorted right before our eyes.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 08:38 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: The campers, their residents, their piles of trash and makeshift structures are ruining the protected wetlands. Moreover, they've made eastbound traffic from Playa Del Rey hazardous with oversized vehicles with pop out living spaces that encroach on the roadway. Subsequently, orange cones have been set up adjacent to the campers, narrowing the roadway unacceptably, making travel in the right lane eastbound dangerous.

Communication from Public

Name: M Cooper

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 08:53 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I object to \$2.3 million of my taxpayer dollars going to a no-bid contract with no plan. This is ludicrous, irresponsible, and a rushed, last-minute grab for cash before Bonin leaves office and is replaced in CD11.

Communication from Public

Name: Beth O'Rourke

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 09:56 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to this item. I am a resident of Westchester. I opposed the funding of 2+Million to St. Joseph. Traci Park has been elected as our new CD11 representative. She has a plan and I believe the council should wait until she is in office before approving any expenditures to this magnitude.

Communication from Public

Name: Lynne Paxton

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 11:21 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I object to \$2.3 million of my hard-earned money, as well as the hard-earned money of my neighbors going to a no-bid contract with no plan. This kind of disastrous, imperial action on Councilman Bonin's part is why we voted TRACI PARK into this office. We had that election. Let Traci Park address this issue.
LYNNE PAXTON Resident of Playa del Rey

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 11:27 PM

Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: Agenda Item 86: (86) 221326 CD 11 CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (BONIN – RAMAN) relative to allocating funds and coordinating a comprehensive service-led response for housing and services targeted for vehicular homelessness at West Jefferson Boulevard, between Culver Boulevard and Lincoln Boulevard, near the Ballona Wetlands? and related matters. Recommendations for Council action? SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR: 1. DIRECT the City Administrative Officer (CAO), with the support of all relevant City departments, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), and the St. Joseph Center, to coordinate a comprehensive service-led response at West Jefferson Boulevard, between Culver Boulevard and Lincoln Boulevard, modeled after successful Encampment to Home operations in Council District 11, and incorporating best practices from vehicular homelessness interventions by West Valley Homes Yes (WHVY) and L.A. Family Housing in Council District 7. The operation shall commence only upon the determination by Council District 11 that housing and vehicular interventions are in fact available for potential clients, and will provide for a minimum of three weeks of active engagement with people experiencing homelessness at the location. 2. AUTHORIZE the transfer of \$2,283,313 from the Additional Homeless Services General City Purposes Fund No. 100/56, Account No. 000931, Additional Homeless Services to the Los Angeles Housing Department Fund No. 10A/43, in a new account entitled "Westchester/Playa Vehicular Homelessness Intervention Program" for the above described vehicular homelessness interventions within the Westchester/Playa vicinity. 3. INSTRUCT the General Manager, Los Angeles Housing Department, or designee, to amend the LAHSA General Fund Contract (No. C140706) to reflect the funding allocation as mentioned above. 4. REQUEST the LAHSA execute a new or amend an existing sole source subcontract with the St. Joseph Center for an amount of \$2,283,313 to implement the Council District 11 Westchester/Playa Vehicular Homelessness Intervention Program. 5. AUTHORIZE the CAO to prepare Controller instructions or make necessary technical adjustments, including to the names of the Special Fund accounts recommended for this report, to

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Communication from Public

Name: Wayne Madden
Date Submitted: 11/20/2022 11:33 AM
Council File No: 22-1326

Comments for Public Posting: I'm opposed to 2.3 million of taxpayers dollars going towards non bidding contracts. This last minute attempt to bring the RV's and such from the Ballona wetlands into Westchester is not going to solve anything. It's just a pork barrel attempt by the outgoing Bonin to punish those who voted against his pick to follow him. Please do not pass this.