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Comments for Public Posting: The Los Angeles City Council 200 Spring Street Los Angeles CA 90012 Councilmember.Park@lacity.org CityClerk@lacity.org Re: SUPPORT FOR CF 23-0914 Dear Councilmembers: On behalf of the Venice Chamber of Commerce, our Board of Directors and over 300 members, I am writing in support of CF 23-0914 and Councilmember Park's efforts to mitigate the growing issue of RV and vehicle dwelling in our communities. Venice and Venice businesses have been exceptionally impacted by a constant inflow of campers, buses, box trucks, SUVs, cars and even shipping containers being used as permanent residences on our streets. There are many obvious environmental and safety reasons why this should be outlawed; chief among those is the inability of vehicle dwellers to properly dispose of trash and human waste, the increased danger of traffic fatalities posed by impaired sight lines and large vehicles blocking pedestrian, cyclists and motorists vision; and the fact that city streets and vehicles were not in any way intended for permanent usage as residences. Moreover, Venice businesses are exponentially impacted due to the loss of parking for potential customers as our public visitor parking is already deeply lacking. While we understand the desire for a humane alternative for some vehicle dwellers and the difficulties that the city is undergoing in securing suitable alternate space for these vehicles; most offending vehicles are used to exploit the most vulnerable and serve as incubators for crime and drug use. Councilmember Park is correct in demanding a solution that prioritizes the safety, health and welfare of local residents, property owners and businesses. We therefore, urge you to pass this motion and move expeditiously to finally create a sustainable solution to restore safety and order to our streets. Respectfully
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