

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: The safety threat of preschoolers being harmed by potential RV fires/explosions needs to be enough for real action to be taken immediately by the city. The RVs on Venice blvd are within 10 feet of a preschool's play yard. It is horrific to think the city has not prioritized the safety of innocent 3-5 year olds over the inconvenience of finding a solution for unhoused/RV dwelling people. Will the city act if a child is injured from a fire resulting from these unsafe RV's next to their school? What will it take for this to be prioritized? Families of Venice and the RV dwelling people deserve better than this.

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Comments for Public Posting: The main intention of this motion is to move the vehicle housed to industrial zones and/or areas that may be far from the communities they are connected too, which disconnects people from the services they already receive. LACity has plenty of public parking lots that can be used for expanding the Safe Parking program for oversized vehicles nearby the services they are connected to already. A large percentage of the people living in vehicles are disabled, living on a fixed income, and cannot afford the rent. They want housing and a linkage to housing. They don't want to be hidden away somewhere. The motion does not include spaces with shade and sanitary facilities in the communities vehicle housed people currently live. Time and again the people living in vehicles state they are from the community they park in. The motion asks for separate wrap-around services (?) sent to these secluded locations, areas. Why not near the services people already receive and/or need? Disconnecting people from existing services does not make sense, it is harmful to disabled people. It isn't working well in the existing Mayor's Inside Safe program either. When a person or family first becomes unhoused, they often move into a vehicle and stay in the community they were housed in. A large percentage of the RV community are people who have recently lost housing, people who cannot afford the high rents, and are disabled people living on a fixed income. We need to start with a Care First approach - not exile them to a far-away industrial road. Surveyed and interviewed people living in RVs predominantly desire 24hour Safe Parking and linkage to permanent housing, suggesting the need for real safe parking programs and a path to real permanent housing. WHERE IS THAT? DO THAT FIRST before criminalizing the growing number of people who have been priced out of housing in their communities - making it only legal to be in the worst most unhealthy areas of the city. These are human beings.