

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Stop criminalizing vehicle dwelling and seizing peoples homes under the guise of traffic and "dangerous conditions." Rather than enter your homeless constituents into the excessively wasteful shelter shuffle which guarantees a majority to be back on the streets in due time, recognize that we will have homelessness until there are 500,000 more units of housing available. As long as there isn't housing available, people need to be supported on the street rather than criminalized into nonexistence. Folks need help with registration, access to services, and waste disposal--not banishment. Services like these keep all of us safe, housed and unhoused; banishment does nothing but make everything worse. Where do you suppose all these folks living in their vehicles will go? Will you file another resolution banning them on another block when they find themselves there? Or is it a Kevin De Leon thing where as long as you push your homeless constituents into another neighboring district it's no longer an issue for you, Traci and Imelda? Sweeps kill: destroying peoples' only form of protection from the elements can be a death sentence. I lived in my car when i couldn't afford rent. A lot of women live in their vehicles because they have experienced DV, been attacked or raped, and need a place to feel safe. You are banishing these women to the sidewalks, to further trauma, to greater danger. Many elderly and disabled folks in your districts also stay in vehicles and RVs. The cruelty of this resolution and others like it shows us how much you care for those vulnerable folks in your district. Stabilize people with services they actually need--don't destabilize them further. Resolutions like these exacerbate peoples' precarity and make life on the streets more unbearable. They also add a tax burden to everyone in the city, wasting dollars on ineffective "solutions" like ticketing, towing, and overpriced "interim housing" that turns people back to the streets rather than putting them on a path to housing. "Out of sight out of mind" is not public safety or housing policy. Stop playing with peoples lives.