

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Re: CF 25-1257 I urge members of the Transportation Committee and the City Council to OPPOSE Traci Park's new motion to "Immediately implement AB630," a new State law that as of January 2026 will allow cities to destroy even more of the Recreational Vehicles that provide shelter to unhoused people. Park decries the fact that "Currently, the California Vehicle Code requires abandoned and impounded vehicles valued at more than \$500 to be sold at public auction, meaning a dilapidated or even inoperable RV can simply return to the public right of way for a pittance." Under the new law, only vehicles valued at more than \$4000 must be auctioned and returned to function as shelter. The clear intent of state law and of Park's motion is to reduce the number RVs on the streets, which means fewer options for unhoused people to seek shelter. "Immediately implement(ing) AB630," without creating any new Safe Parking or low-income housing for the people living in these RVs, will cast RV dwellers onto the street. There are no shelters in Park's district, and throughout the city there are not enough shelters to make sure people do not suffer from the extreme cold, heat, rain, and violence against which even a decrepit RV offers protection. Were it not that State law now forbids it, we might take literally Park's urgent language "to immediately implement AB630" and assume that she is asking the Council to begin destroying vehicles now. As it is, she doesn't want to miss a single day, and thus is pushing to create administrative procedures so that the City will be ready to "immediately" begin destroying RVs on January 1, 2026, the effective date of the state law. Park's eagerness to sweep away rather than humanely deal with people who live in RVs is shown in the weekly bulletins she sends to constituents in CD11, of which I am one. These bulletins boast regularly of towing lived-in vehicles, and her paid homeless outreach staff take video so it can be posted on social media to music, disparaging the person living in the vehicle by calling them a public nuisance. Never is there a mention of such a person being a local working member of the community! Instead of destroying more RVs, we ask councilmembers to pay attention to the groups who have been lobbying for 24/7 [or any] Safe Parking for oversized vehicles for years, have identified the many public lots in CD11 particularly, and have written reports. Please also pay attention to a recent report that shows displaced RV dwellers are not getting legitimate offers of housing. <https://challengeinequality.luskin.ucla.edu/2025/06/25/keep-moving/> Please DO NOT VOTE to increase towing and destruction of RVs, a policy that puts people on the less-safe street to live, sometimes displacing a percentage of the vehicle folks into very temporary shelters - like the LACity Inside Safe program hotels. Unfortunately the permanent housing success rate of that program is dismal. Whether it's local or state, policies of ticketing, towing and making laws against people who can't afford a

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