

Communication from Public

Name: West Adams Heights-Sugar Hill Neighborhood Association

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Comments for Public Posting: For the last 10 years or so, our West Adams Heights-Sugar Hill neighborhood, and adjacent neighborhoods in both City Council District 10 and CD 1, have experienced an influx of illegally-parked RVs, mostly derelict vehicles rented out to those who would otherwise be without shelter. While we support as many forms of safe, healthy housing as possible for all of our neighbors, and we do not want anyone to be forced to live unsheltered on the streets, these RVs - mostly owned by predatory "vanlords" - are neither safe nor healthy housing. They are often completely non-operational, often towed here and then just left, often with parts falling off while they sit. They have no electricity, water, or sanitary systems, and the residents do not have the resources to compensate for these lack of basic supports. This results in both trash and human waste piling up at the site, which also attracts unwanted vermin, with cleanups few and far between, and sidewalks blocked to pedestrian traffic. The motion in Council File 25-1257, introduced by Councilmembers Traci Park and Heather Hutt, will help keep derelict RVs worth less than \$4,000 from being rented as "housing," and will help keep them off the streets. It will be beneficial to both our neighborhood and to the people who need safe shelter but instead become victims of opportunistic vanlords. This is all very positive...but the motion needs to go one step further: it must include mandatory offers of safe interim housing that will lead to permanent housing for the residents of the vehicles that are covered by the new rules. If this provision is added, we can support it wholeheartedly. Sincerely, The Board and members of the West Adams Heights-Sugar Hill Neighborhood Association