

MOTION

Every day, abandoned and inoperable RVs create public health and safety hazards across Los Angeles. Often magnets for crime, abandoned RVs also remove parking spaces, create risks for our watershed and impact local residents and businesses.

State laws have contributed to this challenge by making it too easy for impounded RVs to end back up on City streets. 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. This pipeline has placed significant strain on City resources and burdened City departments responsible for the enforcement and impoundment of these vehicles.

In response, the State of California recently enacted Assembly Bill 630 (Gonzalez), which increases this \$500 dollar threshold and authorizes the City of Los Angeles to implement a local program to remove and dismantle abandoned RVs with an estimated value of \$4,000 or less. By keeping vehicles off the auction block and creating a streamlined process for their journey to the scrapyard, AB 630 is one more tool to stop the RV to streets pipeline. It also complements existing City efforts to crack down on "van-lords," who can use this existing loophole in state law to acquire RVs at auction.

Successful implementation of AB 630 will require close coordination between multiple City departments, including the City Administrative Officer, Department of Transportation, Los Angeles Police Department, and the City Attorney. Given the City already successfully operates a CAO-led initiative to remove abandoned RVs from the public right of way, it makes sense to expand this program and incorporate AB 630 requirements. This would include the establishment of consistent protocols for the evaluation of vehicle value, issuance of citations, proper sign posting and mailing of notices, authorization and disposal of abandoned recreational vehicles as well as annual reporting requirements to the City Council.

Given its January 1, 2026 effective date, the City should take immediate steps to implement AB 630.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer, in coordination with the Department of Transportation, Police Department and the City Attorney, to immediately implement AB 630 and report back in 30 days with an overview of its implementation plan, including operational procedures for identifying, valuing, and processing abandoned recreational vehicles consistent with the new \$4,000 threshold established by AB 630, in addition to any amendments to the City's municipal or administrative codes or existing contracts with Official Police Garages.

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