

MOTION

On September 30, 2026, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill 647 (Gonzalez), which authorizes public agencies like the City of Los Angeles to implement a program to dispose of abandoned Recreational Vehicles (RVs) with an estimated value of \$4000 or less.

Existing state law makes it too easy for abandoned RVs to end up back on our streets, restarting the vicious circle of the public health, safety and environmental hazards that have become commonplace in Los Angeles. 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.

AB 647 increases this threshold to \$4,000. By keeping more vehicles off the auction block and creating a streamlined process for their journey to the scrapyard, AB 647 is one more tool to stop the RV to streets pipeline. Last year, state law authorized Los Angeles County to adopt the same program and, with the adoption of AB 647, Los Angeles can now follow suit.

Successful implementation of AB 647 will require close coordination between multiple City departments, including the City Administrative Officer, Department of Transportation, 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 647 requirements. This would include the establishment of consistent protocols for the evaluation of vehicle value, issuance of citations, proper sign and vehicle posting, mailing of notices, authorization and disposal of abandoned RVs as well as annual reporting requirements to the City Council.

Given its January 1, 2027 effective date, the City should take immediate steps to implement AB 647.

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 647 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 647, in addition to any amendments to the City's municipal or administrative codes or existing contracts with Official Police Garages.



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