

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm finishing my PhD at UCLA, where I study the relationship between homelessness and housing as it applies to people living in vehicles. If you want to make homelessness far worse in the City of LA, you can vote for this extreme motion to ban RVs from the entire city. The 2026 homeless count estimated nearly 2,800 RVs parked across the City on one night, and nearly 5,000 across the entire Continuum of Care (i.e., LA County minus Pasadena, Long Beach and Glendale). This is a point-in-time estimate, so the number of RV residents who live in LA across a year is likely much greater than that. Given an average of 1.86 persons per dwelling according to the count's most recent demographic survey, that means over 5,200 people could be made street homeless through this policy as applied to the City alone; if this sort of regulation spreads to cities across the Greater LA CoC, we're talking about nearly 9,300 RV residents put out on the street or displaced. If Traci Park and John Lee think this is innovative because other cities do it, they are dead wrong: it's a race to banish people living in their vehicles from urban centers across the United States. Over 725 operations between May 2022 and September 2025, Los Angeles' "Citywide Rehousing Strategy for People Experiencing RV Homelessness" assessed 5,900 vehicle dwellings for intervention, impounded at least 1,486 of those, and "housed" 408 people. Even if we conservatively assume 1 person per RV, nearly 4 people are being dispossessed of their home for every 1 housed. Unless something dramatic shifts, you can expect similarly poor housing:impound ratios from this sort of law, probably even poorer given homeless housing supply shortages. With shifts to LAHSA, we have a chance to get policy right at the metropolitan level. This isn't it, not even close; It's the opposite of progress, put up by a councilperson whose legacy is banishment of poverty and gentrification. If you want to join her be my guest, but the data is on our side that this is a miserably policy doomed to fail LA. Vote NO and do away with EXTREME politicians: it's not only Trump, it's people like Traci Park.