

Communication from Public

Name: Monica Vacas

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 02:49 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I, Monica Vacas supports Council File #19-0002-S50 OPPOSING AB-516 which removes the authority of law enforcement or public employees from towing vehicles not in compliance with current CA registration laws, having accumulated over 5 parking citations, or ignoring the 72-hour parking restriction. This will have a severe and negative impact to Sun Valley. Driving is a privilege. Citations are issued when the vehicle owner/driver ignores the law. Registrations and license fees are paid to ensure our roads and streets are safe as well as the vehicles traveling on them. Though it's a valid point that people without financial reserves can not afford the tow and impound fees, the answer is not to legislate that no one will be subject to the parking & car registration laws. This is incredible legislative over reach, not taking into account the unique city and community conditions existing across the state, particularly in the City of Los Angeles. How is it that a neighboring city as Burbank, by not belonging to the broken LA City system and their laws, can manage to keep this same problem under control by adopting measures that serve for the best interest of their residents and their communities within the Burbank boundaries. For LA, the ramifications of AB-516 are:

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2. Vans used as advertising will be allowed free parking and not need to be operational. This will expand an existing business model to the detriment of our communities.
3. It'll be impossible to tell what vehicles are abandoned. No one will need to pay towing to a salvage-yards they can be abandoned on the street. Auto salvage-yards will expand their business onto our streets.

We support the LAPD by not supporting AB-516. It removes the ability of law enforcement to deal effectively with issues of quality of life, public safety, nuisance, blight and other unintended consequences.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Sower

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 03:10 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Please support our community, and our Law Enforcement by supporting this council file that Opposes AB516. Our community is already plagued with illegal dumping of just about everything. This Bill will just add to the problems of dumping. Unregistered cars, trucks, motor-homes and boats. Yes, Boats will line the streets. Then junk gets piled in those that are not used for hoarding all types of debris. "I was told recently by someone in law enforcement that if a vehicle gets left on the street is will be able to be there until the end of time, with no consequences". Instead of relaxing our laws, lets do something as an example enforce the ones we have. So all citizens who live here feel protected, not just the homeless. This Bill may have been written to protect those financially burdened by citations, towing and impound fees, but it has taken on a whole different situation. Driving is a privilege you earn. You have your vehicle that you earn and drive. Driving is not an entitlement you get your license, you register your vehicle, you get your insurance and you follow the laws. IF YOU DO NOT FOLLOW THE LAWS, THERE ARE CONSEQUENCES. Consequences of citations, and possibly towing or impounding. Consequences of the owner of the vehicle. You cannot have rules and state oh those who cannot pay do not have to follow. I hate that my home town looks like a dumping zone. Too embarrassed to even bring my friends around my family home or business. Please, we need your help to help our law enforcement be able to do their jobs, not vote in a law that prohibits it. MY FAMILY AND I DO NOT SUPPORT AB515. WE DO SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION THAT OPPOSES IT.

Communication from Public

Name: Christopher Homandberg

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 03:11 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council Members, In the face of significant increases in homelessness statewide, your motion to oppose AB 516 is very disheartening. In my work, I regularly meet individuals who have lost their vehicles to tows, and the consequences are always dire. For those living in their vehicles, a tow will push them onto the street and into an encampment. For others who aren't vehicle dwelling, not having a vehicle creates barriers to employment, family, and services access, and increases the likelihood that the individual will fall into homelessness. Some continue to argue that the only solution to our crisis is more affordable housing. While partly correct, unwinding City and State policies that contribute to homelessness should be the first order of business. Given the length of time it has taken to get Prop HHH units online and temporary shelters built, it's clear that our City needs to start thinking creatively to address the issues before us and put aside the notion that we can build our way out of our current reality. We cannot give in to the loudest voices simply because they don't like what they see, nor squander away any more opportunities to prevent people from falling into homelessness. The negative reactions to this bill are disingenuous and overblown. Vehicles will still have to comply with all posted regulations in order to avoid tows, and local governments will still be able to regulate when and where vehicles are allowed to park. I ask that you look past the fear-mongering I see in so many of the comments already submitted and recognize that AB 516 is one solution to homelessness among many. I encourage you to withdraw your opposition. Chris Homandberg

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 03:12 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Public streets, especially a residential street, should not be used as rent-free RV storage or housing. Do not take away law enforcement's ability to tow such vehicles.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 03:25 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: To whom it may concern. I have a business in Canoga Park. There are many motorhomes on my street(Osborne St.) I have had people from these motorhomes try to attract me. I do not feel safe at my location. Please get these motorhomes off our streets. Thank you, Ron F

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 03:25 PM

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Comments for Public Posting:

Communication from Public

Name: Hardwood Decking Deals

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 03:28 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: To all City Council women and men, Coming from local small business owners here in Chatsworth and throughout the San Fernando Valley. We all urge you to oppose this Bill along with Councilwoman Nury Martinez. Our streets and curbs are already filled with problematic RV's and abandoned vehicles. These are some of the same people that are leaving behind trash and human waste for us business owners and or the city to clean up. If this situation with people living in RV's and cars continues to worsen with additional trash and these vehicles allowed to stay parked in one spot for weeks and or months on end, especially ones that have expired vehicle registration tag there will be no end. Myself and other business owner will be force out and look to move our businesses and tax dollar out of the City limits of Los Angeles.

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Name: Vaughn Robert Vartanian
Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 03:36 PM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50
Comments for Public Posting: Please Stop SB-516. As citizens and tax payers , we pay our politicians to make intelligent decisions and Stop the few changing benefits of the many.

Communication from Public

Name: Nate

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 03:57 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: The motorhomes are 110% a public nuisance, as well as creating a safety and health hazard for the community. They park their broke down leaking vehicles, dripping hazardous waste into the streets, then to make things worse, all of the garbage they've collected gets dumped on the sidewalk surrounding the RV to where people can not even walk past. And more so, people do not feel safe walking past these motorhomes, most which have aggressive animals or people that are smoking whatever and yelling at the people that walk by. This has been the biggest mistake of the city of Los Angeles to let this behavior continue, along with the hundreds and hundreds of tents littering the public sidewalks

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 03:59 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: DON'T DO IT!!! The RVs take up street parking for customers, the homeless break into our businesses, rummage through dumpsters, deal drugs and party, leave feces, urine and garbage on the streets. My vehicle was attacked with rocks while I drove up my street. Thief walked into neighbor's office and stole purse. In the 2 years before parking restrictions, not one came by to apply for a job!!! What happened to the 1/2% tax for the homeless??? Lottery money??? Tobacco tax??? The police can't do anything due to the existing laws. Jerry Brown screwed us putting recidivist offenders back on the streets and the mayor perpetuates the problem. If isn't done, I'll be taking my business, employee revenues and tax dollars out of California!!! The bumless have more rights than the decent, hard-working people do. It's less and less worth it to remain in CA when the inmates are running the asylum. The gvmt is putting their problems out on the streets and draining the resources of the local businesses and workforce. DO SOMETHING!!!! You're not employing any legitimate sources from the private sector who can affect progress. You're wasting money on committees, studies and government pork. NOBODY THINKS IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO LET THE HOMELESS LIVE ON THE STREETS!!!!!!!!!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Scott Myers

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 04:04 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: While we can all sympathize with our homeless problem and want to do everything we can, we agree that AB 516 is not a good option. We have seen the issue get worse and worse every year. As a family, we spend our time and money supporting viable solutions. However, AB 516 takes away the city's ability to enforce parking restrictions which are integral to the safety and cleanliness of many neighborhoods. We are a small family Real Estate business that owns a 3 acre parcel in Van Nuys. It has been in the family for 3 generations. Our business there was an integral part of the development of the neighborhood. When we had our retail store we took pride in serving our customers who live and work right nearby. Eventually we had to shut down our business but were lucky enough to have Smart & Final move in. Over the last 5+ years we have experienced many problems with homeless encampments and people taking advantage/abusing public property just next to ours. AB 516 will make the problem significantly worse. Right now, we have multiple campers and cars where people are living- they are littering refuse and human waste out on the street. If AB 516 were to pass and the local jurisdiction were not able to remove these vehicles, it would create a health and safety hazard. It would also hurt the local businesses at this location because it would make the street more dangerous and less appealing for people to shop. In addition, I would think that tickets would become meaningless piece of paper if there was no recourse for the city to take action. Thank you for understanding the negative impacts AB 516 has on local businesses which are the staple of lower income neighborhoods like this one. I support the local peace officers who are there to serve and protect those who want to keep their community clean and safe.

Communication from Public

Name: Robert Wall

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 04:32 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to express my opposition to AB 516.

Communication from Public

Name: Margaret Shoemaker

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 04:40 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: This bill will significantly and negatively impact the quality of life, cleanness, and public safety in our communities. To remove these tools from LAPD and LADOT is the wrong direction in addressing the larger crisis our city faces.

Communication from Public

Name: Brianna Grinbaum

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 01:49 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Having RVs parked in our neighborhood is a danger to our community and our well being. I own a property on Jordan Ave in Chatsworth and for the past 2 years the homeless issue has been unruly. We are trying to run a business and if the RVs are parked illegally and no one is doing anything about it, it is bringing down our business and the cost of our property values. It is unfortunate that these people are homeless but they too need to abide by the rules of how to look and act in public and they need to be cleaned off of the streets for good. With all of these RVs parked on the street it is very difficult for these trucks to make turns into the buildings because the street is not wide enough. I pay my taxes, I pay business taxes if you want businesses to leave the city they will if this situation does not get resolved. This is a whole LA City issue, not just a Valley issue - I live on the Westside and I see it in the upscale neighborhood of Brentwood, it's disgusting that we are not doing anything about it. I am terrified to walk the streets because homeless people are roaming around and screaming at themselves or exposing themselves to people. This is not how LA is supposed to be. I work in Chatsworth and it is just as bad. City council needs to act NOW, we elected you to do a job to clean up our city and you are FAILING US!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

9140 Jordan Ave, Chatsworth CA 91311











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Name: THOMAS RILEY
Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 01:57 PM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50
Comments for Public Posting: This is a bad measure, it hampers the police from doing their job and is a debarment to the community and our people by making it harder for the police to protect and help us.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 09:30 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Representatives: As a local Angeleno who is concerned for the homeless community, I sincerely write for you to oppose this resolution against AB 516, and instead support AB 516. With the homeless count released last week, it is clear that Los Angeles is in a serious housing crisis that is forcing thousands of our community members onto the streets. The numbers also indicate that there's an increase in homeless families and youth. With a limited number of options, many are forced to choose between risking their lives on the streets, or the ability to find refuge in their cars. Removing this safe refuge by towing or impounding their cars will only lead to increased numbers on the streets, along with serious safety risks for the most vulnerable in our community. Homelessness is a complex and layered issue. We need to support and address this issue in various ways. Supporting AB 516 is a step in the right direction to ensure that the homeless community may find safety in their cars without fear of it being taken away. Please oppose the resolution against AB 516, and instead support AB 516. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Tristan Rodman

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 10:02 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I support AB516 because, at a time when LA's homelessness crisis is growing, penalizing folks who live in their vehicles with parking tickets, unpaid registration fines, and vehicle tows further increases the chances that someone will enter into homelessness.

Communication from Public

Name: Christina

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 01:57 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I live in a street with no oversize parking, and already, without AB516 even passing, we have trailers and makeshift vehicle encampments all over. The people living in them are mostly drug user types that get angry on a daily basis. We have had to call law enforcement, have had mail stolen. Please, please, do not consider extending the hours legally, it is the only protection we have stopping our neighborhoods from being dumping sites for garbage, trash and drugs. People who really need help do seek it out, these people do NOT. Most are here by choice, as sad as that sounds. You are losing people in Los Angeles, and this would be the last straw for me, after 30 years. I will move if this law passes. I can't support this anymore. Thanks for reading and MOST IMPORTANT, considering our please. Christina Gonzalez La Tuna Canyon, California

Communication from Public

Name: Debbie Rowe

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 01:58 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We've received word that this will prevent law enforcement from towing RVs, people living in cars, abandoned cars, etc., which will ONLY perpetuate the issue. There are TOO MANY RVs and people living in their cars in the valley. We work exceptionally hard to pay for our house, send our kids to private school because LAUSD has been so poorly run for decades (not underfunded-good schools, more students, less on pensions=more money, duh) and pay so much in taxes, that no, we don't want these vehicles bringing down our property values, so yes we want the right to send them away. And politicians can spin it all they want, but early release without supportive services/mandatory rehabilitation leads to crimes, drug addicts commit crimes, drug addicts and mentally ill will not benefit from housing as they won't stay if they don't want help. We make it too easy for chronic homeless to stay homeless - no consequences, free food, clothes, showers, but no requirement for change - and tents, RVs and filth EVERYWHERE. You don't think RVs are just dumping their waste in the streets/alleys-it's constant! Plus stealing less than \$950 with no consequence also impacts, guess who, the working middle class. Not the poor, not the homeless and not the rich, only US and we're sick of it. So to then try to pass this bill. Seriously? We wish politicians would start to think past lunch. The idiosy in decisions and fraudulent speaking points to fool stupid voters is criminal really. We'd love to be at the meeting at 10:00 am downtown, but you know, we have to work to pay the bills.

Communication from Public

Name: Jason M.

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 02:12 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dearest Representatives, This Bill is both insulting and unfair. Just like the rest of the decision making of the state, it seems unfairly targeted to undermine the hard working middle class of this country. I have had the personal drama of RV transients living in front of my house when I lived on Farralone Ave. between Sherman Way and Saticoy. We could almost do nothing about it. Once one was established about 3-4 more would come. I watched as property crime rose as well as mail theft. We had guys on bikes hanging out at the RV's, some ones riding around at 4am in the neighborhood. I know because this is the time I get up and go to work, I'm a television engineer. I found it becoming so hard to leave my then pregnant wife home as I go off to make some money. These guys would be in the RV's outside all day and night, obviously know all of our neighbors and our schedules. And this is what I pay taxes for?? The buckets of pee dumped into the gutter? The pot smoke drifting into my windows from the outside knowing my wife has to breathe that? We could no longer walk to dinner or walk to Ralphs for shopping after my wife being harassed by walking "through their camp". If I were drinking and smoking pot in public and urinating down the gutter you can bet I would be in jail. And I should be put there by police and laws that my taxes fund. We had to call the cops a couple of times and never even saw them cruise by. The parking enforcement did do their thing but the loophole was they had to move 3 feet and they got another 3 days. So there is really nothing that can be done at this point in time. What we need is legislation to help us honest tax paying citizens with this issue. You are trying to pass legislation to hinder this. SHAME ON YOU. I eventually had to move. How about we create a bill which allows RV camping on our Representatives Driveways? It would both keep them off the street and give you fine people a taste of the Tweeker Lifestyle.

Communication from Public

Name: Rebecca Lee

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 02:15 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Our neighborhoods are becoming appalling. As homeowners we should have the right to not have RVs, abandoned vehicles, people living in cars in our neighborhoods. Guarantee that if this was occurring on your streets, you'd have the cops move ASAP. You're either delusional or corrupt (say what you have to in order to get elected or stay in office) to think that folks living in cars/RVs aren't chronically homeless because they don't want help. That One Rv won't attract dozens more, have you ever just seen one lone RV, one lone tent, one lone abandoned vehicle? That drugs, theft and prostitution aren't part of this. It's not housing for the majority, be honest about that at least. BUT WE DONT WANT this to pass. We pay way too much in taxes and keeping ourselves afloat. We don't want petty crime to increase anymore and we want our neighborhoods back! If you make it hard to be homeless, maybe a large percentage won't come to Los Angeles! Or maybe they'll opt to get help. Or maybe folks will be motivated to get services to get their lives on track. There are plenty of services. Also, no need for shelters in residential neighborhoods, thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Eric Brightwell

Date Submitted: 06/07/2019 10:34 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Targeting vehicle dwellers -- among the most vulnerable members of our community -- seems like the exact opposite of common sense. Why do we demand that automobiles remain empty any more than they already are -- merely taking up space that could be used for housing? In a sustainable city, there would be no cars at all. In a broken one, like ours, the least these smog boxes can do is provide emergency shelter.

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Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 02:39 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Susan Bernard

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 04:55 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: AB516 is a horrible idea for neighborhoods and city streets that are already impacted by homeless encampments. By making it difficult to tow or ticket vehicles parked more than 72 hours, we will have many vehicles inhabited by the homeless in and among our streets and in front of homes. This is not the answer to our homeless problem. More housing provided with the funds for which we voted will somewhat alleviate the horrible condition for homeless people and families. Too many are coming to California because of the lenient measures.

Communication from Public

Name: Liz Hirsch

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 04:57 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: If you've got any intention whatsoever to prevent further homelessness in LA, which is of course already a humanitarian disaster, you'll change course and decide to support AB516. It's unconscionable to oppose this bill in the midst of the crisis we're seeing in LA and all across the state. It's well documented that car tows disproportionately harm those in poverty. Endorsing AB516 would be a step in the direction of mitigating this harm. Please consider how gravely you have already failed the working poor to whom you are responsible as public servants.

Communication from Public

Name: Loyce Lacson

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 04:58 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Council file 19-0002-S50 AB516 This assembly bill will destroy our neighborhoods, the quality of life, public safety and cleanness. To remove these tools from LAPD and other law enforcement agency's will only cause more crime and anger from the residents and business in our communities. Please tell Sacramento NO.

Communication from Public

Name: Kathy Aghassy

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 05:01 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of west Hills (91307) in the county of Los Angeles, and I am strongly oppose State Bill AB 516. The RVs, oversized vehicles, and other cars parked on our streets with many individuals living in them, the safety and quality of life for us the residents is in danger. Please fight against this bill.

Communication from Public

Name: Melinda Garber

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 01:31 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly object to the passage of this bill. It is the wrong answer to the issues of affordable housing. The affordable housing issue is being created by the policies of this City and State. The reality is that people need to live in a place where they can afford a reasonable standard of living. Living in the most expensive places in the Country is not a "right" and the desire to do so does not obligate others to accept the choice of living on our streets. This State has an obligation to protect the law abiding, tax paying citizens. These vehicle present a huge public safety hazard. We are already dealing with vehicle dwellers creating quality of life issues all over our area. Creating legislation that prevents law enforcement from enforcing our laws is wrong. Allowing vehicle dwellers to park anywhere in the City with no ability to have inoperative junk vehicles with unknown often dangerous inhabitants, is unacceptable. Los Angeles already looks like a mad max type of nightmare. This legislation will only increase this problem exponentially and invite dwellers from all over the Country to come and take advantage of the weaknesses in our current laws and the many social programs offered by the City and State. This legislation would only further expand the devastating results we have experienced from the passage of AB109 and Props 47 and 57. Making California a lawless society where people can abuse the system with no consequences has ruined the quality of life for so many. I hope you have examined the numbers of middle class families fleeing California in record numbers. We are quickly reaching a tipping point where those left will not be willing and/or able to sustain the social policies being foisted upon us. Please do not pass a bill that will further erode our communities and quality of life.

Communication from Public

Name: Alicia Quezada

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 01:32 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Members of the Los Angeles City Council: This email is in regards to AB516 which proposes to remove the authority of law enforcement from towing vehicles not in compliance with current CA registration laws, having accumulated over 5 parking citations, or ignoring the 72-hour parking restrictions. As you know I live in the area of Tuxford St., Lankershim St. and San Fernando Road in Sun Valley and this proposed legislation will create an even more negative impact in our area. We are surrounded by auto wreckage yards, auto body shops and commercial business, which use our streets to store or dump unwanted vehicles. If AB516 passes the issue we have now with the 20 or more motorhomes parked in our area will only get worse without the help of law enforcement. This will create a very unhealthy and dangerous environment for a lot of families with children in my area. This is extremely frightening and upsetting to me, the area of Sun Valley has become a bumping ground from trash, homeless encampments and motorhomes with no end to it. Thank you for all that you have tried doing to help our area but this AB516 will only hinder your efforts and ours to try and keep our area clean and safe.

Communication from Public

Name: Proline Wraps - Andrew Madrid

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 10:04 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: The continuous and ongoing issue with the homeless/transient/drug users on Jordan Ave has escalated out of control. There are numerous vehicles being lived in up and down Jordan Ave, trash being left on the streets as well as on the sidewalks. Dogs that are being left in the heat tied up to a tree, transients yelling back and forth at one another resulting in arguments in front of my business. In owning a business here on Jordan Ave., I am appalled and embarrassed when my customers come to drop off their property for me to work on and they ask if it is safe to leave their vehicles here when they see the homeless in front of our business conducting their daily drug deals, as well as being passed out on the sidewalks. My customers and employees can not park their vehicles on Jordan Ave. as these people have taken over the street. Our dumpsters have become these transients' personal storage area where they go through all trash, leave it on the side of the dumpster and come back for it later throughout the day. They also continue to fill our dumpsters with large objects that they acquire from other areas, leaving very little room for our own business' trash. There is urine all around our dumpster area which results in the most atrocious smell, especially in the recent hot days. These people do not clean up after themselves. Business employees can not even walk on the sidewalks as they have taken over the area with their "belongings" in which they seem to be adding to it daily. It progressively gets worse day by day, to the point where it is affecting my business. These people asking to use our water and facilities and tend to get hostile when you tell them no. The city of Chatsworth used to personify beauty and history and had a sense of community, drawing neighboring city residences to come shop businesses and want to be a part of Chatsworth living. In being a resident of Chatsworth as well, on a daily basis, I see crime happen throughout the city, stealing food in the markets and stores, transients yelling at people in the community at parks, parking lots and outside local businesses, needles and drug paraphernalia on the floors where our children and families walk. I have personally seen transients in Walgreens on Devonshire and DeSoto walk in and right out with merchandise. The staff told me that there was nothing they can do and in stopping the act as it will only put their safety in harms way. If that statement alone does not strike anger in you, allowing

these people to steal and possibly harm employees if they try to stop them, I don't know what will. In the last year alone, I have seen more residences leave the city of Chatsworth in fear for their family's safety and more of the population shop businesses elsewhere only because they do not put themselves and their safety at risks in the declining city. In being against this State Bill passing, I want all of the businesses and customers to come to the businesses on Jordan Ave., as well as in the entire city of Chatsworth, to be able to visit/shop and park worry free on the streets. This will only help our community financially grow for our once beautiful city.

Communication from Public

Name: Karen Shoemaker
Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 10:24 AM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I am 100% opposed to the proposed amendments to this bill. Parking is very limited in many areas of Los Angeles, including Studio City where we live, and this will make it much worse. If a car is parked illegally, they should be towed the first time not left there for days, weeks or months. I can't understand why we aren't towing after 1 violation. How can we propose the number of violations allowed be reduced to 1? or 3, at a maximum? California is becoming a dumping ground for trash. Not just litter, but bulky items, cars, RVs, etc. It's disgusting and I am very concerned about the typhus outbreak and potential bubonic plague. Additionally, I already see so many vehicles advertising "Topless Maids" and other things I'd rather not have my boys seeing everywhere. I know the owners of these "businesses" are really good at working the system, and can predict that they will create strategies to paint broken down vehicles with no registration and just leave them in high-traffic areas for months on end for free advertising. This is not okay and we can't stand for that! Let's get our city cleaned up and get people to follow the rules! They are already so lenient....no need to make them more so.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 10:33 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose AB516. Please stop running homeowners, kids, tax payers, women, families, and businesses out of The Valley by enabling transients to have free reign over our rights. They are set to different laws and standards than to those of us who work hard and strive to contribute to a fair and equitable society. We don't know if these people parking and living anywhere they like including in neighborhoods and by schools, are sex offenders, pedophiles, or sex traffickers. We no longer feel safe in our own neighborhoods and allowing special privileges to them is extremely offensive to residents and sends a clear message that we are not wanted or valued. No more special treatment for addicts and thieves! Why should they ever choose to get better or change their lifestyle when they are given continuous handouts by our policy makers!

Communication from Public

Name: Nell Bennett
Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 10:47 AM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50
Comments for Public Posting: I support AB 516, and I want city hall to do the same. PLEASE OPPOSE the resolution being voted on Tuesday!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 11:06 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Assembly Bill 516 would eliminate towing conducted as a debt collection tool. When you add daily storage, parking tickets, additional standard fees and fines the cost to retrieve a car could often skyrocket to \$1,500. If the bill passes, two dozen statutory grounds for towing cars will remain in-tact. Towing should be used for traffic flow and public safety reasons, not to push poor people further into poverty. Enforcement mechanisms will remain to ensure Californians who are able to afford to pay parking tickets and registration fees still do. This makes sense in order to help the most struggling elements of our society.

Communication from Public

Name: Victoria Shulem

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 11:12 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I am MOST SERIOUSLY OPPOSED to this latest assault on our lives and City from Sacramento. Please vote No on this garbage. This is an especially nasty bell that will be extremely hard to unring. PLEASE vote NO on this. This will remove Los Angeles from the "best place to live" list. PLEASE VOTE NO. This will tank home prices in Los Angeles. PLEASE VOTE NO ON THIS.

Communication from Public

Name: Ed Quezada

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 11:19 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: If this Bill passes in the State, it will severely impact Lake Balboa and cause an increase in abandoned vehicles, problematic RVs, and will affect the safety and quality of life for all community members. Please do not allow this to happen. I stand with Councilwoman Nury Martinez.

Communication from Public

Name: Dan Daniel
Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 11:23 AM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50
Comments for Public Posting: This proposal will encourage dumping of more dungs and trash in streets and in front of our homes. Please stop eliminating laws that are developed to protect our people and keep neighborhoods clean. Please think about how badly this decision will impact neighborhoods Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Tommy Kelly

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 11:27 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote against this motion and support AB516. It only takes an ounce of empathy to see why vehicle towing policies further hurt an already suffering population. Imagine coming home after a long day at work to find your home GONE, along with all of your things, spare clothes, food, and medication. And now you have to pay hundreds of dollars that you don't have in order to retrieve your home. How is that going to affect your ability to work towards renting an apartment? Your ability to feed yourself for the next month? Your ability to keep a job? And for what reason are we pushing people further into poverty? To appease the sensitive onlookers who are afraid of poor people? That is a disgusting misuse of city resources. If you continue to support vehicle towing policies you are complicit in worsening the poverty and suffering on our unhoused residents. It is unconscionable to support taking vehicular homes from poor people. Support AB516. Stop making this crisis worse.

Communication from Public

Name: Dena Nelson

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 11:32 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: AB 516 is a disastrous and short sighted piece of legislation. Imagine RV's parked in YOUR neighborhood, people living in front of YOUR home, dumping their trash and sewage ... and nothing you could do to stop it.

Communication from Public

Name: Daniel Glick

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 11:32 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Our neighborhoods are under siege from a variety of factors. The homeless and migrant issues along with the unintended consequences of failed legislation flooding our neighborhoods with petty criminals leave us with very few defenses to maintain the quality of life we have worked hard to create for our families and neighbors. The passage of this bill, AB 516, would mean we have one less of our few remaining remedies to maintain our rights as citizens vs. others who may not respect the peace and quality of our neighborhoods. Please respect the city's citizens by not passing this Bill. Thank you in advance for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Peter Clune

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 11:43 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to ask the council to support AB 516 and to vote against any motion opposed to it. The criminalization of poverty and homelessness is cruel and morally abhorrent. Towing someone's shelter and home because of a few unpaid parking tickets or an expired registration is a gross injustice and only serves to hurt the citizens of our city. Our city needs our elected officials to be working to create public housing and eliminating homelessness and until then it is important that the city not use its power to further victimize and harm our most vulnerable citizens by stealing their basic shelter due to poverty and paltry unpaid fees and penalties. Please support AB 516 and oppose any motions which seek to undermine support for this important legislation.

Communication from Public

Name: Suzanne Winters

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 11:44 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: How is it that we keep voting to help the homeless and to deal with the whole homeless situation, and you keep passing laws to criminalize and destroy the lives of people who have already fallen on such difficult times. We know some of these people have mental illnesses, we know some of them are on the streets because someone in their family got sick and they ended up losing their homes, we know there aren't enough jobs so people become homeless. The lucky ones have cars, and now you want to simply take their cars away so they NO option but the streets. Oh, and we know that the public wants the situation handled in a humane way. So what's with you guys? Don't you care at all what the public thinks or wants? No one wants to live on the streets! It's a terrible life, and all you seem to do is make it worse. Can you be impeached for treason against the American people?

Communication from Public

Name: Lori Caden

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 11:55 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: This will increase toxic emissions throughout the valley as our homeless citizens will more freely reside in running vehicles not only in the skid row area of DTLA, but as they leave those areas and make their way north closer tot he valley. Additionally, we already have a hard enough time removing dangerous abandoned vehicles from our neighborhoods in the valley. People stow them in hidden places where they are overrun with rats--posing a serious health risk to the curious children of our neighborhoods with the pests they invite while also devaluing our neighborhoods as they cut curb appeal. This is going to negatively affect the quality of life for all LA community members in many ways.

Communication from Public

Name: Alicia Quezada

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 12:04 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: This is in regards to AB516 which proposes to remove the authority of law enforcement from towing vehicles not in compliance with current CA registration laws, having accumulated over 5 parking citations, or ignoring the 72-hour parking restrictions. I live in the area of Tuxford St., Lankershim St. and San Fernando Road in Sun Valley and this proposed legislation will create an even more negative impact in my area. We are surrounded by auto wreckage yards, auto body shops and commercial business, which use our streets to store or dump unwanted vehicles. If AB516 passes the issue we have now with the 20 or more motorhomes parked in our area will only get worse without the help of law enforcement. This will create a very unhealthy and dangerous environment for a lot of families with children in my area.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 12:08 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Please allow LE to do their jobs keeping us safe. RV parking on public streets needs to be enforced to keep "communities" of non property owners removing parking spaces for tax paying residents. These RV dwellers will not vote for you and will not contribute to your campaigns. Remember that. WE are the ones who matter to keep you in office and enough of us are concerned that if you don't support us, and rather support this horde, your standing in city government WILL BE CURTAILED. We will be watching your vote next time you ask us to reelect you.

Communication from Public

Name: John Moss

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 12:31 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: RV's being parked for extended periods of time can be a cause of crime(s) drugs, kidnapping, Illegal sexual activities and a risk to public health. The LAPD should be able inspect all RV's for any potential criminal activities. Any law-abiding citizen would not have an issue with this access for LAPD. The Mayor and the City Council need to address and find solutions to LA City homeless populations sooner than later. All LA City major corporations should participate and partner with LA City to solution the homeless issue that affects all of us. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Matt Williams

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 12:45 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: State Bill (AB 516) will Severely Impact Public Safety & Quality of Life in Lake Balboa. Regularly, on the order of 2 to 3 times per week, I find it necessary to call Los Angeles Parking enforcement to report, oversized commercial trucks parked in our residential neighborhood streets. The lack of enforcement is problematic to begin with. If parking enforcement actually does respond, it is often late and without consequence. These vehicles already take over our streets with impunity, and no apparent regard for the laws and ordinances governing our community. Furthermore, I have been told by the parking enforcement officers, and call center themselves that the City contracts with only a single company located in the South Bay that has the capacity to tow/remove these larger vehicles, requiring 2 weeks at a minimum to deal with these larger vehicles. I find it irresponsible on the part of our city, to fail to protect our streets, and the concept of removing the few recourses that it has, to be grossly negligent at best. The existing parking restrictions are (among other reasons) in place to provide access to emergency vehicles to our homes. Failure to address these issues, would in my humble opinion constitute a failure of our elected representatives to look after the well being of its citizens. I would hope that removing barely enforced ordinances is not viewed as a viable solution. I strongly oppose this bill and I know for a fact that a large number of my neighbors agree. Vote this bill down.

Communication from Public

Name: SV

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 06:40 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Opposing the AB and extending 85.02 will just serve to cut one more safety net left before someone is left with no options other than a tent in the sidewalk. Safe Parking is floundering and needs more support, not less. Making every support system available to a person experiencing homelessness doesn't make them less likely to be homeless: it makes being homeless harder and guarantees it's harder to get out. Start to govern like we're in crisis, because we are. Oppose the state when it comes to the inability to build public housing, but to criminalize car dwelling and not having money when we have an affordability crisis will only make it worse.

Communication from Public

Name: Angelo

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 06:55 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I support AB 516. If we're willing to make it so expensive that people have to live in their cars, we should accept responsibility for treating them with dignity rather than put them at risk for sleeping on the street. We allow for millions in subsidies and tax breaks to landlords and realty companies to develop high income housing while they kick out low income tenants. But when everyone's rent and cost of kicking goes up it's like we're not willing to face our neighbors who need to sleep in their vehicles. If you don't like it let's do the work of making sure every person in LA can get good housing and cheap, safe public transportation rather than preying on people who need to sleep.

Communication from Public

Name: Robert Vaghini

Date Submitted: 06/09/2019 11:54 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: It is nothing short of appalling that after seeing an increase in homelessness of 16% just last week our city council would even consider supporting a resolution opposing AB516. Our city must stop criminalizing poverty and penalizing our unhoused neighbors. No doubt wealthy and affluent constituents are complaining about our neighbors, but the council must take a stand for what's right and come up with creative solutions to deal with this crisis. WE CANNOT CRIMINALIZE HOMELESSNESS AWAY.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 12:33 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I urge a "no" vote on Bill AB 516. After reading what information I could find about the bill, it seems our local area near Warner Center in the west San Fernando Valley could easily add greater numbers of RVs parked for months at a time. My fear is that all residential areas will be open to unlimited RV parking. Perhaps (I hope) this will never be the case, even with the bill's passage. Other smaller communities have offered overnight parking lots for people who must live in their cars and RVs, offering some measure of safety to the vehicles' occupants, and getting these vehicles off the streets, at least at night. Of course, portable rest rooms should also be available. The city of LA, in my view, needs to give such a program more thought and funding, rather than passing AB 516.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 05:14 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Get the motor homes, campers and homeless off our streets. Let the police be able to tow these vehicles and get them off our streets. Randy Hamman

Communication from Public

Name: Dell Smulowitz
Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 07:58 AM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50
Comments for Public Posting: I support AB516 and OPPOSE LA City Council's motion. Please find a way to help people living in their cars to remain safe. Open lots of Safe Parking with security and sanitation. Make street parking open for our neighbors in cars.

Communication from Public

Name: Harry Sherman

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 08:34 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Hello City Council. My name is Harry Sherman and I'm a Homelessness Advocate in the West Valley. I have been advocating for solutions to the Homeless Crisis for some time, and it's time for legislators to step out of their comfort zone and be a part of the solution. It's important to support AB516 to allow homeless folks with cars to stay in their cars. THE FOLLOWING IS VERY IMPORTANT AND NEEDS TO BE HEARD: There is a year and a half old program called Safe Parking LA. which turns parking lots owned by the City, the County and Private Organizations into safe and legal parking zones . In order to get each individual Safe Parking Program off the ground, LAHSA has to approve funding. THIS PROCESS IS TAKING FAR TOO LONG. Even Councilman Blumenfield has been waiting for close to a year to get LAHSA funding for a Safe Parking program for his West Valley office parking lot. With this unnecessary bureaucracy, there is even more need to allow homeless folks with cars to park safely, without concern for their cars to be towed. I've happily worked with members of the Los Angeles City Council, advocating for their Motions, but I am ready for you all to do what's needed to solve the homeless crisis now. You can no longer play it safe. Do what is necessary to create solutions and my Coalitions and I will speak out in your favor as loud as we can. Regards, Harry Sherman -SFV Faith Based Coalition on Homelessness -West Valley Neighborhood Council on Homelessness _Everyone IN

Communication from Public

Name: Serj Danielian
Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 08:43 AM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50
Comments for Public Posting: I oppose this bill because it takes power away from our local community. We do not need more RVs on our streets.

Communication from Public

Name: Rochelle Evans

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 08:45 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: This is going to devalue our entire community.. Who thinks up this madness ?? This is a problem brought on by our city government developing areas of affordable rent into Hipster lofts and condos.. How much did the developers donate? And at what cost to the well being of communities ? I live in Sun Valley and was driving down Glenoaks looking at all the encampments only to see a grown man in full view of anyone driving by pull his pants down and Poop!!! This is a public health nightmare .. Do your job and safeguard your tax paying home owners ..

Communication from Public

Name: Jason J. Cohn

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 08:48 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Several permanently homeless people live on my block, some with severe mental illness. Remaining outside leaves them open to abuse from the public, discomfort from cold nights and hot days, and most of all unsafe and insecure. Until the public housing battles are finally resolved and there are homes for people who need them, it is immoral to make illegal perhaps the only sanctuary these people have. It hurts no-one to let them have their peace.

Communication from Public

Name: Christina Hagle
Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 08:51 AM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I am a business owner in one of the areas that have multiple RV and transient autos parked. . We have been a responsible tax paying company that has been in Chatsworth since 1994. I'm appalled by what I see not only on my street Jordan Avenue but on Nordhoff and around the city of Chatsworth. There is a constant stream of "transient" substance abusers that populate the block in RVs and vehicles where my company is located. We have seen an escalation in the last 3 years where we have had "transients" bang on our door, walk into our company and become aggressive to my female employees all while refusing to leave, defecating around the property and attracting a community of rats to our neighborhood. As a business owner I contribute to the economic well-being of this community and Los Angeles as well. I would hope you would want to make sure Chatsworth is a clean, safe, city that people would want to live and work. Instead people are looking to flee for areas that take care of their residents and businesses. Despite the fact this is a city wide problem which no public official wishes to act on, I would think you would want to preserve your businesses and keep them in your Chatsworth community since that only helps you fiscally. My hope is that you would allow the LAPD to enforce laws and rules and keep this surge in "transient" drug users compliant to the law. As a business owner you require me to be law abiding, I don't think it is too much to require these "transients" to do that as well. It repulses me to see what Chatsworth has become not just on my street, Jordan Ave. There is a known Drug user parked over on Devonshire dealing to the drug masses, where they line up to buy their drugs. I've seen a "transient" go into the "California Chicken Café" and help himself to the soda and condiment bar without paying. I've watched obviously high or mentally unstable street transients push carts through my parking lot, search through our trash cans and store their "findings" on Jordan Ave as if it is their own personal storage unit. I have witnessed these "transients" shooting up and getting high on the sidewalks on Jordan. I have had buckets of human waste in front of my business. I have to be fearful for my employees that walk by the sidewalk tents hoping they do not get attacked or contract any of these terrible diseases that are emerging from the lifestyle these "transients" are living. . I am asking that you enforce with them the same stringent

requirements you enforce with me as a business. I will look forward to you not passing this State Bill so that all of the businesses on my street can have their employees park on the street, have customers come without being embarrassed or feel in danger..and can thrive and contribute even more financially to Chatsworth and the city of Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Adam Anka

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 08:55 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: This seems a bad idea because of all that will come with it, jeopardizing neighborhoods and the people in them. A better way is to use the vast open spaces, parking lots and structures that already exist where secondary accommodations (electricity, waste disposal, bathrooms, showers, food services, etc.) can be carefully monitored and maintained (with meaningful consequences or even jail time for abusers!) Charging the users the smallest amount needed to run the facility shouldn't be a problem as these people aren't penniless. I think we're dealing with a cancer here. We must rigorously treat both the symptoms and also the cause. Short-sightedness can kill the host, condemning us all to what will take years to repair. Think long-term consequences and protecting we who pay your salaries - the middle class! Thanks.

Communication from Public

Name: Shana Glassman

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 08:58 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Our San Fernando Valley neighborhood has become cluttered with abandoned vehicles, and RVs and motor homes. We desperately wish to avoid causing those who wish to keep our streets safe and clean from being hamstrung by this bill. Often times, my children and I do not feel safe walking in the neighborhood as there are people living in these vehicles, many times conducting "business" from them, and littering their garbage all over the sidewalks. Please, please do not make it more difficult for us to keep our neighborhoods safe and clean! Vote no to protect your taxpaying citizens and their children.

Communication from Public

Name: Claudia M. Akin

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 08:59 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the City Council vote no on AB516. this will impact out local neighborhoods and take away a tool the police department has . I do not want my neighborhood turning into a 3rd world country.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 09:01 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: NO on AB516!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Rochelle Schwartz
Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 09:04 AM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50
Comments for Public Posting: Please do not pass this bill, the police must be able to tow dangers RVs from our community.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 09:17 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote against allowing motorhomes to park overnight anywhere. We all know that this is not the solution to anything . Keep the police with the ability to protect us by enforcing the existing laws. The motorhomes need to contain their belongings- not piles of trash all around them. Why should some people not have to be responsible for themselves in any form ? No matter what our living situation- we are all able to be responsible and pick up after ourselves.

Communication from Public

Name: Shadow Hills Property Owners Association
Date Submitted: 06/06/2019 05:46 PM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50
Comments for Public Posting: Shadow Hills Property Owners Association opposes AB516. Please see attached letter to Senator Portantino. This letter was also emailed to Senator Hertzberg and Assemblywoman Rivas under separately email.



A Neighborhood Where Families Grow



May 23, 2019

Honorable Senator Portantino

Via email: senator.portantino@senate.ca.gov

Re: AB 516 – OPPOSE

Dear Senator Portantino:

The Shadow Hills Property Owners Association (SHPOA) is opposed to AB 516 which would remove peace officers' ability to request towing of vehicles where the owner has 5 or more unpaid parking tickets, the car registration is more than six months out of date, or when a car has been legally parked for more than 72 hours.

Proponents of this bill say it unfairly targets low-income vehicle owners who cannot afford to pay impound fees when they attempt to retrieve their vehicles from impound yards.

We oppose this bill because it would give vehicle owners free rein to park their vehicles anywhere for over 72 hours without any repercussions. In commercial areas, allowing parking spaces to be used as "storage" negatively impacts restaurants, businesses, and retail as these vehicles are taking up precious space that could and should be used for paying customers. Additionally, it enables drivers who have failed to timely pay their vehicle license fees or racked up parking tickets to avoid having their vehicles rightfully impounded. California's VLF revenue fund is a major revenue source for California and it is imperative that fees are paid in a timely fashion to accurately meet revenue projections.

If you have ever experienced having another person's vehicle parked in front of your residence or business for more than 72 hours, you would find it to be annoying, irritating and frustrating, especially when you cannot park your own vehicle in front of your own residence or business. Public parking spaces are intended to be for temporary parking, and this bill would effectively turn them into permanent vehicle storage areas.

Therefore, we strongly urge you and the Appropriations Committee to reject this bill when it comes before you for consideration. Thank you for your continued thoughtful representation of your constituents.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindy Bloom".

Cindy Bloom
President, Shadow Hills Property Owners Association

Communication from Public

Name: Jane Nguyen

Date Submitted: 06/07/2019 09:42 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote against this motion. AB516 critically reforms a broken system that punishes low-income Angelenos and pushes them further into debt and homelessness. If the goal of LA City Council is to reduce tent encampments, it's absolutely essential that you oppose this motion and support AB516. When vehicle dwellers lose their car, they have no other choice but to camp out on the sidewalk. This isn't just a hypothetical situation, it happened to a man in Koreatown whose car was towed and is now living in a tent on the sidewalk. This almost happened to another Koreatown vehicle dweller who narrowly escaped this fate when community members banded together to help him fix his car to get it in operational condition before the tow truck arrives. LAHSA's homeless count finds that there are 16,000 vehicle dwellers in LA County, all of whom are at risk of the devastating consequences of towing. The campaign against AB516 is led by misinformation and unfounded fears. It's simply false that AB516 would prevent law enforcement from enforcing existing parking and traffic laws. Tows can still be conducted for public safety violations, such as when cars block an intersection or is in violation of other parking and traffic laws. AB516 targets the types of car towing that disproportionately impact middle and low-income Californians. Please stop pursuing the further oppression and criminalization of poverty, which only exacerbates homelessness. If we want to tackle the homelessness crisis, supporting AB516 is essential.

Communication from Public

Name: Linda Gravani

Date Submitted: 06/08/2019 09:16 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I support this council file. Our parks and streets will be cluttered with abandoned vehicles and look like a third world country. Aren't we in LA supposed to be "getting out of our cars" and/or riding our bikes? AB516 serves no positive purpose.

Communication from Public

Name: Addley Walker
Date Submitted: 06/08/2019 10:35 AM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50
Comments for Public Posting: AB 516 should be supported, along with all policy that tackles the mechanics of economic oppression that has pushed this city into the crisis it currently faces with nervous, plastic smiles. Those in seated in the City Council who care about the well being of Los Angeles' residents, please do not oppose this bill

Communication from Public

Name: Marie-Aimee Brajeux

Date Submitted: 06/08/2019 02:13 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: This comment is to register my support for AB516, and opposition to the resolution against AB516, contained in Council File nb 19-0002-S50. In the face of the current homelessness crisis in the city of Los Angeles and beyond, it is immoral to encourage law enforcement measures that will disproportionately affect residents who have been forced out of their homes and have to resort to living in their vehicles. The lack of affordable and accessible housing solutions (including shelters, temporary and permanent housing) in the region is well documented, and for many, their vehicle represents the safest option they have to keep a semblance of roof over their heads. In particular, relying on the financial gain to be made by enforcing parking citations as a justification seems unnecessarily cruel, when the vast majority of those affected will already be suffering from extreme hardship and poverty. In fact, LADOT has a program which allows those parking violations to be expunged for individuals who are homeless, but this process takes time and not all who can benefit know about it. This measure would effectively allow law enforcement to tow someone's vehicle (and home!) when they are legally entitled to have all violations expunged. Having recourse only once your property has already been towed is not enough, and could derail many people's lives at a time of need. The safety and human rights of tens of thousands of our neighbors and your constituents should be more important than concerns for a few 'scofflaws' who may be flouting environmental rules. Please treat them so and support AB516, which would give those who need it most a little breathing space to be able to survive and even get back on their feet. This resolution would instead have the effect of kicking them to the curb just when they are most vulnerable.

Communication from Public

Name: Cindy Sower

Date Submitted: 06/08/2019 03:04 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I am a Resident, and Business owner in the Sun Valley Area. Opposition to AB516 is being requested. This bill will create further duress to our SFV. As it is now we have abandoned vehicles that the police are prohibited to tow. Driving is a privilege. If you cannot afford the registration, and insurance then there is public transportation. The consequence for not paying your registration is citations from law enforcement and eventual towing and impounding of the vehicle. This law sends the message "WHY PAY FOR YOUR REGISTRATION?" I feel this alone will cause financial stress on our California Economy, and the LA City Economy is already compromised enough by the current Homeless situation. I cannot imagine the domino affect that will occur if yet another law becomes unenforceable to our City. Instead of relaxing the laws, we need to tighten them up. Please I urge you to oppose AB516.

Communication from Public

Name: Jeff Brown

Date Submitted: 06/08/2019 03:49 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Please consider the impact this will have in all the communities. As a taxpayer and resident of Lake Balboa, I do not want to eliminate our Law Enforcement's abilities to control this major problem we're having throughout our City and County. Passing this Bill, AB516 will place our neighborhoods in jeopardy of increased burglaries, filthy streets, health issues, and confrontations we as tax paying homeowners will be confronted with. I'm urging the City Council to consider the wellbeing of our neighborhoods and vote "NO" on AB516. We need to continue to allow our Law Enforcement and D.O.T. to keep our communities safe and free from any and all negative circumstances that could follow.

Communication from Public

Name: Debbie Sponsler
Date Submitted: 06/08/2019 04:25 PM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50
Comments for Public Posting: You all should oppose AB516 immediately!!! I can't believe This is even a discussion point Vote NO please

Communication from Public

Name: Kristina Meshelski

Date Submitted: 06/07/2019 12:18 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: The city of Los Angeles should SUPPORT and not oppose AB 516. Granted, it is important for people to follow the law and register their vehicles and keep them parked in safe locations, etc. But when citizens let their registration lapse or leave their cars parked in the same spot for longer than 72 hours because they cannot afford the vehicle registration or maintenance, the exact wrong response by the city is to charge them more money to get their cars out of tow. I have witnessed people in my neighborhood reporting cars to the cops for the 72 hour rule just because the cars were not very nice looking. These towing laws are weaponized by rich neighborhoods against people they won't want to be near them. This type of towing by the city is not humane or efficient.

Communication from Public

Name: Alexander Fierro-Clarke

Date Submitted: 06/07/2019 12:22 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I support AB516, a bill to end the use of towing as a punishment for poverty. Pushing people into debt, joblessness, and despair is not good state policy. Not only that, but these tows end up costing the city more money than they make in fees. Let's reform these practices now. I OPPOSE LA City Council's motion and support AB516.

Communication from Public

Name: Justin Gaar
Date Submitted: 06/07/2019 12:25 PM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50
Comments for Public Posting: I'm in support of AB516. We need to stop penalizing poverty with wasteful practices.

Communication from Public

Name: Ace Katano

Date Submitted: 06/07/2019 12:35 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: At a time when we face a homelessness crisis, with more than 600,000 people spending 90% of their income on housing, it is absolutely unconscionable for the city to endorse further burdens on the poor. The council must reject this cruel motion and support AB516.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/07/2019 12:57 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support AB 516, and I am against the City Council's fast-tracked motion to oppose it. People should not have their vehicles towed for unpaid tickets or for leaving their cars on the street, especially when it is so difficult to find parking in this city.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/07/2019 01:48 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I support AB516 and oppose LA City Council's motion

Communication from Public

Name: Trevor Dawn

Date Submitted: 06/07/2019 02:04 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Towing cars parked safely on the street threatens the livelihood of poorer Angelenos who rely on their cars for work. I hope the city council will not only support AB 516, but remove onerous towing and booting policies even if the measure fails in Sacramento.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/07/2019 04:51 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I support this bill

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/07/2019 06:14 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Only a week after the homeless numbers are revealed, you want to start criminalizing homeless MORE than you already are? Terrible idea.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/07/2019 06:51 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Stop vehicle towing. There's no affordable housing and I need my RV to live in. I have a job and this would make it difficult for my daughter and I to survive!

Communication from Public

Name: Joanna ladwig

Date Submitted: 06/09/2019 09:27 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: It is with utter disgust that I have to write this email. This bill will impact me personally as we have had RVs parked on our streets with drug addicts living in our community and my children can't even walk down the street. These people have no regard for anyone but themselves. Getting their daily fix and robbing cars and homes are their daily jobs. Then they make camp in front of my home that I pay taxes on and litter the street with filth, sewage and drug paraphernalia. The cops try everyday to enforce the law but you tie their hands and have no regard for the people that work hard daily to be able to afford to own property in Los Angeles. If this bill passes the ramifications will be horrendous. I was once proud to live in Woodland Hills and now I am embarrassed by the lack of regard for the people who have tried to make this city beautiful. Please do not make this mistake. Our future depends on this.

Communication from Public

Name: Lynn Morgenstein

Date Submitted: 06/09/2019 10:53 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly OPPOSE California Assembly Bill 516 (2019) and urge you to VOTE AGAINST it because it will factually "handcuff" law enforcement's ability to tow or immobilize (boot) criminal parking, overnight vehicle sleeping, and registration dodgers. STATEWIDE, it cripples police and sheriffs' power to tow, EVEN WHEN a vehicle: 1) Is parked over 72 hours 2) Has registration expired over 6 months 3) Has over 5 parking violations ? TODAY, sheriffs and police can use these laws to tow vehicles of criminals guilty of more serious crimes. Officers can remove unsanitary and nefarious nuisances from your neighborhood, making it safer for kids to walk to school. ? But if AB-516 passes its next step, our CA SENATE, criminals and shady businesses will exploit these new "protections" to park in residential streets and boulevards, obstruct emergency vehicles, and ignore the cumulative effect of all earlier citations for blocking driveways, school zones, double-parking, etc. ? Besides making your street a "home for the homeless," you can expect: - State revenue from vehicle registrations will drop. Why pay to register vehicles if no one can impound them? - Cities' revenue from parking violations will plummet. Why pay fines if you can't be towed? - Crime, particularly auto theft, will rise because criminals' cars can no longer be towed away to inconvenience them. - Vigilante crime could rise when officers can't safeguard neighborhoods against overnight sleepers.

Communication from Public

Name: Frances Fitzpatrick

Date Submitted: 06/09/2019 11:06 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Reference AB516, please do not amend This Bill to make it more difficult for our police to enforce the rules and laws. Why are you making it ok to not follow the laws that protect taxpaying homeowners and renters and businesses. These vehicles are fire hazards , health hazards and a menace on the roads. They should be destroyed not sold because then someone else RENTS them to someone else!! Most are filthy and not road worthy. I have to obey the laws, but You all started the ball rolling by reducing the penalties for Thefts under 999dollars. We see this everyday at our markets, transients stealing and walking out the door with bottles of booze. No consequences. No license for the cars or vans, no registration needed, Then why do I have to do it. Why are you revising all the laws to be so lenient, no consequences. No permits for Sober living houses, all over the valley and then they run out of insurance so they are on the streets. You are ruining the whole city and now every suburb by allowing the transient drug addicts and users to park in front of our homes business and schools. they are using our sidewalks for bathrooms and stealing from everyone. You law makers are the ones that are responsible for the lack of housing and lack of PROPER treatment for drug users and mentally ill. Stop approving high rise buildings that no one can afford. We the tax payers have given you tons of money to get these folks the housing and treatment they need. Do not make these laws weaker for towing these unsafe cars and vans. They are selling drugs and taking drugs our of these vehicles. If they were ok they would qualify to park in one of the Parking lots set up for them. Or shelters and then housing. If I don't pay my house payment I have to move to where I can afford to live. What We see on our streets every day now is awful, San Fernando Valley Beautiful bedroom community being ruined because the leaders of our city and state are not going to the root of all this, it is not lack of housing it is too much big money in the state of homelessness. No one has a clear plan, identify the different groups and needs of that group. Get going!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2019 02:55 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: If anything restrictions on parking need implemented. My neighborhood is PLAGUED with people using the public street for business purposed. On my street I have 3 oversized wide load industrial trucks parked daily on either side of the street, never moved. Its impossible to two cars to pass and difficult for even one car to pass in between. Another man who lives in a near by apartment has purchased an oversized, junk-condition, eye-sore of a bus and uses as storage for his business. He parks it outside our homes days and nights, blocking the view from our from yards. He covers the windows with cardboard to conceal his activities inside. He monitors the neighborhood watch to evade our active measures to ride him from the neighborhood. Another man runs an electrical business and parks large utility vehicle all along the streets. Another fills his driveway, front yard, sidewalk, and street parking with deal plated (no license) vehicles blocking of use of street for residence and blocking driveways. Another man parks giant monster trucks on the street and in the driveway. Another has repurposed the sidewalk along his house for his massive RV parking towing a large boat. Various others make maneuvering, turning, even just walking around our neighborhood complicated with their large RV's, some even extending them out into the street, running electrical over the sidewalks, and simply just living in them 24/7. We should not be easing this behavior, we should be restricting it! It isn't safe, its an eye sore, and it needs to stop.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2019 03:54 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to oppose AB 516. While I recognize how state imposed fees can be challenging to some, the issue of abandoned vehicles is particularly worrisome in my district. As a homeowner, being unable to report abandoned vehicles parked in front of my home worries me. The higher volume of abandoned vehicles in my neighborhood decreases my property value. For Californians who need their cars for commuting, perhaps it would be better to push for AB 50 to increase density around public transportation, and to reduce reliance on cars instead of completely taking the teeth out of tickets and the threat of towing that are essential to parking enforcement doing their jobs. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Mike Petty

Date Submitted: 06/09/2019 04:59 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Under NO circumstances should yo approve this STATE BILL. The motor homes, Winnebagos and other vans down by the river that drug addicted homeless and hobos' are living in. Especially the 30-40 year old ones that barely run are and eye sore in every neighborhood and the occupants are drug addicted lowlifes, bar none. Please DO NOT MAKE IT HARDER FOR THE POLICE TO TOW THESE PIECES OF SHIT and get the occupants to a shelter. But they won't go, so just please keep our streets clean. This SB is absurd and it should be making it easier for the police, not more difficult. Who in the hell dreams up this shit. That's what I'd like to know. You are out of your skull and whoever is for this. I will campaign against you in the next election. I promise.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2019 05:26 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: There is no way anyone in their right mind would vote for AB516. The state of California is already under attack from the transients in our streets and sidewalks. Allowing them to park unregistered unsafe vehicles anywhere on our streets is insane. Let's not add fuel to the fire.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2019 05:37 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I am urging the council to OPPOSE this referendum that seeks to further criminalize people who are victims of our housing crisis. AB 516 is an important step in protecting our neighbors from high costs that they can't afford and from losing their only form of transportation, perhaps their only form of shelter. Allowing local governments to tow cars because the owner is too poor pay will leave people with a reliable way to get to work, to shop for food, to enjoy their life, and simply punishes someone who is crushed by the high cost of living in this city and state. It is antithetical to solving the house crisis to do more harm to anyone who is suffering. OPPOSE this referendum and support AB 516.

Communication from Public

Name: Kathleen Robbins

Date Submitted: 06/09/2019 06:26 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I'd like to voice my support for AB516. Towing can have devastating consequences for lower-income and unhoused citizens who rely on their vehicles to get to work, to take children to school, and for shelter. As the release of the homeless count numbers showed last week, 16,000 people live in their vehicles in Los Angeles. Why would anyone want to try and make life harder for and add even more uncertainty to these people's lives? Why should they be penalized for being poor and/or unhoused? Further, for these 16,000 people, their car is the only thing that is preventing them from ending up on the street or under an overpass in a tent (if they are fortunate enough to acquire a tent). Please have some compassion and support AB516 and end cruel towing practices that essentially punish people for being poor and/or unhoused.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2019 06:34 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I have lived in the Porter Ranch area for the past 42 years and have noticed great changes - unfortunately not for the better - the past number of years have seen Tampa's streets littered with RVs, cars with people living in them , associated trash etc (at on time the RV population was 9 units between Singing Hills and Rinaldi It took the community a number of years to put up the NO overnight parking restrictions, with success !!! please make sure any bills you pass will adhere, and keep in force the hard won regulations and will assist our overworked police system to carry out their duties

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2019 06:37 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote against this bill. As homeowners in Northridge, we pay incredibly high taxes and receive little to no services in this part of Los Angeles. A U-Haul truck with people living in it parked in front of our home for several days last year. We notified the police and we finally saw people in the truck and told them they could not remain there. When they moved the truck and a car, they left a milk gallon container of urine at the sidewalk. I drive around Northridge and Granada Hills and Topanga Canyon Blvd. and see these vehicles all the time. One man approached me on the side street off Reseda Blvd near the Devonshire st McDonald's at night and frightened me as he requested money. I do feel sorry for homeless individuals but the police must be able to enforce our laws and get these individuals into homeless shelters until they are given the help they need. The City Council must find a way to obtain mental health or drug rehab assistance for the people who need it. One of my uncles chose to live in Boston and New York City in skid row- type conditions despite his family's attempts to get him off the streets, so I am not being insensitive to their issues. Southern California's climate is going to attract more and more homeless individuals if owners of these often broken-down vehicles are allowed to park anywhere they choose to "live."

Communication from Public

Name: Riley Ellis

Date Submitted: 06/09/2019 06:44 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Regarding Council File #19-0002 S50, the amendment to AB 516: Meeting scheduled for Tuesday June 11, 2019 at 10.00AM As a resident of Woodland Hills, I beg you NOT to vote in favor of the amendment to AB 516. We are already inundated by broken down cars and motor homes that leave trash on our street, dump their sewage in front of our homes, attract drug deals and result in crime all over the neighborhood. (mail theft, petty theft, break ins, etc). Should the amendment pass, the situation will become exponentially worse and we will have no recourse to control the chaos that is already making our residential neighborhoods unsafe for our children. I have great sympathy for those who are reduce to living in their vehicles but changing this ordinance is not the way to help those who truly need and want help, it only perpetuates the danger from those who do not want to comply with the laws. Please, please DO NOT AMEND AB 516. The result would be nothing less than devastating. Laws are in effect for good reason; please do not make them more lenient for those who take advantage of the system. Thank you for your consideration.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2019 06:51 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not remove the restrictions on RV parking in our area -- I live in Porter Ranch and have seen first hand the abuse of RV parking along Tampa (at one time 9 units were parked) -also cars with people living in them and the left over associated trash -- it took the community a number of years to install the appropriate restrictions to alleviate the problem - the police have been very helpful in enforcing the rules -- hopefully they can keep up the good work

Communication from Public

Name: Dennis Ricacho
Date Submitted: 06/09/2019 07:15 PM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: As homelessness increases in our city, I have observed more and more people park and live in their SUV, van, or even RV in our streets. This causes a lot of issues in our neighborhood. For starters, street parking is already scarce let alone allowing vehicles mentioned above to overstay. Also, these vehicles poses as safety hazards. There's this one RV who has parked at the corner of our intersection for 3 months! It blocked the view of incoming cars, motor bikes, and bicycles from adjacent lanes. I have had near misses from colliding with incoming cars during rush hour to try and get around this huge RV. It's even worse in some neighborhoods where streets are narrower and even more worse with some streets without a side walk which poses an even more danger to pedestrians. In conclusion, this bill is bad news and should not be allowed to pass into law.

Communication from Public

Name: Erin Manning

Date Submitted: 06/09/2019 07:35 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I adamantly oppose State Bill (AB 516). The valley is already over run with ugly, old, illegally parked RVs that are negatively impacting the value of our property by creating “shanty town” looking neighborhoods. If this bill passes and the police have a harder time towing these wrecks we are doomed.

Communication from Public

Name: Jeanne Manos

Date Submitted: 06/09/2019 08:08 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote against the amendment to AB 516. We need RV's tents and other ad hoc "housing" off of our streets & more restrictive parking regulation - and we need to enforce them. I can no longer walk in my neighborhood due to the violent, drug addled, lunatics who are occupying every public sidewalk. This is not ok! Please do not let AB 516 be amended to give street dwellers even more rights than they already have. Respect the tax paying law abiding citizens of LA, and help us return our neighborhoods to a livable standard. Jeanne Manos

Communication from Public

Name: Molly M Morgan

Date Submitted: 06/09/2019 07:56 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: DO NOT PASS AB516 . My house is on Topanga Cyn. I won't be able to ever park in front of my house again. That's just a small concern- the larger one is I have 4 children that, as soon as they step out of my house, will be exposed transients drug dealing, pooping on my sidewalk, and possible pedophiles that our representatives in Ca decided to release early. I cannot afford 24 hr. security. I don't get to live "behind the gates" YOU have to protect US- the LAW ABIDING citizens of this state. WE are the ones that pay your salaries. NOT the blood-sucking tarnsients. PLEASE do NOT conflate the drug addicted transients with the truly "down" homeless trying to make their lives better. We ALL want those who are just in a tough spot to be able to get off the streets and back to work. We are NOT talking about those broken souls. We are talking about the trash collecting, drugged out VIOLENT zombies, who make simply walking our dogs a life threatening task. Having to walk around used dumped needles and their literal poop ON the sidewalks. This state has gone to HELL. PLEASE do NOT PASS AB516!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: hedy linder

Date Submitted: 06/09/2019 09:12 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I live on Oakdale Avenue in woodland hills, and on many occasions a vacant motorhome has blocked the entrance to my home. then, late at night people came back and i was afraid to confront them.

Communication from Public

Name: Joseph Grinbaum

Date Submitted: 06/09/2019 09:13 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to Senate Bill AB 516. I own an multi tenant industrial building Jordan Ave in Chatsworth. The situation with the RV's parking on the street is getting worse. They are taking up parking spaces that my tenants and tenant clients could be using. They are clogging the sidewalk so nobody can walk. You have to walk in the street which is not safe. You can see plastic bottles of urine that are left on the curb. This is becoming a health issue for the area. Do you want businesses to leave LA, if this bill passes that is a possibility. What's going happen when the City revenue for business licenses starts decreasing. I know this is a problem worldwide, but it seems that if you want this city to be greatest city in the world, you as council members have to fix it. The Federal Gov't has restrictions, now the State want to put restrictions, that is why this bill can not pass the State Senate.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2019 10:40 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Please Vote no.. Great LA Times article below notes how:: other cities (like Pomona etc) have solved this problem -How Prop HHH money for homeless apartments cost \$500,000 to build and other solutions costs \$100,000 - other cities have allocated empty lots for parking the homeless vehicles.
<https://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-lopez-homeless-leadership-201908-story.html>

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 06/09/2019 10:43 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Pareen Damji

Date Submitted: 06/09/2019 10:48 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: There is an RV parked on Oso Street (corner of Oso and Oxnard) for 2 years now. RVs are meant to be parked in RV lots and we have called numerous times to report it but it has fallen on deaf ears. It is also a safety issue as visibility for drivers is impaired and traffic is affected and something has to be done before it turns into a tragic situation. As a tax payer and concerned citizen, I want to express that this law will further impact the safety of our neighborhood and our residents as LAPD will not be able to do anything if this law passes. Please stop it!

Communication from Public

Name: Judy Han

Date Submitted: 06/09/2019 10:49 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I SUPPORT AB516 and OPPOSE LA City Council's motion to oppose it. This bill directly impacts people in our community whose lives would be devastated if their cars (and belongings inside) were towed. AB516 prevents low-income Californians from permanently losing their cars. Opposing AB516 and allowing poverty-related car tows will lead to more tent encampments because when vehicle dwellers lose their car, they're forced to live on the sidewalk. We're in the midst of a poverty and homelessness crisis. Supporting AB516 is the least we can do.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2019 11:00 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: -Please Vote no..AB516 Great LA Times article below notes how:: other cities (like Pomona etc) have solved this problem -How Prop HHH money for homeless apartments cost \$500,000 to build and other solutions costs \$100,000 - other cities have allocated empty lots for parking the homeless vehicles.
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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2019 11:00 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Please reject the motion to oppose AB 516, and instead, embrace Member Chiu's proposal. We need AB 516 to succeed. Right now, income inequality is climbing every day, and the ability to find and keep affordable housing is slipping from the fingertips of most people in our city. Scores of our neighbors lack stable housing, but have managed to hang on to their cars, trucks, vans, and RVs, and are now living in them. They try to stay close to work and school, but lack places to park over night or for extended periods as they struggle to survive. They lack the funds to make repairs and pay tickets and fines, they lack money for gas and insurance. Many have nowhere to go if they could. It is unconscionable to punish these people, and to eventually take and sell their vehicles as the system currently does, leaving them completely without shelter in a city and county already pushing people into the streets at record rates. For those not (yet?) living their cars, their incomes are so squeezed, they barely have money for food and to keep their housing, let alone pay the the parking tickets, registration costs, and tow/impound fees that stack up against them under California's punitive legal schema. There are already laws on the books to address the boogeymen being paraded about in the calls to oppose 516 -- trespassing, loitering, breaking and entering, rape, stalking, peeping, theft, illegal dumping, and so many more. AB 516 does not legalize these offenses, nor does it lessen their respective penalties. To automatically assign criminal status and proclivities to those with the inability to pay unfairly (if currently, technically *legally*) levied citations and fees is wrong. It is an impulse we must not allow our city to accept and adopt. I agree with comments posted earlier by Ace Katano ("Date Submitted: 06/07/2019 12:35 PM," http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2019/19-0002-S50_PC_A_06-08-2019.pdf): "At a time when we face a homelessness crisis, with more than 600,000 people spending 90% of their income on housing, it is absolutely unconscionable for the city to endorse further burdens on the poor. The council must reject this cruel motion and support AB516. " Please support AB 516. Oppose the Resolution put forth by Smith & Buscaino.

Communication from Public

Name: Melodye C.

Date Submitted: 06/09/2019 12:37 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I support the Resolution for Council File 19-0002-S50 which opposes AB516. Please do not allow RV's to park on our streets. This is getting out of hand where our streets are not safe anymore because of this. We can't walk our children to school, walk our dogs, or, just take a walk ourselves. These vehicles must be towed away from our residence, we must have our streets back. Our streets are not for camping. Thanks you for your consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Namhee Lee

Date Submitted: 06/09/2019 01:38 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I SUPPORT AB516 and OPPOSE LA City Council's motion to oppose it. This bill directly impacts people in our community whose lives would be devastated if their cars (and belongings inside) were towed. AB516 prevents low-income Californians from permanently losing their cars. Opposing AB516 and allowing poverty-related car tows will lead to more tent encampments because when vehicle dwellers lose their car, they're forced to live on the sidewalk. We're in the midst of a poverty and homelessness crisis. Supporting AB516 is the least we can do.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2019 05:22 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I support the Resolution for Council File 19-0002-S50 which opposes AB516. The problem with this proposed law is that though its intention is to support poor people by allowing them not to have to pay fines for parking tickets and tow & impound fees, it will have profound repercussions in our communities to those that will take advantage of the law to their own benefit and to our detriment. 1. This will mute the 72hr parking ordinance. They will store their cars on our streets without having to move them. Parking enforcement (if they will even exist) will not be motivated to check if a car is abandoned or stolen. In Sun Valley, the car wrecking yards will be able to store their vehicles all over our streets with impunity 2. Why would someone bother to renew their car registration if it can be left on the streets. 3. The advertising vans that are littered around out city will grow exponentially and will become a new business model. The owner of that business has to hire people to move the vans every 72 hours, that will not be the case if AB 516 passes. Out main thoroughfares will be lines of ad vans, they won't need to run, they won't need registration, and they won't need to be moved. Ever. 4. At the top of the list of concerns, is the homeless situation. If cars and RVs do not need to be moved, then the trash and human waste will collect around those areas. They are already experiencing rat infestations downtown with disease of typhoid and MRSA, a contagious staph infection that is very hard to treat. It can be spread by skin to skin contact, or touching objects that have the bacteria on them. LA City already has a program offering community service in lieu of fines for those that cannot pay. For the state to legislate what should be specifically up to the city and county legislatures is extremely troubling. This law is not one size fits all. Thank you, Resident of CD2

Communication from Public

Name: CLAUDIA HERRERA

Date Submitted: 06/08/2019 06:30 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose AB 516. I am a homeowner and business owner in the SF Valley. I do not want the city to further encourage folks to park on streets indefinitely - I have rights as well. I have a right to a safe community and a clean street. Free of crime. I can't even walk in Sherman Oaks or go for a run in Lake Balboa along Woodley as there are always RV's parked there. This attracts more crime and filth.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2019 07:14 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Please review this bill and vote NO!!!! LAPD as well as the Dept of Transportation needs the tools to remove abandoned, stolen illegally parked vehicles! We already have to many of these vehicles on our streets, it takes forever to have them removed. If this bill passes we will only have more vehicles and people living in them throwing out their trash on the street and defecating who knows where! Please, please protect our streets and neighborhoods!

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 06/08/2019 07:15 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Erin Khorsan

Date Submitted: 06/08/2019 07:25 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Imagine waking up at 3am to a man in your backyard. A man that walked into your property from his RV parked outside on your street. It's not something I wish for anyone. Living in a constant state of fear because there are RV's parked in your neighborhood and the residents living inside of them are on meth, heroin, crack and come with manic instability. The kids can't walk down the sidewalk near them. We can't walk our dogs or keep our windows open when it's hot. We got an alarm system. We monitor it constantly. There are generators running at night and people fighting in the alley. The only saving grace has been the ability to have them towed. Please please please do not allow this to change. We saved 10 years to buy our home here. We work very hard and we want to feel safe. Imagine if this was your neighborhood. If this was your reality, your kids. Ever watched someone shoot up drugs in a public area during the day? Come to our street.

Communication from Public

Name: Elden J. Caldwell

Date Submitted: 06/08/2019 07:34 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I cannot believe the State is again attempting to pass a law that is so damaging to cities as AB 516. I want to go on record to the effect I think this action not only infringes on local governments but ties the hands of law enforcement. We hired and trained these officers to perform on our behalf and Sacramento is attempting to implement a law that infringes on our rights. I seriously doubt they have the faintest clue as to the problems we face, they just write laws to look busy. Elden J. Caldwell Woodland Hills, CA

Communication from Public

Name: Janice Hantsbarger

Date Submitted: 06/08/2019 08:10 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I stand with my representative Councilwoman Nury Martinez in opposing bill State Bill AB 516 that if passed, would severely impact LAPD's (including our very own Senior Lead Officers: Lapd Senior Lead Parra and Slo Hugo Fuentes) ability to tow cars/RVs that are in violation of the law. This includes streets that are posted for 'No Oversize Vehicle Parking 2 am-6 am.' As you all know, in Lake Balboa we deal with problematic RVs and abandoned vehicles. If this bill passes, we would NOT be able to tow or immobilize (boot) those vehicles away in most cases. This means LAPD West Valley Division will have one less tool at their disposal to deal with this issue. This bill impacts the city's surrounding me also. Please don't turn my city into another downtown Los Angeles slum site. Thank you, Mrs. Janice Hantsbarger

Communication from Public

Name: Staci Goldfarb

Date Submitted: 06/08/2019 08:14 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Please don't allow motor homeless to live on our streets without proper regulations! Our city is spending hundreds of thousands cleaning up after the drug addicts who steal and commit crimes every single day! We are dying here! I grew up here and had the pleasure of having a safe place to live, I am raising my teens here and it is extremely difficult to feel safe with what is being allowed to happen here! Motor homeless are adding to our safety factor! We beg you to not let the lawless live. They are paying zero taxes, they trashing and pooping wherever and dumping it down drains. Please consider the tax paying law abiding citizens of our city! Say it is not acceptable for anyone to disobey the law. Let police cite and tow. Let these people go to motee home parking lot areas! It's not okay for neighborhood with kids - sex offenders and other criminals are living this way. PLEASE

Communication from Public

Name: Jon Goldfarb

Date Submitted: 06/08/2019 09:14 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Allowing for vehicles that are abandoned, or in violation of numerous vehicle laws and regulations, or that are occupied by homeless, transient, mentally ill, drug addicted, or other dangerous people will only increase crime, disease, and other maladies. Those of us that are TAX PAYING PRODUCTIVE citizens should NOT have to burden people who are not Tax paying that are trespassing on our properties and neighborhoods. We have chosen to live where we live based upon what our neighborhoods were like prior to this crisis epidemic caused by our poorly thought out laws. Our Taxes pay the council salaries, and if we citizens chose to leave, there will be minimal money to maintain the community. If vehicles are allowed to violate our laws, many in our community will become vigilantes, which will only raise crimes. We already have a number of Police Offices seriously infected with serious diseases caused by these transient individuals and the increase in rats they help thrive will cause an outbreak of more disease epidemics. The elected city officials must do their jobs that they were elected to do... serve the TAX PAYING and voting citizens of their community.

Communication from Public

Name: R

Date Submitted: 06/09/2019 12:26 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: We have too much problems in this city/state. Our police force are doing the best they can to protect us and keep us safe. don't add any more problems to our safety and daily life. Clean up the city, create jobs and housing, help the mentally sick homelessness, help the drug addicts. KEEP US SAFE.

Communication from Public

Name: Mrs. Taylor

Date Submitted: 06/09/2019 06:58 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I am commenting today to say DO NOT CHANGE the parking situation in Lake Balboa The Police need to enforce the law Parking signs are made and placed in public for a reason they need to be enforced In Lake Balboa parking is a BIG problem If you don't enforce the laws then you have real problems of people doing it themselves and civil war We need law enforcement to do their job People should not have to park on the public streets to live The city should have designated public parking places off the street where people can park their RV's and feel safe . Now they are starting to park and live on the access road to the airfield in Sepulveda basin This is totally illegal The park is a public place for all people not for people to park their RV's and live there There must be parking enforcement and consequences The City needs to do better to help these people but taking away the police authorities is not one of them

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa Lideks

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 12:58 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I am not able to attend the public meeting regarding AB 516 and 19-0002-S-50. However, I need to put on the record how appalled I am that this is even being considered. Here in the West Valley, we are being under siege by the increasing number of transients in our area, most of whom have obvious drug and/or mental health issues, and who are becoming increasingly aggressive and violent towards residents. There are places in my once-nice neighborhood where I am afraid to go because they have been taken over by junkies, criminals, and the mentally ill. And for reasons I can't even comprehend, the City Council wants to make it even easier for transients to take over residential neighborhoods. Our police have their hands tied enough already; we already know that they are nearly powerless to protect us. Please don't make it even tougher for them to keep our streets safe! Do you people have the slightest notion of what law-abiding residents of Los Angeles are going through?!

Communication from Public

Name: Suzanne Mayes
Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 01:10 PM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50
Comments for Public Posting: Re AB516: Please do not take away law enforcement's ability to tow vehicles that are parked on our residential streets for over 72 hours. As a homeowner of over 15 years in Sherman Oaks, this is something we rely on having law enforcement assistance. It's a risk to public safety to let this crime go unchecked.

Communication from Public

Name: Karen Kirk

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 01:29 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I suggest you all take a lesson from the City of San Clemente and find appropriate parking lots/open lots for the homeless to pitch a tent or park their RVs and then start enforcing the laws again regarding camping in public places and start cleaning up our streets and neighborhoods. Stop passing laws that are contrary to public opinion and are bad for public safety and public health!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 02:32 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: No! Rvs should not be allowed to park anywhere! Unfortunately there are more people living in RVs, illegally dumping human waste, than actually using them for recreational purposes/camping trips. Get out of your office and go walk the streets in the West Valley.

Communication from Public

Name: Christina Leon

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 09:33 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: To whom it may concern, State Bill (AB 516) is of a concern to me. I deal with abandoned vehicles and RVs on a daily basis. I work in Chatsworth and every single day I have to make call to LAPD non-emergency hotline and make a report on an RV that has been camped outside my company for weeks at a time. The street signs the city has posted state that they are not allowed to park their vehicles from 2am - 6am, which is still ridiculous to me, but they pay not attention to the traffic sign and break the rules by continuing to stay there. They dump their trash and belongs all over the sidewalk and completely disregard that this is a public area. In the past, we had many issue with these people who walk into our company and demanding to use our facilities. This is also a safety concern for our employees because most of them work late hours. What if our employees are attacked or mugged walking to their car. I understand that homelessness is an issue, but it is the government officials responsibility to find a solution to make both parties satisfied. By passing this bill, you completely disregard the public and their concerns by allowing these vehicles camp out and make a mess of a city. Please work together and figure out a different solution to this problem. Maybe obtain an empty lot and designate it strictly to RV campers. Please don't let the public suffer from this bill.







Communication from Public

Name: Susan K Gerrity
Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 09:45 AM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: As your taxpayer, I urge you to vote no on AB516. We do not want to see RVs and other vehicles littering our streets permanently. Many of us live in properties for decades that this bill will strip our home owners investment due to ghastly sight. We already have a problem with these vehicles parking for periods of time. Passing this bill will invite the homeless set up permanent residency. Every councilmen will be held accountable for either finding a solution to rid the streets of these RVs/vehicles and helping the homeless or for penalizing hard working, tax paying home owners by allowing our neighborhoods to deteriorate without recourse. Vote NO now. This is not the solution to homelessness.

Communication from Public

Name: Katie Barsotti

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 09:57 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Please stop condemning vehicle dwelling Angelenos to a life of further poverty. Criminalizing poverty only worsens the problem and puts more people on the street. YES to AB516, NO to 85.02. Thank you to whoever sorts through these!

Communication from Public

Name: Paul Joseph

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 10:06 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: RE: AB 516 - I am asking the Council to please not make it any harder on the residents of Los Angeles to be able to remove problem vehicles from our neighborhoods. We are being over run with junk RV's many of who deal drugs and deal in stolen property stolen from us like bicycles and other household goods we have had stolen off our property. I understand there is a crisis in Los Angeles of homelessness and people living in cars but the law-abiding, tax paying citizens can't take much more. The inaction to properly deal with this problem by the city should not be shouldered by us! Please do the right thing and do not allow this, Los Angeles can't take much more of these constant beatdowns of bad laws and policy which have created this mess on our streets. Put residents first on this one instead of transients and criminals. Please help us keep our neighborhoods safe and clean. Thank you - Paul

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Communication from Public

Name: Grace Kilzi
Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 10:07 AM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I do not understand how RVs are allowed to park on OUR streets for FREE! We all pay our mortgages, rent, property taxes, and follow the laws because we have an investment in our community. These people who live in these junky RVs come from other states and have zero investment in our communities and feel like they can park on any street and never leave. They live in these RVs everywhere in the San Fernando Valley!! I see these crap RVs on Variel Ave. and Erwin St. south of Victory Blvd in Woodland Hills in front of Home Depot and in front of Kaiser Medical Buildings. They leave their trash, needles and HUMAN WASTE everywhere. They have no hookups, so where do you think their waste goes?? I do not understand the empathy for people who make this THEIR life choice not to follow laws like the rest of society and why WE have to tolerate this behavior. These are grown adults who have made bad life choices so they end up living in RVs for FREE! Why are we made responsible to have them living on OUR streets? I don't care if they live in RVs in a remote area, but they should not have the right to live in residential or business areas where people are paying mortgages and rents. On Variel Ave in Woodland Hills, people just across the street from these RVs are paying \$3000 a month in rent. If I were those renters, I would be livid driving out of my complex and seeing these "free-livers". Whenever I drive down Variel I drive in the middle lane because these RVs block everyone's vision coming out of driveways in the apartments complexes and businesses. Forget the ones parked along Erwin in front of Kaiser Medical Buildings! That should NEVER be allowed near elderly people with serious medical conditions! The people in RVs leave all their trash outside on the streets and expect the city to clean up after them. Other cities have NO RV parking anywhere signs and that's what our community deserves. There shouldn't be "safe parking" or any FREE lots for these RVs or people living in their cars; that is THEIR decision to live this way and it's not right to expect all of us to work hard every day to pay our mortgages and rents to live in Los Angeles and then expect to just accept these grown adults to live for FREE in the same areas. If they can't afford to live here and pay like we do, then move your RVs or cars where you CAN AFFORD TO LIVE! It's simple math!

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Fuentes

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 10:07 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I am against AB 516 (Chiu), if enacted, prohibits local jurisdictions from towing vehicles under various circumstances including those left on a public street for over 72 hours without being moved. We are again, not addressing larger issues if this passes. How does this aid our communities that are already dealing with an increase of homelessness, drugs, and crime in our neighborhoods? How is this protecting home owners and residents' safety? If AB 516 (Chiu) passes, we have no recourse as tax paying citizens to protect where we live. Those of us living in single family home neighborhoods like the fact we know who are neighbors are. By allowing RVs to park wherever they want, whenever, and for however long is seriously crippling to safety our communities. Crime will increase. We can expect to see a drop in our property values. Who would by a property that has several people living in their vehicles on your street? Crime in our community has already increased in areas where people are sleeping in their vehicles or RVs. I see in Next Door and our neighborhood Facebook page. Property crimes have increase as have thefts from vehicles. People are not intended to sleep in RVs or cars and as a result, we have seen illegal dumping of human waste and trash in our streets due to not enough resources. I used to live on a street in Studio City where I had to call 311 to remove cars parked more than 72 hours very frequently. Some were stolen vehicles that were dumped in front of my house. If this passes, we can expect to see this as an open door to lawlessness. Enabling is not a healthy way to deal with a serious issue. Enabling is different from helping and supporting in that it allows the enabled person to be irresponsible. the enabler takes away any motivation for the addict to take responsibility for his or her own actions. Without that motivation, there is little reason for the addict to change. Enablers help dig people with these behaviours deeper into trouble. This bill allows for vehicles to stay parked anywhere and for any length of time with no end and zero consequences leaving responsible, law abiding citizens NO RECOURSE and NO PROTECTION.

Communication from Public

Name: John Richards

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 10:09 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I grew up in the west San Fernando Valley. My son and grandchildren live in the west San Fernando Valley. I have seen dozens, if not hundreds, of "transient residences", ie cars, campers and mobile homes, parked overnight. Most are gone in the morning. But if Assembly Bill 516 is allowed to become law, I foresee a nightmare for homeowners who will find these vehicles parked in their neighborhoods all times of day. There will be nothing local law enforcement can do to urge the transients to move on, leave the neighborhood. This bill will guarantee blight in many parts of California, let alone Los Angeles City limits! No! on AB 516!!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 10:22 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: When LA is facing a severe affordable housing and shelter crisis, a car is safer than a tent. AB516 prevents low-income Californians from permanently losing their cars because of towing conducted for non-public safety reasons, disproportionately harming low-income people and those forced to live in their cars. These tows do nothing but push people onto the streets where their safety is compromised even further. This bill directly impacts people in our community whose lives would be devastated by a tow because they simply cannot afford the fees to retrieve their car. Poverty-related car tows also lead to more tent encampments because when vehicle dwellers lose their car, they're forced to live on the sidewalk. Let AB516 pass.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 10:23 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: AB 516 - this is completely unacceptable. At one point do the rights of hard working, tax paying citizens become important to the people who are supposed to represent us? Who has our backs? When our property values go down because RVs and broken down vehicles are all over the neighborhood and people start moving out, how will the lost property tax revenue be replaced? When we all decide that there is no reason to pay for annual registration fees, which just increased last year, because there are zero consequences, how will that revenue be replaced? Who will pay for all the "free stuff" we seem to be giving away? Who will pay for our so called representatives and civil servants, who don't really seem to be serving us, salaries? With countless RVs and broken down cars serving as home/drug dealing stations for criminals who follow no rules, how do we feel comfortable having our kids walk to school, ride their bikes in our neighborhoods, our family members go for an early morning run at dawn or dusk, etc. Who is protecting our rights? Yes, in very rare occasions these RVs serve as housing for those truly down on their luck. Nobody in the community opposes to helping those in need trying to improve their lives, but the will be hurt as well. Enough is enough. Time to start applying laws and common sense, and to protect the true friends and neighbors of our community.

Communication from Public

Name: Gordon Morris

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 11:50 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: State Bill (AB 516), if passed, would severely impact LAPD's ability to tow cars/RV's in violation of the law. It is very important to continue current enforcement policies and make them more strict. The city is littered with run down RV's and old trucks parking in residential areas. My company has had break in's at our factory because homeless criminals were allowed to live in broken down RV's near our building in Chatsworth. They stole property and made international calls on our phones. It took me 6 months to get an 18 wheeler ticketed for parking in a residential area for months instead of in an authorized truck stop. People leave damaged autos after an accident on our streets because they cannot afford to fix them. This situation is out of control. Please do your part to enact stronger regulations and get around this ill-advised state measure (AB 516). Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Donald Fenning
Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 11:36 AM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I own property and retail/wholesale business in the Lake Balboa area where RV park and often "homestead" for weeks --and months at a time. These large old vehicles and their occupancy have a severe impact on our business operations and impact the quality of life in the neighborhood. While many of these folks try to be responsible, there are many who disregard the litter and public health laws. We have witnessed several instances of these RVs dumping their holding tanks of raw sewage into the public storm drains and street areas. These vehicles need to be subject to LAPD enforcement activities, including towing and impound. In addition, these vehicle block limited street parking over long periods of time, making it a challenge for our employees and customers to find parking. This impacts the accessibility and success of our business. As a responsible citizens, property owners and tax payers we need to depend on the LAPD to regulate these long term RV "homesteaders". Other solutions need to be found for this unfortunate situation, but allowing these RVs and large vehicles to take up residence adjacent to our property are a severe detriment and health hazard for our business and the greater community.. The LAPD needs to be able to enforce the laws by towing and impounding non compliant oversized vehicles and RVs.. We strongly oppose and abhor these proposed laws which would limit our police from doing their job!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 12:26 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: AB516 I vehemently oppose AB516. I am very aware and educated on the homeless issues and I understand that it is a difficult problem to solve. However, the current tactics that LA and much of Sacramento are implementing are not working. One reason is because you're ignoring the neighbors. You're ignoring the hard working tax payers who are burdened with these encampments and illegal campers. Please stop trying to ram bridge housing, PSG and illegal parking down our throats. There are other ways. Please think about the neighborhoods you represent and imagine what AB516 will do to them. I do not support AB516 and I hope as my councilman you do not support it either.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 03:51 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Please let it be known that my wife and 2 children oppose SB 516. We reside in Reseda, and unfortunately can't make it to City Hall, but would appreciate our views be known. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 04:20 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: My wife, 2 children and I won't be able to make it to the City Council meeting, but would like it to be known that we all absolutely oppose AB 516. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: RP

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 07:13 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Suggested modifications to AB516 are not in the law-abiding public's best interests. I strongly SUPPORT this CFN:19-0002-S50 which OPPOSES suggested changes to AB516. Law enforcement needs to be able to do it's job properly. If the proposed changes are truly intended to help those in need, then other more direct ways must be found and not through AB516 and the hindrance of existing public protections.

Communication from Public

Name: Gregg Moscoe

Date Submitted: 06/13/2019 02:48 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I understand the issue of non-resident cars and RVs in residential areas. However, as a neighborhood resident AND an owner of an RV which I park legally and unobtrusively on the street, where the only house facing it is my family's house, I have problems with some of the proposals regarding these vehicles. I am a resident of the neighborhood, and an active participant in Neighborhood Watch. My immediate neighbors have NO objection to the vehicle. My RV has been vandalized. Most recently, someone dumped old household debris - most likely from a resident who just sold their house - next to it. Some wonderful person - probably a local resident - took it upon themselves to MOVE the junk discarded into the driveway of the house, in broad daylight, between 7am and 11am on a weekday. I have been accosted by local residents. People who live NOWHERE near the house will stop to confront me when I'm working in the front yard or on the vehicle. One of my neighbors, an Air Force aviator, told one of these people to butt out and mind their own business, it was a public street open to ALL residents. Once, when road work was being done on my street, I moved the RV down to the Mae Boyer Park. One particularly aggressive resident physically challenged me to a fight. I reported him to the SLO at Topanga Station, who was acquainted with the person in question. Mine is not the only RV in the area owned by residents. As long as the vehicles don't pose a hazard or public nuisance, it should be possible to get a parking permit, as is common practice for vehicles in other areas. This would also assist law enforcement in knowing which vehicles were actually part of the neighborhood. I personally object to the ticketing and towing provisions if a neighborhood registration scheme is not in place.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 06:53 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I live on Canoga Lakes where the homeless park RVs in front of my property. I have witnessed them doing drugs, have intercourse in public, peeing and pooping on side walk or throwing up. Then they throw trash on my property. I find it disturbing that LA county doesn't do enough to gain control of the rapid growth in homeless people living in here. i feel unsafe and want to move out of LA because of the violence and vandalism that comes from having homeless people live in their RVs being aloud to do whatever they want.

Communication from Public

Name: Cara Fisher

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 07:02 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: State Bill AB516 is a horrible, one-sided measure that is sure to have a woeful impact on every area of Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley. By removing all penalties for abusive parking practices and vehicle abandonment, every single street will be overloaded with vehicles of every sort that NEVER MOVE. It is outrageous to remove local jurisdiction methods to monitor parking congestion and enforce our own parking limits in some way. There is no good reason any vehicle needs to sit anywhere for days on end, and it should be well within our rights as communities to enforce limits as necessary. With cities the size of Los Angeles, unfettered parking is an invitation for eroding any quality of life our crowded streets and neighborhoods can muster. Our neighborhoods will soon be piled with junked and salvaged cars and RVs that don't even have to pass smog tests. This is a horrible bill that should be rejected outright.

Communication from Public

Name: Lets Stop Hindering Our Law Enforcement Agency To protect and serve

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 07:19 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Council Members It is time we contain our homeless population. And the only way we can gain any type of control is with the assistance of our Law enforcement agency. By restricting them we are only allowing the problem to continue to rage out of control. And as a result we have what is currently happening throughout our city. A epidemic of diseases like Typhus, Typhoid Fever, and MRSA, out breaks in our various communities. Exposing our law enforcement agency and our citizens to these and other diseases unreported to date. This is a result of homeless people living on the streets and in motor homes in and around our homes. I cannot tell you how many times I have had to call the police to come out to my area and make a motor home full of homeless individuals openly dumping there bodily fluids and drugs on my block . Not to mention what other criminal activities they may be engaging in. The police are putting their health at risk coming out and making these people leave the area. And I am so grateful for this because no matter how many times I try to reason with them it fails on deaf ears. We have no idea if some of them are sex offenders or have other crimes that they may have committed. I travel a lot across the country , and when I inquire in various places how is your homeless problem? The response I get all the time is " We keep them confined to a certain area to control crime and diseases" That area in Los Angeles should be downtown where they will be near city and private services like the Missions and the Health Department. Lets use the money from the bill we passed sometime back to buy up some of those old vacate buildings downtown, and turn them into residential living for the homeless community. Putting restrictions on our law enforcement agency to make homeless vehicles to leave certain areas would be a tragic mistake for our city. This is not the time to be politically correct but the time to be JUST BE CORRECT. This is no longer a matter of what is politically correct, but it is a time that we have to be PUBLIC HEALTH CORRECT. enough is enough. What are we waiting on the outbreak of the plague lets use common sense please.

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Communication from Public

Name: Victoria M.

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 07:27 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: State Bill AB516 is ABSURD! You are tying the hands of those who are meant to help us. How can you live with yourselves???

Communication from Public

Name: Shanhuan Manton

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 07:32 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Please support AB516, and oppose LAMC 85.02 When LA is facing a severe affordable housing and shelter crisis, a car is safer than a tent. If you prevent people from living in their cars, and impose further fines and towing upon people who are already economically disadvantaged, it will only accelerate the process of people having no other choice than to live on the streets. You must consider that for many people this is currently their best option for survival, and by eliminating poverty tows we can help those who are on the brink of stability keep their only foothold. The majority of people who are living in their cars pose no public safety risks, and for those that do there are already other measures in place that allow police to take action.

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 07:51 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: As a long time residents of the Woodland Hills community, my family and i strongly oppose passing of the bill AB516. Parking of RVs and other oversized vehicles on residential streets is unsafe and unsanitary. Every time I pass by Home Depot store on Variel Street and Victory Blvd, there are many RVs parked there and there's nothing but dirt and garage around them. People who live in those vehicles don't care about our community. I understand there's a homeless issue that needs to be taken care of, but not at the expense and safety of the residents who work hard to pay their bills and taxes! Do not pass the bill AB516!

Communication from Public

Name: Lloyd Pilch

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 08:00 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I am in support of the resolution to oppose State Bill AB516. The state should not be allowed to over rule local jurisdiction. Allowing people to leave cars unattended and in areas not allowed takes away from local neighborhood life and the businesses and local residents that pay taxes.

Communication from Public

Name: Alison Frazzini

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 08:26 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Please reject the City Council motion to oppose AB 516. In this age of ever-widening income inequality, we should do everything we can to prevent low-income folks from losing their cars - in most cases their most important economic asset - due to needless towing. Many of the statements already submitted in favor of the City Council motion are based on a misunderstanding of the proposed state law; it would not prevent police from towing vehicles that are blocking driveways or breaking other traffic laws. It would only prevent the towing of cars that are safely parked, not causing traffic inconvenience, and not involved in a crime. Towing of cars for late payment of tickets and fees is, as the bill states, a draconian method to collect small amounts of debt that disproportionately impacts lower income families and people of color - and it monopolizes resources that could otherwise be allocated toward more important issues.

Communication from Public

Name: PT

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 08:29 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I am completely opposed to this bill. It will create a dumping ground on our streets, increase cleanup costs, blight our neighborhoods, decrease home values and make our streets more unsafe. At some point, you need to make people responsible in some fashion for their condition, not pawn off their responsibility onto citizens who pay taxes, follow the rules and try to live helpful lives. When are you going to stand up for us??? It's laws like this one that make for ineffective, frustrated police officers who only want to be of service to their communities. Instead, you make it untenable. Please give us a break and do not pass this bill.

Communication from Public

Name: Robert Newman

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 05:34 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my STRONG OPPOSITION to AB 516. If passed, this State Bill will severely impact LAPD's ability to tow cars/RV's that are in violation of the law. Please do not support this bill. Thank you. Robert Newman Encino, CA

Communication from Public

Name: Dean & Mary Hall

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 05:36 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: This is to support and commend Nury Martinez and the City Council for standing in opposition to AB516. Bills of this magnitude should not be considered without input from the cities most impacted. This bill will cause yet more people to leave Los Angeles, indeed, California, for other states where the homeless problem is addressed straight on without apology, pursuing better quality of life. Respectfully, Dean & Mary Hall Council District 6, Van Nuys, Ca.

Communication from Public

Name: Adam Wright
Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 05:44 PM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50
Comments for Public Posting: I very much oppose AB516. Passing this would be a mistake.
Please make my descent a part of the of official record.

Communication from Public

Name: Richman

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 05:53 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose AB 516, the latest travesty the State wants to inflict on us taxpayers and our fine police officers. If this Bill gets passed it will further effect safety and quality of life for all community members. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 05:55 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: DO NOT PASS this bill: State Bill (AB 516)

Communication from Public

Name: Bill Cotter

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 05:59 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Please take whatever action is possible to defeat AB 516. Implementation of that law would have serious negative consequences for the majority of the residents of the city. 1) It would add to parking woes as there would be little incentive to obey parking restrictions. 2) Unregistered vehicles are very likely to be uninsured vehicles. Why would we want to encourage more uninsured motorists? 3) Law enforcement would be unable to remove unsafe and unsanitary RVs from our streets. I see no upside in AB 516 for those who obey the laws. Implement AB 516 and it will simply add to our many existing problems. I know that AB 516 is a state proposal, not city, but encourage the City Council to stay strong in making it clear to the folks in Sacramento that it is not a good step for the residents of LA, let alone the rest of the state.

Communication from Public

Name: Sherry L Lopata
Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 06:19 PM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not allow AB-516 to go into effect. RVs already park in my neighborhood at night and it's frightening. This last one last month, had 4 men in it. It pulled into the the neighborhood about midnight, parking right in the drop off zone of our elementary school, a red zone. Video caught them roaming our neighborhood, snooping around, at 3:30am. The RV was the typical type I see moving from place to place in West Hills: falling apart, tarps over the top, plastic bags on top and hanging off of it, bikes hanging off the back of it. I tried but was not able to upload the picture. This is no vacation RV. It is apparent the occupants have major issues. If this passes they will be here during the day, seeing when we come and go for work and seeing who lives in what house. One of my neighbors just moved away due to the changes he's seen. I'm thinking about it. I feel threatened when I go out in the evenings. Just last Saturday evening, My husband and I had a transient pacing in front of the restaurant we went to on Ventura Blvd. He turned and followed us as we quickly got to our car. Anticipating the unknown from him was not how I wanted to end a nice evening, but that has become the reality of leaving my home in West Hills. I am a LAUSD teacher. My husband has a small business which employs local people. We are contributing members of our community being chased out by these transients. Please don't give them more rights to further invade into our neighborhood. If they do we will leave the area. Thank you,
Sherry Lopata 22950 Gault St. West Hills, CA 91307

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 06:46 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my STRONG opposition to Assembly Bill 516. Allowing extended vehicle dwelling this way is totally unacceptable!

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew Hall

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 10:56 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the council to support AB516 and eliminate poverty tows, which take cars from the low income Californians who can least afford to lose them.

Communication from Public

Name: Dana Schaffel

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 10:59 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Assemblyman David Chui: Can we please all have your address so we can park our vehicles on your block, actually in front of your own home, and leave it for over 72 hours and not worry about getting parking tickets nor registering the vehicle. Since we work so hard to try to live and enjoy the State of California, this plan suits us very well since we won't have to worry anymore about paying for private parking. You got us covered!!!!!! Signed: I want to join the ranks of the people who will benefit from this bill as they have more rights than law abiding, tax paying citizens.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 11:05 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I think That we need to make the street permit parking just like they do in the city of Santa Monica and just have people in that district or who work in the area apply for permit parking on streets in the Valley. The city will receive money from this and it will clean up the homeless problem because they are not allowed to park on the street if they do not have a permit. No permit no parking on any street in the valley. Or you can put in parking limits like 2 hour only parking on the streets and assign parking enforcement to come around to fine and tow the RVs violating the rule. Another solution would be parking meters and have parking enforcement give out tickets and tow the RVs for expired meters.

Communication from Public

Name: Alyssa Boyle

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 11:26 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Assembly Bill 516 should NOT be made law. In my Encino neighborhood alone, there have been several vehicles that park illegally in red and yellow zones every day. My neighbors and I report weekly but it takes forever as it is now to get rid of them. For example, there was one abandoned truck with flat tires that had been in the same spot for over three years before it was finally removed. I discovered a U-Haul van parked illegally in a yellow zone, so I reported it. It had been stolen. Then there are the unhitched trailers, the RVs, the big rigs and the trash. So much trash! Which attracts illegal dumping of landscaping garbage, construction waste, old office furniture, you name it. It is a HUGE, disgusting problem. Existing laws need to be strengthened, not abolished.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrea Aauto

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 11:40 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Ladies and Gentlemen of the Council, Please do not pass State Bill AB516. If this bill passes, every street will turn into a RV park. As it is, homeless now congregate along the street on which I live, Carrolton St. in Canoga Park. A large RV has been sitting for days. It used to be a pleasant walk to the Ralph's grocery store down Carrolton and across the street on Sherman Way. Now homeless sit with their shopping carts, RV's, and leave trash. If this bill passes, it will severely impact LAPD's ability to tow cars/RV's that are in violation of the law. Please do not pass State Bill AB516. Andrea Aauto

Communication from Public

Name: Bo Schaffel

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 11:59 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: David Chui, What this bill is doing is hurting every hard working citizen. We pay your salary to represent our best interest and you are not doing your job. If people can not afford to pay the fines then they should no break the law. The people who are going to be hurt by the stupid act of so called kindness are normal everyday people who have worked hard and saved their hard earned money to invest in their families futures. Allowing the homeless RV owners the right to park anywhere is going to impact property values in the most negative way imaginable. The middle class is being brought down by the lame thinking of people like you and our backwards thinking mayor and by our out of touch governor. None of these vehicles will be allowed anywhere near your homes that's for sure. We already have major health issues happening down town so I guess in your backward thinking we might as well spread it around. We the citizens are trying to protect the little bit we have and politicians like you could careless. Please give us your address so we can share this terrible idea and bring these motor homes, cars and abandoned vehicles to you and drop them off. I don't want to put this all on the homeless. Other citizens who can't afford to pay for parking probably don't have auto insurance so they should be driving their cars either. Lastly what is going to happen to the lost revenue from this lame idea. What is your plan to recover those lost funds. Let me guess new taxes on cars, gasoline and paid parking. Just keep sticking it to the hard working middle class. This poorly thought out AB 516 will hurt the middle class big time. Don't forget folks the lost revenue has to come from someplace and we will be the victims.

Communication from Public

Name: Nicole F.

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 12:05 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: As a TAX PAYING citizen of this city, I DO NOT support this bill. I would think it would be obvious as to why people who pay property tax and even pay for their sites when camping would want to ensure no one is able to live right outside their house, trash the area, vandalize businesses and terrorize the neighbors. I have never seen one of inhabitants of these RVs be respectful of the surrounding area and residents. The decline of law and order is so evident these last two years. Everyone I know is talking about leaving the city- these are long time residents. Is that the legacy you guys want? Turning LA into a slum. This is not a housing issue. It's an unwillingness to stand up for the tax payers that support the infrastructure against the ACLU and other potential lawsuits. What about the social contract with the people who work and support the city services? We buy houses in neighborhoods that took generations to get to and because of your weak policies and forgetting to protect the hand that feeds the system, and you allow utter lawlessness to be the rule. Find an area away from residences and set up whatever dystopian dream there. Keep the streets of our neighborhoods safe. If you pass this, why would anyone continue to pay car registration and property taxes? Would rather gather claimants for a larger lawsuit against the city for not protecting the tax payers. Please do the right thing and VOTE NO on this ridiculous legislation. If you stand up for the people who pay into the system, you will be a hero and will be remembered for your loyalty to the people who built - and continue to build this city

Communication from Public

Name: Sean
Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 12:44 AM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: We can't afford another bad law that takes away enforcement of public safety. Prop 47, the Mitchell settlement, and lack of any enforcement of municipal codes has led to this homeless apocalypse. We need laws to protect people from the mass influx of transients from all over because they have learned that Los Angeles doesn't enforce laws. Even sex offenders can set up camp in front of people's homes without notice. Stop this insanity now and let's take back our streets!

Communication from Public

Name: Andy Freeland

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 05:06 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: It is unconscionable for the city council to support a resolution opposing AB516 and further criminalize homelessness while failing to provide adequate safe parking sites and bridge housing in every neighborhood of the city. The latest homeless count shows that the city is failing to prevent people from falling into homelessness and towing their vehicles will just leave more families on the streets.

Communication from Public

Name: Shannon M

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 05:10 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I vehemently oppose State Bill AB516. After reading the measure I honestly don't understand any reason not to oppose it. Please do not render the police dept powerless on efforts to mitigate these vehicles populating our neighborhoods. We have encountered these stationary vehicles locally too many times. Thankfully there is a measure protecting our neighborhoods or we would have abandoned vehicles and RV turned homes in our front yards permanently. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 05:19 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Unable to attend the meeting on 6/11, so wanted to write to please consider NOT passing the bill that would severely impact LAPD's ability to tow cars/RV's that are in violation of the law. We have RV's parked all over our street, & are constantly concerned about health & safety issues. Examples: • See occupants dump their human waste onto the street, or just going to the bathroom outside of the vehicle. • Some run generators that we have to listen to all night, & keeps the family awake. • Some appear to be running "businesses" out of them (assume drugs), as see all kinds of shady people coming to visit them. • Fear the propane tanks that they use are a fire hazard as lines not maintained, especially in the LA heat. • There is usually a lot of trash around them, that piles up and is never cleaned up by them, which encourages rodents/insects. • Many leak oil or other fluids onto the street. • Some have dogs that bark all day/night, run loose on the street, & do their business everywhere. • Most are in poor condition & are only an eyesore, which de-values properties. • Many set up chairs outside & have numerous guests day/night, & have no regard for noise levels of those living nearby. Appreciate the consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Bruce Horn

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 05:21 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing in opposition to Assembly Bill 516 that is now being considered by the Senate. While I agree that recovery of towed vehicles should not result in undue financial hardship upon the part of the owner, eliminating the ability of a city/municipality to cite/tow vehicles that remain in one place on city streets for an extended period of time, even if otherwise legally parked, will result in parking chaos. The typical current 72 hour limitation recognizes that parking is meant to be a convenience with a time limit, and is not intended to be storage. If this bill becomes law, anyone can place their vehicle in a parking space on any public street (e.g. residential), which does not have a posted time limit, for an unlimited amount of time. The legislative analysis does not appear to consider the impact of this bill on residential neighborhoods, where it will have an enormous impact on parking, most likely lead to more parking confrontations and reduce the availability of on-street parking in neighborhoods already short on parking.

Communication from Public

Name: Donald Fenning
Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 05:23 PM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I own property and retail/wholesale business in the Lake Balboa area where RV park and ofteb "homestead" for weeks --and months at a time. This has a severe impact on our business and neighborhood. While many of these folks try to be responsible, there are many who disregard the litter and public health laws. We have witnessed several instances of these RVs dumping their holding tanks of raw sewage into the public storm drains and street areas. These vehicles need to be subject to enforcement activities, including towing and impound. In addition, these vehicle block parking over long periods of time, making it a challenge for our employees and customers to find parking. This impacts the success of our business. As a responsible citizens, property owners and tax payers we need to depend on the LAPD to regulate these long term RV homesteaders. Other solutions need to be found for this unfortunate situation, but allowing these RVs and large vehicles to take up residence adjacent to our property are a severe detriment and health hazard for our business and the greater community.. The LAPD needs to be able to enforce the laws by towing and impounding non compliant oversized vehicles and RVs.. We strongly oppose and abhor these proposed laws which would limit our police from doing their job!

Communication from Public

Name: Gordon Pogoda
Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 08:38 PM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50
Comments for Public Posting: Please do not allow the RVs to be parked on the street. The signs are there for a reason, and they should remain there and be enforced.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 08:39 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I live in Encino and the area has been inundated by homeless people. We no longer feel safe walking around at night. Not being able to remove the cars and RVs they abandon and/or live in would make the constant struggle to keep our neighborhood safe much more difficult. Find a way to fix the horrible problem of homelessness in Los Angeles, but also please help us keep those of us that pay taxes from having to walk over feces and trash. We work hard to maintain our homes, we work hard to pay for them. They should have a place to park their vehicles, but it shouldn't be on a residential street.

Communication from Public

Name: Bruce Feldman
Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 08:41 PM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50
Comments for Public Posting: I am against the passage of this bill. It will create a public hazard, become a logistical nightmare and have an negative impact on all the neighborhoods.

Communication from Public

Name: FF

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 09:12 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Regarding State Bill (AB 516), Our LAPD is already crippled by the rights the homeless/transient population have in Los Angeles, including the ones living in their cars and motorhomes. We are plagued by an severely growing onslaught of humans living on the streets that are sick, addicts, mentally ill, spreading disease and worse! Everyday in my neighborhood, Woodland Hills, which i've lived in for 22 years, I pass rundown RV's with these people living in them moving around our neighborhoods. Day and night they cruise the streets, opening mailboxes, stealing packages, stealing bicycles, doing drugs, robbing local stores, defecating on the streets because the motorhomes don't actually work, only to never get caught while the neighborhoods and citizens pay the consequences. I've personally seen them dealing drugs to other street dwellers all day long. Regarding State Bill (AB 516) that if passed, would severely impact LAPD's ability to tow cars/RV's that are in violation of the law. This includes streets that are posted for 'No Oversize Vehicle Parking 2 am-6 am.' As you all know, in Our SFV we deal with problematic RV's and abandoned vehicles every day. If this bill passes, we would NOT be able to tow or immobilize (boot) those vehicles away in most cases. This means LAPD will have one less tool at their disposal to deal with this issue. Please do not pass this! Who has a plan that will work to get this homeless/transient crisis back on track, because we are in way over our heads and I don't see anyone leading the charge here?!! Thank you. ??

Communication from Public

Name: TL

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 09:24 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA city council, I am writing regarding AB516... As a resident of LA county for 20 years and a homeowner in Woodland Hills for 7 years, I am gravely concerned about the ramifications that this bill will have on my safety as well as the overall "health" of my community. As you're well aware homelessness in our great city has reached a record high. And many of these un-homed individuals are not homeless by circumstance - they choose this life, and are a criminal element who prefer drugs and crime to becoming a wholesome part of society. A good number of these people live in cars and RV's that are parked on residential streets. By taking the power away from the police to tow these vehicles, you are enabling these unsavory characters to effectively take over neighborhoods where they ultimately pose a real threat. They've taken over the streets in front of our building where they're leaving needles, trash and human feces for tax paying citizens to step in. As if that's not enough, many of them are selling drugs out of their vehicles and our entire neighborhood can no longer enjoy a walk outside. Good law abiding citizens suffer the consequences every time you remove a consequence for someone who doesn't follow the rules. Every freedom you give to people who don't follow the rules takes away the freedom of people who DO follow the rules. Exponentially! I would strongly urge you to reconsider this bill and strike it down before one or more of the good citizens of L.A. get struck down by the unscrupulous people this law is protecting. Thank you, and ask yourself how would you feel having broken down, unregistered, cars, RV's, trash, drugs, feces... littering your neighborhood? Really ask yourself that!

Communication from Public

Name: Joseph McLaughlin

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 08:26 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to this bill which will allow RV's to park overnight and no towing of abandoned Rv's and vehicles. You are supposed to represent your taxpaying constituents not your own agenda. I VOTE NO!

Communication from Public

Name: Jim Van Gundy
Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 08:39 AM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Rv's in which Homeless live must continue to be monitored and subject to the same laws as other vehicles on public streets. Local jurisdictions should be allowed to regulate where and how long these vehicles can remain in one position and this vehicle code section should remain as currently written. If anything they should be subject to additional conditions because of faulty septic systems leaking into our public road system. Health and safety laws should be amended to allow local public health officials to inspect and certify the septic Systems of these vehicles.

Communication from Public

Name: Rebekah Zweiban Wallack

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 08:46 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: As someone who has lived and worked in the SFV for the last 30 years, I have watched my beautiful and quiet suburb grow but simultaneously deteriorate. A contributing factor is the near-homeless RV population who seemingly has no regard for their surroundings, other people or the environment. I am a runner and have been forced to change or abandon altogether certain running paths because of the onslaught of RV campers along Woodley in between Burbank Blvd and Victory. Lake Balboa, and Woodley Park, and the Encino Golf Course is designed to be family friendly, inviting, safe places to enjoy... but in the last many years, the filth and debris have made these spaces uninviting. The contributing filth & debris is directly a result of the RV population and increased homelessness in the immediate area. I do not feel safe in my neighborhood any more. I have been verbally (violently) accosted on more than one occasion in the past when jogging thru the open space near the RV encampments. I have personally witnessed drug use from these "residents", and been an unfortunate witness to the RV community openly defecating in the park and along the river. I have abandoned these running paths as a direct result of the increased RV population density in my neighborhood. As a property tax payer, as someone who contributes to my community actively, as someone who cares about where my children and grand children will be allowed to safely play, the RV population stands as a threat to my quiet enjoyment of my community. I do not have an answer to the problem, but I do believe that zoning requirements and enforcement exist for a reason. Our homeless and near-homeless population is not going to go away... but the destruction of our quiet, peaceful residential and park neighborhoods should not be the price to pay. The end result, I suspect, will be a reduction in local revenue as people move west or out of the areas altogether because in part of the growing RV population, the growing homelessness on our Ventura Blvd sidewalks and overall deterioration of the SFV. The RV population should be relocated!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Faye Barta

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 08:58 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: In my neighborhood in West Hills, there is a city park, Mae Boyar Park. The park is bordered by a cul-de-sac on one side. On numerous occasions, campers have parked and stayed on the cul-de-sac longer than the presently-permitted 72 hours. I personally have asked its occupants to leave, but the occupants are quite belligerent and I have been yelled and screamed at. My sole recourse was to contact LAPD, which subsequently used its police power and its towing capabilities to make the campers vacate the public street. And the campers left all kinds of debris and human waste behind. The debris and human waste are inexcusable. Without its towing capabilities, LAPD is powerless to act, and neighborhoods are invaded with those who damage our streets and parks. Please do NOT strip LAPD of its towing capabilities. The consequences are dire not only for neighborhoods but the costs of clean-up which must be borne by the City.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Manuel

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 08:58 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I live and own a business in Sherman Oaks and I am absolutely opposed to AB 516 -- which would over-ride local ordinances in terms of parking and towing. 50,000 cars pass on Van Nuys Blvd daily and I could not imagine what a row of parked cars would look like with no turn over for me or my fellow business owners on Van Nuys & Ventura Blvd. Quality of life is already suspect with the amount of hours citizens spend in their cars -- more congestion will cause traffic delays and make it more difficult to get around this city. We already have pockets of RV encampments who are using public parking privately. What will happen to towing companies who rely on the income of towing violators? What if an RV is 5 feet into an alleyway or driveway? Will they continue to park there and cause a blind spot and potentially block the area-- will this cause more accidents and will it increase crime? RV's should be required to hold permits to park. It's an oversized vehicle and requires at least two spots to park. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Nick
Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 09:09 AM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: When we start circumventing law enforcement that protects the taxpaying people of this state.... and changing the basic laws that protect innocent families (Fathers, Mothers, and their children)... There is a very obvious problem with this State Bill AB 516 there is a total disregard of taxpayer safety and lively hood. These proposed regulation changes will only deepen the trouble that is already out of control. You may think you are helping homelessness in the long run, but you are only risking the lives of your taxpaying public now. I challenge anyone you that supports this State Bill to open streets in your neighborhoods, businesses, shopping centers, Schools, and other places your family frequents to these so called homeless. California taxpayers have been dealing with this problem of homelessness for some time now, These people are not all homeless there is a very large group of them that are criminals, thieves, and opportunists because the system is allowing them to control the areas in which there is no law enforcement of any kind to fear.. Please vote NO....

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa Milano
Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 09:10 AM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50
Comments for Public Posting: While I understand that safe parking for homeless people in transition is needed, allowing the reckless, dirty, drug dealers and addicts the ability to park wherever they like and conduct their dirty business without repercussions is NOT the answer. I oppose this bill!!

Communication from Public

Name: andy spilkoman
Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 09:11 AM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to AB 516 which will over-ride local ordinances regarding parking and towing on LA streets. The city must be able to retain the rights to represent the taxpaying residents to whom they were elected to serve. I am a resident of Sherman Oaks oppose any legislation that will allow our residential streets to be turned into sites for illegal parking, and living in vehicles. Cars that are breaking the law due to parking regulation violations must be towed, cars not currently registered, and operable need to be towed, urban campsites on residential and city streets and the filth, disease and crime they invite must not be allowed to be on the streets breaking what laws we have left. The police already seem to for whatever reason, hands tied by City Hall perhaps, to keep the criminals and drug addicts that have been preying g on the local population of law abiding tax paying residents of my City of Sherman Oaks. If the State is not going to tow, fine, and ticket these vehicles, well then I will stop keeping my voices current with their registration, this seems fair, will my vehicles be free from fines, towing and impound, I bet not. For once please pull your heads out of the sand and look out for the people paying your salaries, paying taxes. The problem in my opinion is not a homeless issue, it is an issue with drug addicts ted criminals living on the streets with impunity from the law, and knowing it. LA City and Sacramento please look out for the people following the rules and working hard to provide a safe environment for their families. I fear at some point the only residents of this once great state will be the addicts and criminals, now where will the tax dollars come from to be squandered from.

Communication from Public

Name: Ian Campbell

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 09:27 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I believe the decision to oppose to state bill AB516 is inhumane. Poverty tows target low-income Californians, whom for many their vehicle is their only form of consistent shelter. Towing their car for non-public safety reasons is like seizing someone's house because it's painted the wrong color, it doesn't make sense and it clearly has ulterior, exclusionary motives.

Communication from Public

Name: Anne Orchier

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 09:27 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to support state bill AB516, and more generally, to support the rights, dignity, and safety of poor people in Los Angeles. Poverty is not a crime, but you wouldn't know it from the way that people are punished across the city for not having enough money to eat, live inside, pay for gas, or pay for any other number of basic needs. It is shameful that opposition to this bill is even being considered in the wake of the latest Homeless Count numbers. Representatives from LAHSA emphasized the number of people who are severely rent-burdened and living on the brink of homelessness. These punitive laws are exactly the kind of events that push so many people from the brink onto the street.

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa Gilford

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 09:45 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I'm a board member on the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council. This bill that allows drug addicts and pedophiles to park recreational vehicles in front of someone's home or business without enforcement of parking laws left the entire meeting aghast. The room literally erupted in angry astonishment. "Are they TRYING to ruin this city?" people exclaimed. After the meeting conversations broke out between constituents who were absolutely outraged that the city council would ever consider passing this. Please vote NO. Emphatically NO. Thank you in advance. I have faith that no one in their right mind would ever vote yes on anything this harmful to our city.

Communication from Public

Name: Nicholas Dowling

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 09:54 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I STRONG oppose the motion against AB516. Unless you have a incredibly narrow and short-sighted situation of what is actually happening on the ground (i.e., you GREATLY prioritize your property values above the needs of incredibly vulnerable, fellow human beings), you NEED to SUPPORT AB516 and oppose the motion. Make no mistake, it is a tax on the poorest and neediest among us, period. What good does it do the an individual in need to issue multiple tickets and then to commit the needless coup de grace of impounding the only asset they own? Further, the the asset that literally is the last thing between them and being completely shelterless? The motion itself it written in bad faith, take for instance this passage: "The Resolution states that AB 516 is intended to help the economically disadvantaged, but in reality the bill will only enable scofflaws to flout parking restrictions and allow individuals to refuse to pay vehicle registration fees without consequences. The Resolution, therefore, seeks an official position of the City of Los Angeles to oppose AB 516." So, as per the author(s) of this motion, AB 516 is ONLY enabling criminals (scofflaws as written) to flout parking restrictions. That's right. People that have been salivating at the chance to break parking restrictions and have the city waste a tremendous amount of paper on worthless tickets are about to have their day. The reality is that this motion targets VULNERABLE people who face the absurdity of not only being issued multiple tickets, but also having their shelter towed. People, like the previous commenter, Lynn Morgenstein have a child's understanding of the socio-political realities of this city if I read between the lines of what she is stating. They are incredibly myopic in their view and can't imagine helping anyone outside of their communities. With no evidence, they entertain scenarios of "criminals guilty of more serious crimes" who clumsily collect parking tickets or leave their vehicles unaccompanied for more than three days. And Lynn, I hate to break this to you, but the street is already a "home for the homeless"; that is the moral catastrophe that we - You and Me (and yes, Lynn, too) - all face. The motion is a move to take what little the unhoused have. At base, shelter, and to reach a little higher, some dignity in a city that denies them even that.

Communication from Public

Name: NGO Letter re AB 516 Resolution
Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 09:58 PM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50
Comments for Public Posting:

June 10, 2019

Honorable Herb Wesson
Los Angeles City Council President
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring St., Room 430

RE: Council File 19-0002-S50 (Resolution in Opposition to AB 516)

Dear Council President Wesson:

We, the undersigned civil rights, religious and community-based organizations, were disappointed to learn that there is a resolution currently pending before the City Council that would oppose AB 516 (Chiu). Our organizations strongly support AB 516, which will help Californians who are struggling to make ends meet by putting an end to towing practices that disproportionately affect low-income people in our community. Given the positive impact that AB 516 would have on the Los Angeles community, the City Council should support, not oppose, AB 516.

Current state law allows vehicles to be towed when a person's vehicle registration has been expired for more than six months, when a person has five or more unpaid parking tickets, or when a vehicle has been parked in the same location for more than 72 hours. These "poverty tows" are not done for public safety reasons, and the impact is felt primarily by low-income people. AB 516 would eliminate poverty tows, while at the same time preserve other tools the City has at its disposal to address unpaid parking tickets and expired vehicle registration, and to remove abandoned vehicles from neighborhoods.

AB 516 will provide much-needed relief to low-income members of our community, who are particularly vulnerable to the towing practices that would be eliminated by AB 516. As highlighted in a recent report by legal services providers and advocates, "Towed into Debt,"¹ in Los Angeles and throughout California, low-income individuals in Los Angeles and throughout California often cannot afford the high cost of parking tickets, registration fees, or private parking garages. A single unpaid parking ticket, which can prevent them from being able to register their vehicles, or a single mistake of leaving their vehicle in one spot for 72 hours, can leave them susceptible to towing.

If that happens, individuals are subject to cascading fees and fines stemming from the tow. In Los Angeles, getting one's car back after it has been towed costs at least \$287.00, in addition to the payment of all outstanding parking tickets and vehicle registration fees. The longer a car stays at the tow yard, the more it costs to get a car back. After just three days, the cost of a tow can balloon to nearly \$400.00. After two weeks, the cost is almost \$900.00.

¹ "Towed into Debt", March 18, 2019, available at <https://baylegal.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/TowedIntoDebt.pdf>.

With the high cost of living in Los Angeles, many low-income individuals simply cannot afford to retrieve their cars after they are towed. For these individuals, a single tow can put their car out of reach for good. The tow yard then sells these vehicles at a lien sale to cover the cost of the tow and related storage fees and costs. When this happens, everyone loses: the tow yard fails to recoup its costs; Los Angeles never collects the minor debt it sought to collect by ordering the tow; and the individual loses an important asset and method of transportation.

Among the thousands affected by poverty tows each year are:

- Mary, an interior designer who was laid off from her job and struggled to pay the bills. While she was out of work, she received parking tickets she couldn't pay and her car was towed. Mary eventually needed more than \$1,800 to retrieve her car. Because she could not afford this cost, the tow yard sold her car at auction and filed a lien against her for the balance, damaging her credit. Without a vehicle, it became impossible to find a new job, and Mary was forced to declare bankruptcy. Mary remains unemployed and is still without a car needed to do her job.
- Miguel, a Los Angeles resident who survives on public benefits. Miguel is 74 years old, uses a walker, and relies on his wife to care for him. The vehicle registration on Miguel's car lapsed after he was unable to pay the fines from traffic tickets, and the County of Los Angeles placed a hold on the vehicle. While Miguel was at a medical appointment, his car was towed from the county hospital's parking lot. When he could not pay the cost of the parking tickets, registration, towing and storage fees, the vehicle was sold at auction, and he received a \$1,674 deficiency bill from the towing company. Without a car, Miguel has no way to get to his medical appointments or to do any of the other daily chores for which a car is often necessary in Los Angeles.²

As Mary's and Miguel's experiences illustrate, a tow can lead to devastating economic consequences for low-income individuals. In Los Angeles alone, nearly 3.9 million people rely on private vehicles to get to work, and more than half of all school children rely on private vehicles to get to school. Having a vehicle towed is disruptive to every Californian. The loss of a vehicle can lead to the loss of a job, which can in turn lead to the loss of a home. This is particularly true here in Los Angeles, where far too many of our residents are living on a razor's edge, and a single financial hardship can push them into homelessness.

Over the past few years, Los Angeles has created programs to assist low-income people who incur parking tickets. But while programs like the Community Assistance Parking Program (CAPP) and parking ticket payment plans may be helpful to some Angelenos, they do not eliminate the harm caused by these poverty tows. CAPP is available only to people who are homeless and, therefore, does not help the millions of low-income residents who are currently

² *Id.* at 6.

housed but are struggling to make ends' meet. Similarly, LA DOT offers limited payment plan options, but enrollment caps and onerous payment schedules make them inaccessible to most residents who need it the most. Even with these programs, the number of tows and lien sales in Los Angeles has increased every year for the past four years.

AB 516 represents the state's latest effort to eliminate unfair and counterproductive traffic enforcement practices that contribute to a cycle of poverty for low-income residents. In 2017, the Legislature enacted AB 103, which eliminated driver's license suspensions for failure to pay traffic fines and fees. Likewise, in 2017, the Judicial Council announced a series of reforms to traffic court rules to help ensure that fines and fees are set in accordance with a person's ability to pay them. AB 516 presents the next critical reform to eliminate traffic enforcement practices that serve no public safety purpose and merely punish residents for their poverty.

Far too many Angelenos are struggling financially. Losing a vehicle because of an unpaid parking ticket or leaving a car in one place for too long can easily start a ripple effect that leads to homelessness. Given the current housing crisis in Los Angeles, we should be doing everything we can to prevent homelessness. One simple and sensible step is to reserve towing for those instances in which it is necessary for the public good. The poverty tows eliminated by AB 516 simply do not meet this standard. Therefore, the below-signed groups strongly support AB 516 and the effort to eliminate poverty tows. We encourage you to support, not oppose the bill.

Sincerely,

ACLU of Southern California
Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE)
Asians Americans Advancing Justice-Los Angeles
Central American Resource Center (CARECEN)
Coalition of Humane Immigrants' Rights Los Angeles (CHIRLA)
Homeboy Industries
Let's Get Free L.A. Coalition
Public Counsel
National Immigration Law Center
UCLA Labor Center
Western Center on Law and Poverty
Youth Justice Center

CC: City Council File 19-0002-S50

Communication from Public

Name: Matt Landish

Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 10:03 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I am shocked to hear that some members of the council are seeking to limit the LAPD's authority to remove RVs and cars from our street that are in clear violation of the law. I live near the Van Nuys airport and this is a huge problem for our area for the following reasons: 1 - Parking large vehicles like RVs - especially those in the valley that are towed around and dumped - so close to active runways represents a clear safety hazard to the airport, businesses and residences around the area. RVs, especially the kind that cannot move under their own power, are fire and explosion hazards that we do not want anywhere near any of these places for obvious safety reasons. 2 - Abandoned vehicles - for the same reasons listed above, these vehicles are suspicious, often have no license plates or expired registration, and simply invite crime to find them. While I understand the logistics of towing and storing them off-street or in impound can be a burden on the city, this is why we as residents pay taxes. This is a matter of public safety and my hope is that funds be allocated to cover the costs. I urge the council to consider the consequences and resource constraints that await if these vehicles are left to sit and rot on our public streets.

Communication from Public

Name: Darren Hallihan
Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 08:08 AM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50
Comments for Public Posting: This bill is not good for the city. As we already face an overtaxed road system and poor public transportation options how will letting more building in areas that don't need it help Los Angeles? As a taxpayer I strongly oppose this and hope the city will too.

Communication from Public

Name: Vanessa May

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 08:10 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I support the LA City Council Resolution for Council File 19-0002-S50 which opposes CA AB516. Law enforcement must be allowed to enforce the ordinances, laws and restrictions regarding the parking of RVs, motor homes and other vehicles on PUBLIC streets. These ordinances, laws and restrictions are in place to protect the public from the problems known to be caused by improper human waste disposal; unsanitary conditions; obstructing public right of ways; and the leakage of hazardous vehicle fluids onto streets and into our sewer system. De jure restrictions regarding vehicle parking on public streets must continue because, in order to implement equity, less affluent and/or less politically protected areas must have legal recourse to defend themselves from the harms caused by unrestricted parking on their public streets. In more affluent and/or more politically influential areas, such parking restrictions will be enforced de facto. Thus, creating situations where people will park their vehicles in areas that lack the socioeconomic wherewithal to stop them from doing so. To fairly protect ALL residents; these parking ordinances, laws and restrictions must remain in force. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Communication from Public

Name: Taiji Miyagawa
Date Submitted: 06/10/2019 10:35 PM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50
Comments for Public Posting: I would like each Council member to address this question: How does taking cars away from un-housed people and forcing them to sleep on the naked pavement reverse the trend of rising homelessness?

Communication from Public

Name: S. Viola
Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 01:42 AM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50
Comments for Public Posting: NO VOTE - AB 516 Our city is getting out of control with homelessness and crime. IF we continue to allow this lawlessness because we are "afraid" of offending these offenders then we are cowards! We cannot allow this chaos to continue - our children are seeing naked men poop in our streets. This is insane.

Communication from Public

Name: KIRA DURBIN
Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 02:21 AM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I am absolutely opposed to AB 516 which would over-ride local ordinances in terms of parking and towing. Local city public officials must absolutely retain the rights to represent their residents. We the residents of Sherman Oaks CA (Assembly member Nazarian rep) absolutely oppose legislation that would allow our RESIDENTIAL streets to be turned into camper sites and basically parking lots. Parking is so often difficult in busy areas and we need these ordinances to keep cars moving -- not parked in one spot forever. NO ON AB516 !! Thank you, Kira Durbin.

Communication from Public

Name: David Hyman

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 05:32 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Regarding the LAPD's ability to tow RV vehicles is extremely important to the safety and security to those who pay to use public utilities and taxes. I understand the hardships many people have these days but where I live there are break-ins to people's homes and cars almost everyday and it is almost exclusively coming from people hiding out in RVs parked illegally right across the street. Please dont pass this bill.

Communication from Public

Name: Ryan Levey

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 06:26 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Good morning Council Members, I am a resident of Encino and I strongly oppose AB 516. If passed, this measure will severely impact our communities. Restricting Law Enforcement and authorized staff from removing abandoned vehicles, problematic RV's, etc, will affect the safety and quality of life for law-abiding, tax-paying, local residents. This city is a mess and we need to begin to take measures to clean it up and IMPROVE it, not make it worse, which this bill will do if passed. I urge you to vote no on this bill.

Communication from Public

Name: Shannon McLaughlin

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 06:30 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I am against the RV Parking Bill. Abandoned vehicles and problem RV should be removed and the no overnight parking signs should remain up on streets. Please vote for your constituents not Against them!

Communication from Public

Name: Brandon Panaligan

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 06:38 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: We have to stop allowing our city streets turning into encampments. Please give the authorities more power to enforce parking violations and remove vehicles from city streets. Instead, create more safe parking zones in abandoned lots instead and build more transitional and low-income housing. The solution begins and ends with more development with less onerous regulation.

Communication from Public

Name: Ms. Andrea Young

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 06:42 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I understand there is a hearing taking place this morning to discuss AB 516. I must implore you to retain law enforcement's ability to remove vehicles that are in both in violation of parking regulations, and to restrict oversized vehicles from parking on general city streets. There has been an unmanageable increase of activity involving RVs and vehicle that are either being in or abandoned. Already the law enforcement has incurred restrictions with the time frame to tow these vehicles, AB 516 will further exacerbate the problems of wayward individuals, crime, and general plight in otherwise safe neighborhoods. The oversized vehicles that have increased parking our city streets make it unsafe to navigate the streets by those drivers who utilize them for travel. Recreational vehicles were never meant to be auxiliary housing on the city streets. Please do not make the situation easier for Non-taxpayers to encroach on the law-abiding citizens of the city. Do NOT consider the adoption of AB 516. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 06:43 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Tow abandoned vehicles and non moving vehicles. We should protect our neighbors and neighborhoods.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 06:46 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: You're really going to let the fake Councilman fire off more shots (perhaps even literally) at unhoused Angelenos on his less-than-a-year orbit through the council? His lackey Englander was openly hostile towards unhoused people; he had the worst record on bridge housing on the council - a genuine feat. If you Google Lee, Smith's lackey's lackey, one of the only articles you'll find about him from his time as chief aide in CD12 is about how he's (oh wow can you even believe it) going to tow & ticket cars people are living in. I wonder how many people Lee towed who were displaced by Aliso Canyon. After a state legislative session where a Senator FROM LA sidelined SB50 - a bill you all opposed without signal boosting or providing any alternative - you are going out of your way to attack your own constituents from both directions during this housing crisis. And for Buscaino to second this? He has been whining in the news that his dramatic increase in homelessness in his district is OTHER cities' fault for literally forcing people into his district. Is this resolution his way of making sure he gets to do the thing he said is bad, too? Stop embarrassing yourselves councilmembers. You have over 900 examples from just last year of what happens when people are forced to sleep outside that you're ignoring. NO to Council Res/SUPPORT AB516

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 06:46 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Please review and formally oppose AB 516 because the restrictions proposed in AB 516 seek to limit current authority of local law enforcement to have vehicles removed from the public-right-of-way and impounded under specific circumstances: vehicles that have five or more unpaid parking citations, registration that is six months or more out of date, or have been left on a public street for over 72 hours without being moved. We agree that imposing these restrictions would remove a critical law enforcement tool

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 07:19 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: We need to stop these “Junk on Wheels” from parking in our community. It is one of many reasons our community is dying. It is a welcoming mat to the destruction of the life we’ve worked hard for. We are at the mercy and terrorized by the transient/mentally ill/drug addicted/violent and criminal element of the homeless population. We’ve lost our once peaceful, SAFE and prosperous community. Property is being destroyed and our public resources are overrun. Businesses are failing because we don’t feel safe. Our health is in jeopardy because of filth, feces and drug paraphernalia. I’m afraid to leave my home. I’m afraid to go out into MY community. I’M AFRAID AND FEEL THREATENED ALL THE TIME.

Communication from Public

Name: Kristina Zitkovich

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 07:25 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: The last few years, I can no longer walk to my local market because of the transient drug addicts that are living on the streets. The vans, motorhomes, sidewalks... On certain days I would play the 'I see the orange needle cap, will I find a needle close by??' You can walk by a motorhome and smell either that old urine smell, or sometimes a toxic smell that means they might be cooking drugs. I am afraid. My daughter is afraid. This is ruining our community.

Communication from Public

Name: Hope
Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 07:29 AM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I am very concerned about AB516. If illegally parked vehicles will no longer be ticketed or towed how do we handle a vehicle blocking a driveway, a vehicle in a handicapped parking spot, or a transient parked in front of our home? I understand the city has limited funding and no real place to store the RVs that seem to have taken over the West Valley, and getting a ticket paid will be next to impossible, but there needs to be a better way to respond to lawlessness than to give in. This also cultivates "us vs. them" attitudes because the law-abiding citizens (who also vote) know that if we park illegally, we will be cited or towed, and yet those living outside the law continue to get by with no repercussions. Our officers are trying hard to protect the citizens, but they, unfortunately, end up protecting the criminals due to the laws in our area. This one seems minor, it's "just a parked vehicle", but it is just one more thing that encroaches on our rights to live in a safe environment. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Vanessa May

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 07:30 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I support the LA City Council Resolution for Council File 19-0002-S50 which opposes CA AB516. Law enforcement must be allowed to enforce the ordinances, laws and restrictions regarding the parking of RVs, motor homes and other vehicles on PUBLIC streets. These ordinances, laws and restrictions are in place to protect the public from the problems known to be caused by improper human waste disposal; unsanitary conditions; obstructing public right of ways; and the leakage of hazardous vehicle fluids onto streets and into our sewer system. De jure restrictions regarding vehicle parking on public streets must continue because, in order to implement equity, less affluent and/or less politically protected areas must have legal recourse to defend themselves from the harms caused by unrestricted parking on their public streets. In more affluent and/or more politically influential areas, such parking restrictions will be enforced de facto. Thus, creating situations where people will park their vehicles in areas that lack the socioeconomic wherewithal to stop them from doing so. To fairly protect ALL residents; these parking ordinances, laws and restrictions must remain in force. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Communication from Public

Name: Adriane Hoff

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 07:31 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: This only further punishes people financially who already have nothing. Without their vehicle, people will be forced onto the streets without any form of shelter.

Communication from Public

Name: Kathryn Magallanes
Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 07:38 AM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I have been dealing with RV's where my husband works at Nordhoff/Mason area. After a year of pleading with the police and the local powers that be, when the no parking signs were posted with no parking from 10 pm - 5 am, there were 50 RV's parked on one block!! There were drugs been used & sold, prostitution and illegal dumping of their waste into sewer systems of the commercial buildings. On this one block, there were dozens of break-ins to taxpaying businesses on this block. I was scared to even get out of my vehicle. Some of these people were intentionally trying to get cars in the area to hit them so they could file a claim - FRAUD! This cannot continue. Please explain why the homeless get more rights than taxpaying citizens of this state. Businesses are getting hurt and if the city does not keep this bill going and RVs being able to park in residential areas, especially, when property values go down and the city/state starts to lose revenue, then what? The plight of the homeless is an area that needs to be addressed with common sense which has not been the case but please be aware that these people living in the RVs do not help their cause by their actions. People are fed up and since you are paid by the taxpayers to represent them, I think its time that the council start to accomplish this.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 07:42 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I DISAGREE WITH THE NOTION ALLOWING INDIVIDUALS PARKING THEIR MOTOR HOMES ON THE STREET IT WILL BE A SECURITY ISSUE AND THE POLICE CAN NOT DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

Communication from Public

Name: Any Tosounian
Date Submitted: 06/11/2019 08:03 AM
Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Officials This is a matter of life and death if this bill passes it is detrimental to businesses and to the entire community throughout the City of LA. We have been fighting this issue for the past 2 years. We are a business in the city of Chatsworth. We are trying to not only thrive by providing a safe and quality work environment for our employees. It has been one challenge after another in dealing with the mobile homeless shelter and the RV parking situation. It is a serious matter and I can not stress enough. We have worked and continue to work with the LAPD and the local City councilman's office. The signs have been posted on our streets which has been somewhat a relief for us. And NOW you are trying to take away this for what to turn our city into a hazard zone and unsightly image. There are lots of empty land space in areas away from the city such as Palmdale or Lancaster or the desert, why not ask them to migrate there. Don't we have any level of responsibility in making our city beautiful, peaceful and safe for all? They park and litter the entire street, they carry illegal activities, they make everyone unsafe, they attack passers-by, they take over the sidewalks, it is an embarrassment for operating any type of business. WE would gladly offer them jobs here at our facility, Our boss is a huge advocate in helping those that are down and in need, but do they want any help, does any of them knock on our door and ask for a chance of rebuilding their lives, absolutely not. Our streets in Los Angeles and the surrounding areas has become such an embarrassment that we can not even take any visitor for sightseeing and you are trying to magnify the situation. what would be the benefit of passing this bill. Who in their right mind thinks that this would help the community or even serve the homeless situation. It is an epidemic and there should be a better solution than just allowing them to take over our streets and our lives. They are human beings and my heart does go out to them, but they have a choice of bettering themselves and there are shelters for them to occupy but just because they have to comply to certain standards does not mean that we lower our standards to make them comfortable. Please please listen to us and do not pass this bill. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Tujunga, CA voter

Date Submitted: 05/10/2019 02:12 PM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Committee Members, After reading through the Chief Legislative Analyst Report I support CF#19-0002-S50 which opposes AB 516. The restrictions proposed by AB 516 remove a needed tool that is vital to law enforcement in order to help keep our neighborhoods safe. Since many of us are the very taxpaying voters who elect our officials to represent and protect us and our families and businesses, I strongly encourage you to support CF#19-0002-S50. There are many existing programs to help the homeless in California that make AB 516 an unnecessary and inefficient solution that will adversely impact our neighborhoods. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Daniel Mark Smith

Date Submitted: 06/20/2019 09:54 AM

Council File No: 19-0002-S50

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly object to the passage of this bill. It is the wrong answer to the issues of affordable housing and the blight of homelessness. The homeless problem and issues around affordable housing issues are being created by the policies of this City and State, which tolerate and encourage the homeless creating health and safety issues for the law abiding, hard working taxpayers that are residents. The reality is that people need to live in a place where they can afford a reasonable standard of living. Living in the most expensive places in the Country is not a "right" and the desire to do so does not obligate others to accept the choice of living on our streets. This State has an obligation to protect the law abiding, tax paying citizens. These vehicles present a huge public safety hazard and a blight on our communities. We are already dealing with vehicle dwellers creating quality of life issues all over our area. Creating legislation that prevents law enforcement from enforcing our laws is wrong. Allowing vehicle dwellers to park anywhere in the City with no ability to have inoperative junk vehicles with unknown often dangerous inhabitants, is unacceptable. Los Angeles already looks like a mad max type of nightmare. This legislation will only increase this problem exponentially and invite dwellers from all over the Country to come and take advantage of the weaknesses in our current laws and the many social programs offered by the City and State. This legislation would only further expand the devastating results we have experienced from the passage of AB109 and Props 47 and 57. Making California a lawless society where people can abuse the system with no consequences has ruined the quality of life for so many. Tolerating these behaviors also dilutes those that truly want to get on their feet in a sea of drug addicted, mentally ill homeless that do not want to take responsibility of conforming to decent standards of living. I hope you have examined the numbers of middle class families fleeing California in record numbers. We are quickly reaching a tipping point where those left will not be willing and/or able to sustain the social policies being foisted upon us. Please do not pass a bill that will further erode our communities and quality of life.