

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.

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Name: Katie Barsotti

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

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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!

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Name: Paul Joseph

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

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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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Name: Ms. Andrea Young

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

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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: Adriane Hoff

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

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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.

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Name:

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

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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.

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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."

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Name: Joanna ladwig

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

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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: Melinda Garber

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Name: Christopher Homandberg

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

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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: 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.

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Name: Cara Fisher

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

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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.

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Name: Lloyd Pilch

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

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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: Lisa Gilford

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

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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.