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Summary: The Los Feliz Neighborhood Council (LFNC) urges city council to completely reform the piecemeal, punitive system of spot bans on overnight parking of oversized vehicles on certain streets. Such spot bans contribute to the criminalization of homelessness and represent poor transportation policy. In LA, over 4,000 people with nowhere else to turn use camper and recreational vehicles as shelter. Subjecting them to citations and towing drives these Angelenos further into poverty, in turn making it more difficult for them to be housed. Of course, there are places where large vehicles create a safety risk to street users, and the City should take appropriate action to reduce such danger. However, the current system fails to do that. Instead of a coherent, citywide policy on the types and widths of streets with parking restrictions, spot bans on oversized vehicles are instead adopted on a patchwork basis, with a vote on each set of streets. This system privileges those with the connections to ask for one. Demonstrating their lack of grounding in actual traffic safety considerations, these restrictions only apply at the least busy time of day for traffic. We also note that even without overnight RV bans, the general restriction on any vehicle parking for over 72 hours remains on the books. In a 2018 memo, LADOT rightly identified many flaws in the current system, calling it a “piecemeal approach [that] creates a large backlog” and incurs “significant cost to the City for manufacturing and posting the signs.” Current practice merely pushes unhoused people around: “Once oversize parking restrictions are posted, oversize vehicles often move a few blocks away or to another street.” The LFNC asks the City Council to adopt a coherent parking policy actually rooted in traffic safety—one which does not penalize unhoused Angelenos.