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Summary: STNC supports Council File

For the following reasons, please work proactively to prohibit passage of Assembly Bill 516 or, at the very least, prevent its applying to the City and County of Los Angeles. Although well intended, it afflicts unforeseen negative consequences on law-abiding residents, the homeless, and every governmental treasury. It is too vast and sweeping. Smaller measures will work.

AB-516, which recently passed the California Assembly will prevent—statewide—law enforcement officers (LEOs) from using tows and impounds to police (a.) scofflaw parking violators, (b.) overnight vehicle sleeping and (c.) DMV registration dodgers.

AB-516 "deletes" (the bill's exact word) every LEO's ability to impound or "boot" any vehicle for the three most common reasons used against nuisance vehicles:

1. Parked more than 72 hours in same location
2. Registration outdated more than 6 months
3. More than five parking violations

Today these three laws help LEOs prevent crime by using them to impound vehicles of serious criminals, thus impeding their reach and mobility. Overnight sleepers are often towed under one of these laws. LEOs have many ways to tow vehicles, but LAPD officers tell us the above three laws underlie 85% to 99% of their tows of nuisance vehicles.

If AB-516 becomes law, scofflaw people and businesses will exploit their new freedom from consequence to park for weeks in neighborhoods where they will clog roadways, bike lanes and alleys, and delay emergency vehicles. They can ignore mounting citations for *serious* parking violations like blocking driveways, bus and school zones, double-parking, etc. California's tactic of levying these fines against income tax is powerless because such scofflaws don't file a 540.

If AB-516 passes:

- Every California municipality's parking violation revenue will plummet, as there will be no consequences for ignoring fines
- DMV registration revenues will drop. (Why register if LEOs can't tow or boot you?)
- Loss of payroll, property and sales tax revenues as yet more upper- and middle-income earners flee California
- Trouble-free vehicle sleeping discourages transients from seeking housing and drug programs
- Highly impacted residential parking difficulties will worsen further
- Outbreaks of Downtown's highly contagious rat- and flea-borne diseases in residential neighborhoods (e.g., typhus, typhoid, skin-devouring MRSA)
- Crime will rise as career criminals retain vehicles that can't be towed
- Residential crime will rise as transients explore communities where they now park
- Residents will be intimidated from walking their communities due to overnight sleepers
- Vigilantism may rise when LEOs can't safeguard every neighborhood
- Greater influx of homeless seeking California's permissive laws
- Widespread drops in property values
- Political backlash at the voting booth

Sincerely,

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