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- COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

Assembly Bill: [1685](#)

Title: Vehicles: Parking Violations

Position: Support

Council File: [22-0002-S78](#)

Title: AB 1685 (Bryan) / Parking Ticket Relief Program / Homeless Persons

Position: Support

Summary:

The North Westwood Neighborhood Council (NWWNC) calls for relief from cycles of fines to those who have no other place to shelter but their vehicles. NWWNC therefore asks the legislature and our state legislators to approve AB 1685 and asks the City Council to advocate for it.

Without other options, many unhoused Angelenos live in their automobiles. For those who incur parking tickets because of this, the spiral of fines (and penalties for late payment) impose a significant financial burden on those who can least afford it. This in turn can deepen cycles of homelessness and poverty. Excessive parking fines further punish those without a stable roof over their heads. Parking tickets can also escalate to court summons, towing or impoundment, license suspension, and other legal consequences.

AB 1685 would mandate that the City of Los Angeles and other jurisdictions and parking enforcement agencies forgive \$1,500 in parking fines annually for people experiencing homelessness, without further qualifications. This is a necessary and welcome step to help vulnerable Angelenos. This fine forgiveness will cost the City little—given the frequent inability of those affected to pay—but will help make a more just and more productive transportation code.

NWWNC supports strong parking and curb management that keeps our streets safe and that recognizes the social costs and value of parking. But punitive fines for unhoused individuals do not fit into—and in fact hinder—a fair, efficient parking management scheme.

NWWNC urges support for and passage of AB 1685 without delay.

CC: California State Senator Ben Allen

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Submitted also as a California Legislature position letter in support of AB 1685