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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(9) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Council File Number: 22-0002-S78

Agenda Date: 06/13/2022

Item Number: 5.i.i

Summary: The Mid City Neighborhood Council (MINC) calls for relief from the cycles of fines imposed upon those who have no other place to shelter but their vehicles. MINC therefore asks our state legislators to approve AB 1685 with one amendment and further appeals to LA 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 jurisdictions and parking enforcement agencies forgive \$1,500 in parking fines annually for people experiencing homelessness. 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. However, we also recognize that the City of Los Angeles has an existing program called the Community Assistance Parking Program (“CAPP”), which already forgives parking fines AND uses the interaction as an attempt to provide services to homeless people. Therefore, we would like the bill to be amended to grandfather in and/or otherwise incorporate the City of Los Angeles’ existing program. Mid City NC urges support for and passage of AB 1685 with the above amendment.

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**RE: AB 1685 (Bryan) / Parking Ticket Relief Program / Homeless Persons
CF 22-0002-S78**

June 13, 2022

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,
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