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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(7) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 07/19/2022

Type of NC Board Action: For

#### Impact Information

Date: 08/05/2022

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Council File Number: 22-0002-S81

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The Rampart Village Neighborhood Council (RVNC) calls for an end to biased, anti-pedestrian laws against safe mid-block crossings. The RVNC therefore asks the City of Los Angeles to promptly pass Council File 22-0002-S81, and ask the State Assembly to approve AB-2147, the Freedom to Walk Act. AB-2147 would end the outdated ban on jaywalking when pedestrians are making safe crossings. This change would bring California into line with much of the rest of the world, where commonsense crossing rules apply. Streets are not made safer by attempting to engineer pedestrian movements as if pedestrians were cars. In fact, the unsafe design of many intersections in Los Angeles leaves some midblock crossings as a safe or safer option. Additionally, jaywalking enforcement is often arbitrary and skewed along racial and economic lines. Fines for jaywalking can cost more than a parking ticket, even before figuring in extra penalties and insurance rate-hikes that low-income Californians may face. Decriminalizing safe, ordinary pedestrian behavior will also reduce unnecessary and pretextual interactions between police and pedestrians. The Freedom to Walk Act is an important step towards implementing a more equitable transportation system for all. Jaywalking laws were originally imposed to give automobiles more of the street space that was once safely shared. We call for a restoration of fair pedestrian rights and an end to the criminalization and targeting of normal, safe, and common travel behavior. The RVNC urges support for and passage of AB-2147 without delay.



## Community Impact Statement Council File No. 22-0002-S81

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July 19, 2022

**Title: Vehicles: Pedestrians**

**Re: AB 2147 (Friedman-Ting) / Freedom to Walk Act / Decriminalize Jaywalking**

**Position: SUPPORT**

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In service,

Rampart Village Neighborhood Council

PRESENTED BY: Lara Morrison  
SECONDED BY: Quazi Huda  
YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 3 INELIGIBLE: 0  
ON THIS DATE: July 19, 2022