

**RESOLUTION TO PRIORITIZE TOWING OF RVs AND CAMPERS NEAR RESIDENCES, SCHOOLS, CHILD CARE CENTERS, PARKS, POST OFFICES, LIBRARIES AND SENIOR CENTERS (PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION 3-1-0)**

a. Item description: Whereas, Venice is currently the unwanted host to over 100 RVs, campers and vans used as dwellings; and Whereas, many of these vehicles have been parking in the same location, within several feet of residences, for months, in some instances for years; and Whereas, the city of Los Angeles has unconscionably established a regulatory straitjacket for itself that unnecessarily limits its ability to enforce many existing parking regulations, including the Venice-specific “No Oversize Vehicles 2-6AM” ordinance (OVO), the 72-hour rule requiring all vehicles parked on city streets to move after this period, and the requirement to move on days of street sweeping, and Whereas, this city policy straitjacket:

- i. Puts a priority on citing and towing vehicles that create traffic hazards, environmental or public health hazards (read: obviously leaking sewage to the street), obstruct city services, and/or are inoperable or unregistered.\*
- ii. While it established (though not by ordinance) a lengthy internal city process of engagement and attempts at voluntary compliance, which accepts and enables continued vehicle dwelling in the city of Los Angeles, while all the cities and county incorporated territory near Venice completely ban vehicles over 7 or 8 feet tall at night on city streets (without a city permit) and enforce all their parking ordinances.
- iii. And ignores the serious burden placed on residents by the policy, which allows for occupied vehicles to remain within feet of residents and significant spaces and facilities used by the public for years at a time, robbing residents and their guests of street parking, while also permitting ceaseless accumulation of trash, bikes and bike “chop shops,” and food waste, discharge of human sewage to gutters, the storm drain system and Venice beach waters, and frequent late-night noise, preventing residents’ “quiet enjoyment of their homes;” and Whereas, these policies were requested and put in place by former city councilmember Mike Bonin in his capacity as chair of the city council’s Parking and Transportation Committee; and Whereas, the voters of Council District 11, which includes Venice, elected Traci Park as councilmember specifically to reverse the misguided policies of Mr. Bonin, especially in the city’s approach to public safety, homeless encampments and resident quality-of-life; and, Whereas, during the pandemic, the city enforced none of the parking regulations cited above, and saw a steep increase in the number of vehicles used as dwellings, which was not mirrored in nearby cities, and the city allowed its contracted ability to tow and store and dismantle oversize vehicles to atrophy and has proved incompetent at increasing these capabilities over the time since the pandemic emergency order was repealed; See attached link for CD11 current council motion regarding Oversize Vehicle Parking Restrictions: [https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2023/23-0914\\_misc\\_08-29-23.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2023/23-0914_misc_08-29-23.pdf) b. Public Comment: c. Committee discussion:

Motion: Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon councilmember Traci Park to immediately introduce a Motion to establish, at least in CD 11, that the city prioritize citing and towing of all vehicles violating any of the three regulations above – OVO, 72 hour rule, street sweeping – parked on city streets within 75 feet of a residentially-occupied structure, a school, a child care center, park, library, post office, or senior center, regardless of whether they are used as dwellings or not. Upon passage this Resolution shall be

transmitted to the Council District 11 councilmember. \*CF- 21-0956, Adopted 4/06/22, in pertinent part: The LADOT is committed to ensuring the health and safety of our public streets and roadways while connecting unhoused Angelinos with critical support services. Vehicles that create traffic hazards, environmental or public health hazards, obstruct City services, and/or are inoperable or unregistered will be subject to citation and tow. If a vehicle that shows evidence of active living meets any of these criteria, LADOT traffic officers will first seek willing compliance with the posted regulations and all applicable City ordinances. If an officer encounters an illegally-parked, occupied vehicle clearly used as a dwelling, he or she will first request that the vehicle occupant(s) move their vehicle and direct people to move to a location where they may legally park. If the motorist refuses to move their vehicle, the officer will provide a report to UHRC and LAHSA staff. These homeless services partners will work with other relevant City Departments, such as the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS), and other homeless services agencies to respond to the location and offer supportive services. If an officer cannot achieve compliance and notifies UHRC or LAHSA, LADOT will consider vehicles outlined below eligible for citation, relocation, or removal. Prioritizing these locations will help inform outreach to the unhoused community. After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the LADOT report, as amended, and detailed in the above.