



Councilmember Jeannine Pearce

October 11, 2016

Honorable Mayor Robert Garcia and Members Of The City Council
City of Long Beach

RECOMMENDATION:

Request City Manager to draft a report on the feasibility of implementing a "Safe Parking" program such as those found in the cities of Santa Barbara and Monterey Bay that would (1) move people who reside in their cars off the street and into safe spaces (2) That those locations would provide basic essential services (3) connect these individuals with programs that will work to move them into permanent housing.

Items for the report to include:

- Review of best practices from other cities
- Potential locations that have both parking spaces and services (Multi-service center, Churches, etc)
- Identify the basic essential services that would need to be provided at locations
- Number of potential parking spots
- Provide 1-3 program options including their time to implement and their costs

DISCUSSION:

Recent actions from the City Council to restrict the parking of RVs and oversized vehicles in Long Beach residential neighborhoods and commercial corridors to address traffic safety raised concerns about potentially criminalizing homelessness as a side effect of the restrictions.

According to the Department of Health and Human Services, 231 people are currently living in their vehicles in Long Beach. Legal scrutiny placed on previous RV restriction and anti-camping ordinances in other cities such as Los Angeles and Santa Cruz have demonstrated the issues that can arise when the intent of such ordinances are both 1) traffic safety and 2) ban vehicular living/removing transient individuals from public space. This is particularly true when such ordinances are enforced without providing adequate alternative locations for these individuals to sleep, as is the case in Long Beach.

Given residents' rising concern around homelessness and the city's recent emphasis on addressing our transient population in a compassionate and effective manner, the purpose of a "Safe Parking" program is to 1) address the public safety and health concerns surrounding transient individuals residing in their RVs or other vehicles in neighborhoods and along commercial corridors and 2) to provide these individuals with a safe place to sleep with basic essential services 3) connecting these individuals to wraparound services and a path to permanent housing.

Cities such as Santa Barbara, Ventura, Seattle, Monterey Bay, and San Diego have implemented successful safe parking initiatives. These cities provide lots where homeless individuals can park their RV, oversized vehicle, or car and receive services provided to them from nonprofit organizations. As of May 2016, the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority is currently studying where to create a pilot program that could include safe parking.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There should be minimal fiscal impact as a result of this report. It is anticipated that this report can be generated internally, without the need for any new staff or consultants.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,



Councilmember Jeannine Pearce
Councilmember Dee Andrews
Councilwoman Suzie Price
Councilmember Roberto Uranga



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REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

Date: *October 6, 2016*
To: Maria De La Luz Garcia, City Clerk
From: *Councilmember Jeannine Pearce*
Subject: Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Agenda of *October 11, 2016*

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon) be placed on the City Council agenda under New Business via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

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Attachment: Staff Report dated *October 11,*

CC: Office of the Mayor