

# No More Parking for the Poor on Coral Street!?

Without notice to or input from the Unhoused Community, the Public Works Department is planning to require permits for all parking on Coral Street, Limekiln Street, and Fern Street and ban all non-permit parking. **Strangely enough, Marlin Granlund of the Public Works Parking Authority, has written that the *Homeless (Rapidly Diminishing) Services Center* has “already indicated that they want the program instituted. We are working with them on that.”**

Currently there are already severe restrictions limiting parking during the day and banning it after midnight on those streets.

This will significantly impact poor, unhoused and disabled individuals using the services of the Paul Lee Loft, the Page Smith Community House, the Rebele Family Shelter, the Homeless Persons Health Project, the River St. Shelter, and the Homeless Services Center [HSC]. It is clearly directed against folks using these services or living in this area. And affects all poor people with vehicles.

No documentation was provided. No public hearing held. Granlund claims his Public Works Department will proceed unless 2/3 of the property owners or renters object. He plans no hearing before the Public Works Commission. This “No Parking 24 Hours Without A Permit” ban seems present nowhere else in Santa Cruz—apparently especially to repel for the homeless community.

**Has HSC boss Janaan Thomas polled the homeless clients?  
How can a handful of businesses outweigh the needs  
and rights of hundreds of unhoused folks?**

**JOIN US 3 pm TUESDAY MAY 5th**

**115 Coral Street**

**Coffee & brownies at Cafe HUFF as we gather  
signatures opposing the proposed Parking Ban.**

We will also be collecting information on the **flood of Sleeping, Blanket, and Camping tickets** being issued, whether the ***Homeless (Lack of) Services Center [HLOSC]*** and ***River St. Mini-Shelter*** is issuing documentation for those on its waiting lists so that police and rangers can be encouraged not to harass, cite, and issue stay-away orders.

Under MC 6.36.055, ticketing is already illegal, but police continue to do so. The ***HLOSC*** has not discouraged this bad police practice. It could by regularly issuing receipts for those who have signed up are on the waiting lists.

In addition we will be investigating concerns that the ***HLOSC*** is refusing to put in badly needed **storage lockers**, created a **jail-like atmosphere** at the center, and is ignoring other problems.