

**Re: Appeal No. A-3-STC-16-0063 (Overnight RV Parking Restrictions, Santa Cruz)**

California Coastal Commissioners and Staff,

I support the appeal and strongly recommend scheduling a full de novo hearing.

The Santa Cruz city ordinance removing oversized vehicles (RVs) from midnight to 5am is over-reaching and provides no mitigation for the coastal residents it intentionally removes.

The Coastal Act was not created as an approval tool to be used by wealthy communities to remove the poorest people from the coastal zone. In fact, equal access to the coast is written into the Coastal Act and it must be protected.

- **Section 30210:** In carrying out the requirement of Section 4 of Article X of the California Constitution, maximum access, which shall be conspicuously posted, and recreational opportunities shall be provided for all the people consistent with public safety needs and the need to protect public rights, rights of private property owners, and natural resource areas from overuse.
- **Section 30212.5:** Wherever appropriate and feasible, public facilities, including parking areas or facilities, shall be distributed throughout an area so as to mitigate against the impacts, social and otherwise, of overcrowding or overuse by the public of any single area.

As a third generation Venice resident, I happen to know that creating laws, such as the oversized vehicle law, specifically used to remove homeless people and used to make the coast exclusive for high income populations, is a common tactic.

I would like to correct some misinformation I read in your staff letters regarding Venice:

- The City of Los Angeles created an oversized vehicles ordinance, LAMC 80.69.4, which is far less sweeping than the one proposed in Santa Cruz. The Los Angeles oversized ordinance requires majority consent from a block prior to signs being installed. Plus it is in effect from 2-6am.
- The City of Los Angeles moved forward with this unfortunate measure to remove vehicle housed people in Venice after the California Coastal Commission denied the Overnight Permit Parking (OPD), LAMC 80.54, CDP for the Venice Coastal Zone. (Please see Coastal Commission Agenda June 2009, June 2010, and June 2013 Venice OPDs)
- The City of Los Angeles has not provided one legal parking space for a vehicle housed homeless person or family. NOT ONE SPACE TO DATE - NOT ONE SPACE. This is despite a persistent and growing crisis of homelessness.

The City of Los Angeles is a blatant Coastal Act violator regarding the current Venice beach curfew and it absolutely should not be used as an example for any Coastal Commission

approvals. Especially not used as a sample to replicate the shameless heartless way it has used law enforcement as the primary tool dealing with homelessness.

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