



SAFE PARKING



Homelessness in Vehicles Has Increased

- The Point-in-Time Count
 - 2017 There Were 300 People Living in Their Vehicles
 - 2019 There Were 484 People Living in Their Vehicles
 - This is a 62% Increase Over Two Years
 - This Number Includes Youth, Seniors, Veterans, Families, and Individuals

The State May Mandate Programs

- Currently There Are Two Bills on This Subject
 - AB 302 Mandates a Safe Parking Program at Community Colleges
 - AB 891 Mandates That All Cities with a Population Over 330,000 Implement a Safe Parking Program
 - AB 891 Currently Does Not Mandate Case Management Services

Research and Site Visits

- Safe Parking Programs From Throughout California Were Reviewed with Site Visits to Programs in San Diego and San Jose
- Discussions with Non-Profit Sponsors, Program Operators and Government Agencies Preceded the Site Visits
- Safe Parking Programs for Families and Individuals Were Reviewed and Visited
- Site visits Included an Established Program and Program Recently Begun

Take Away From Research & Site Visits

- It Should be a Service Rich Program, Not Merely a Place to Park
 - Case Management Should be the Focus
- It Should be by Referral Only
- There Should be a Well-Defined Good Neighbor Policy
- There Should be a Community Partner/Champion that is From the Neighborhood that the Parking Lot is in.
 - This Would be Separate From the Program Provider

Take Away From Research & Site Visits

- The Service Provider Should Have Experience with Case Management
- The Facilities Should Have at a Minimum Restrooms and a Meeting Room for the Service Providers to Meet with the Clients
 - The Ideal Site Would Include Showers
- Budgets Have Varied From \$100,000 to \$375,000 Depending on Security and Staffing Costs
 - Volunteers Can Offset Some Food Costs
 - Case Management and Staffing Should be Done by Professional Staff
 - If Security is Needed, Costs Increase Rapidly

Request

- Pass a Motion directing the City Manager to further investigate and return with a proposed program framework, budget, listing of potential locations and partners for implementing a safe parking program for people experiencing homelessness living in their vehicles, including considerations for: the provision of case management and supportive services to transition the homeless from living in their vehicles to housing; an access mechanism that allows entry only via referral; and inclusion of a good neighbor plan.