



City of Encinitas

Office of
The Mayor

SENATE FLOOR ALERT

August 22, 2016

To: Members of the Senate

Re: AB 718 (Chu), Vehicles Used For Human Habitation
Request for a "NO" vote

Kristin Gaspar
Mayor

The City of Encinitas respectfully urges your opposition to AB 718, should an effort be made to remove this bill from the Inactive File during the final days of the 2016 Session. This measure was defeated on the Floor last year.

Lisa Shaffer
Deputy Mayor

In his budget message for the May Revise, the Governor expressed concern with the homeless rate in the State of California. This bill will have the unintended consequence of *increasing* the homeless rate by creating a haven for vehicular residence in the entire state. Homeless from other states will be attracted to both the temperate weather *and* the permissive state laws regarding living in vehicles. Surely, this was not the intent in the Governor's message.

Catherine S. Blakespear
Council Member

This measure prohibits local agencies from enforcing laws and ordinances, or otherwise subject to civil or criminal penalties, the act of people sleeping or resting in a lawfully parked motor vehicle. The policies of this bill remain flawed and offer no meaningful solution to addressing the difficult challenges of homelessness.

Tony Kranz
Council Member

Local parking locations whether on public or private property – other than campgrounds – were never intended or designed for residential occupancy. This measure would promote a "new normal" of vehicle living as a viable option and publicly sanction such uses in state law, and introduce additional challenges to public health with respect to waste disposal. The state has decreased its budget liability by eliminating local redevelopment agencies that previously generated \$1 billion per year for affordable housing. However, this measure should not be viewed as a replacement for this funding.

Mark Muir
Council Member

For these reasons, the City of Encinitas respectfully requests your "*No*" vote on AB 718 (Chu) should the measure come up under reconsideration.

Sincerely,

Karen P. Brust
City Manager

Kristin Gaspar
Mayor

cc: City Council
Catherine Hill, League of California Cities
JGC Government Relations