

END POVERTY TOWS COALITION
SFMTA Action Guide to Prevent Citywide RV Overnight Parking Ban

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CC: Christine.Silva@sfmta.com (Board secretary)

Subject: **Don't Pass Citywide RV Ban - Wasteful Cruelty will Increase Street Homelessness**

Dear Board of Directors,

My name is [NAME] with [ORGANIZATION or NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE YOU LIVE/WORK]. Please do not pass the proposed citywide ban on overnight oversize vehicle parking. This will harm people across the city, especially those who live in RVs, and increase street homelessness.

[INSERT PERSONAL STORY OR A SUGGESTED TALKING POINT (found below) OF YOUR CHOOSING]

If people's RVs are towed, they will lose their only form of shelter. And the City does not have enough shelter beds to offer the **over 1,400 people living in their vehicles** in San Francisco. The [2024 Point-In-Time Count](#) found that **90% of families experiencing unsheltered homelessness live in their vehicles**. There are currently [over 500 families](#) on the family shelter waitlist. There is not enough deeply affordable housing, which is why many individuals and families end up living in RVs. We are urging you to vote against this proposal if/when it comes to the Board and to instead push for safe parking sites to support people who are living in RVs.

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Thank you,

[NAME]

SAMPLE SCRIPT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (City Hall, 4th floor, Room 400, 1:00 PM)

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SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS

Feel free to customize your script by choosing from the below points or come up with your own!

- This proposal would waste resources while the SFMTA is suffering financially. At a time when we are trying to avoid cuts to services, the MTA shouldn't be spending money and staff time on such harmful, counterproductive enforcement.
- The 2024 Point-In-Time Count found that **90% of families experiencing unsheltered homelessness live in their vehicles.**
- There are currently over 500 families on the family shelter waitlist.
- There is not enough deeply affordable housing to begin with, which is why many individuals and families end up living in RVs.
- Once an RV is towed, it is very difficult and expensive to get it back, which means many people will have nowhere to go but the street.
- We do not have enough shelter and housing resources for the people currently homeless on the street or in tents - why would we add to that population by evicting people from their RVs?