

AB 516 State Bill - In Progress

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AB 516 - What is it?

- David Chiu from East San Francisco (Assembly District 17) created this Bill
- AB 516 would end towing and/or impoundment and resulting liens and sale of vehicles for
 - (1) unpaid tickets
 - (2) expired registration and
 - (3) parked more than 72 hour in the same place
- It proposes the only valid reason for towing/impound will be safety or impeding traffic flow.
- Its not clear as a result of these tow-aways if there will be liens or not.

AB 516 - Why?

- Reasons for bill are due to loss of vehicles to towing and impound running up such high charges affecting the poor.
- This often results in their losing their way to work, and their jobs, and possibly where they live as well.
- Chiu says “These folks cannot afford charges which quickly amount to \$1500+”
- "...getting towed is more than an expensive inconvenience ...[cities] should not be taking away a person's livelihood or shelter simply to collect a minimal debt.“

AB 516 - Why?

- When an owner cannot pay the charges, the vehicle is sold at auction often for a fraction of what it is worth.
- Owners lose any possessions, papers, tools, etc within the vehicle. Essentially those living in their vehicles lose everything they own.
- This often perpetuates homelessness....

AB 516 - Who Endorses?

- ACLU, Disability Rights of CA, and many other groups.
- They are planning to challenge the San Diego ordinance against sleeping in cars outside of permitted lots.
- If the State passes this bill, they won't have to do that...it will void any city ordinance.

AB 516 - Current Status

- Passed in State Assembly 49 Yea to 11 No. Moves to State Senate and will be assigned to a committee – no bill # yet.
- If it passes, people will park wherever they want by the beach and police or other law enforcement will not be able to force them to move.
- There is only a slight crack in the bill saying vehicles have to move for street cleaning or street construction, etc.
- Not clear if this will apply to city parking lots as well

AB 516 - What you can DO

- **Contact PAT BATES**, State Senate Representative
- Email bates.cssre.us (gets to her website)
- State Capitol phone: 916-651-4036
- San Diego County office phone: 760-642-0809

Your participation matters, call or email today!

LOCAL Homeless Update

Police Chief McCoy's presentation from May 9, 2019

Trash and illegal camps:

- OPD has removed 110 camps so far year with 2 teams of 2 officers working 4 days per week since Jan 2019 – April 11
- In 2017 only 210 total illegal camps were removed.
- In 2018, 691 total camps were removed

From 4/16 a total of 12,823 bags of trash from illegal camps
This is equal to 1728 yards of trash or 86 roll off dumpsters.

LOCAL Homeless Update

What the city CANNOT do:

- Arrest someone for being homeless
- Clear brush from the riverbed
- Physically arrest people for trespassing
- Clean out encampments immediately (24 hours notice, now required...was 36 hours)
- Arrest someone for begging and/or asking for money
- Put the homeless on busses out of the City

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With Measure X Funding the City anticipates:

- 2 new Homeless Outreach Officers
- Transportation vehicle
- 1 contract Social Worker
- \$650,000 in Overtime to Crime Suppression team for downtown and homeless activities
- \$500,000 contract for Sobering Services
- \$400,000 for Homeless Diversion, Prevention, and Reunification Program

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General Fund Impacts:

- Continued funding for Encampment Details at 4/week
- \$30,000 for (2) Cadets to Pick up found property (Pilot Program)
- (1) Contract Social Worker
- **FY 2019-2020 budget anticipates \$6 Million spent on homeless issues from Police, Fire, Public Works and Neighborhood Services**