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Thursday, November 12, 2020  
3:00 PM

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**AGENDA**

- 1) Public Comment  
Members of the public will be given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.
- 2) Rotation of Chair & Vice Chair 2021
- 3) Safe Parking LA
- 4) Adjournment

  
Huma Ahmed, City Clerk

Posted: November 6, 2020

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**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
**COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Human Relations Commission Council Liaisons  
**From:** James R. Latta, Human Services Administrator  
**Date:** November 12, 2020  
**Subject:** Rotation of Chair & Vice Chair 2021  
**Attachment:** 1. Ordinance No. 15-0-2673

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**INTRODUCTION**

The Human Relations Commission (HRC) is governed by five dedicated commissioners appointed by City Council to advise, recommend, assist and encourage activities and programs to be undertaken to promote positive human relations in all aspects of community life. The current commissioners and their terms are as followed:

- Chair Ori S. Blumenfeld- Term: 05/15/14 - 12/31/21
- Vice Chair Karen Popovich Levyn- Term: 05/15/14 - 06/30/21
- Commissioner Jerald Freidman- Term: 05/15/14 - 12/31/20
- Commissioner Annette Saleh- Term: 04/08/15 – 06/30/21
- Commissioner Rhoda J. Sharp- Term: 07/01/20 – 06/30/22

Considering the current term limits, three commissioners are expected to complete their terms by or before June 30, 2021, which will create a dilemma for the rotation process of chair and vice chair.

**DISCUSSION**

According to Ordinance No. 15-0-2673, Section 1. 2-2-107: Operational Procedure, Article E; A Chair and Vice chair can shall serve for one year. At completion of the year, the chairperson and vice chairperson shall be rotated by seniority. However, a commissioner cannot serve as chairperson or vice chairperson in their first year as a commissioner **OR** if the commissioner's term is expected to end before the commissioner is able to serve one complete year as chairperson or vice chairperson.

The HRC is expected to have Commissioner Freidman, Commissioner Saleh, and Vice Chair Popovich Levyn complete their terms before mid-year 2021 which would make them all ineligible to serve as chairperson or vice chairperson in 2021. In addition, the new commissioners and Commissioner Sharp will still be completing their first year of service, which makes them all ineligible to serve as chair or vice chair. The HRC will effectively have only one eligible commissioner, current Chair Blumenfeld, who can serve in the capacity of chair or vice chair for 2021.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

No expected fiscal impact.

**RECOMMENDATION**

To ensure continuity of HRC leadership, staff is recommending current Chair Ori Blumenfeld serve as 2021 Chairperson and Karen Popvich Levyn be permitted to continue to serve as Vice Chairperson until her term ends on June 30, 2021. At the end of Vice Chair Popvich Levyn's term, Commissioner Sharp will be appointed to serve as Vice Chair. This recommended leadership arrangement will ensure a smooth transition while recognizing the eligibility guidelines per City Ordinance No. 15-0-2673.

# Attachment 1

ORDINANCE NO. 15-0-2673

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY  
HILLS AMENDING THE BEVERLY HILLS  
MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING COMMISSIONS**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS DOES HEREBY  
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The city council hereby amends and restates Sections 2-2-105, 2-2-106 and 2-2-107 of Article 1 (“General Provisions”) of Chapter 2 (“COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES”) of Title 2 (“ADMINISTRATION, PERSONNEL, AND PROCEDURES”) of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to read as follows:

2-2-105: TERM OF OFFICE:

A. Appointments to a commission shall be for an initial term of two (2) years. At the discretion of the city council, commissioners may be reappointed to a second term. Appointments to a second term may be for up to four (4) years. The city council may appoint any commission member or members to terms shorter or longer than those set forth in this subsection if the city council determines that a shorter or longer term or terms is in the best interest of the commission or is appropriate to stagger the terms of appointees so that the terms of all or a majority of members do not expire concurrently or inappropriately close in time.

B. Appointees who have served two (2) successive terms shall not be eligible for reappointment to the same commission.

C. A member may serve beyond expiration of that member’s term until such time as a successor is appointed.

D. A Commissioner must wait one year after the end of the Commissioner’s term before applying to another Commission other than the Planning Commission.

E. Committee members shall be appointed at the time of creation of the committee. Where the committee continues in existence for three (3) years or more, original appointments shall expire on the third anniversary of the committee where the committee consists of three (3) members, and shall expire on the fourth anniversary of the committee where the committee consists of four (4) or more members. Any committee which continues in existence beyond a period of three (3) years shall be governed by the appointment provisions of subsections A, B and C of this section.

2-2-106: TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

Membership on a commission or committee shall terminate under the following conditions, unless otherwise specifically provided in this code:

A. Membership shall terminate automatically upon resignation or death of a member.

B. If a commission or committee regularly meets once per month, and a member is absent from three (3) regular meetings within a twelve (12) month period, such commissioner shall meet with an ad hoc committee appointed by the Mayor to discuss the reasons for such absence. If the ad hoc committee believes that the absences are likely to continue, the ad hoc committee will request that the matter be placed on a City Council agenda. The City Council, in its sole discretion, may consider the following actions: (i) if the Council finds that the absences were due to health reasons or for other unusual hardship that justifies the absence, the Council may excuse the absences and if necessary, appoint a temporary commissioner to fill the role until such time as the commissioner is able to serve; or (ii) remove such commissioner and if necessary, appoint a temporary commissioner until such time as a new commissioner is appointed.

C. If a commission or committee regularly meets at least twice per month, and a member is absent from four (4) regular meetings within a twelve (12) month period, such commissioner shall meet with an ad hoc committee appointed by the Mayor to discuss the reasons for such absence. If the ad hoc committee believes that the absences are likely to continue, the ad hoc committee will request that the matter be placed on a City Council agenda. The City Council, in its sole discretion, may consider the following actions: (i) if the Council finds that the absences will not likely continue, the Council may allow the commissioner to continue serving; or (ii) remove such commissioner and if necessary, appoint a temporary commissioner until such time as a new commissioner is appointed. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a commissioner's term shall automatically terminate in the event a commissioner is absent from six (6) regular meetings in a twelve (12) month period, or nine (9) regular meetings within a twenty-four (24) month period.

D. Membership shall terminate automatically if a member ceases to reside in the city, unless residence is not required for membership or unless a member has temporarily ceased to reside in the city because of unusual circumstance or hardship, has not purchased a home outside the city in which the member is residing, intends to move back into the city, and has not previously ceased to reside in the city at any time while serving on the commission. For the purposes of this subsection "temporarily" means a period not exceeding six (6) months starting from the date a member ceased residence in the city.

E. Membership shall terminate automatically if a member's office would be vacated under the provisions for disqualification from office set forth in section 1770 of the California Government Code. Provided, however, that the provisions of this section governing absences shall supersede the provisions of section 1770 regarding absences.

F. The city council may remove any member from a commission or committee for any reason. Such removal may be accomplished by resolution or minute order of the city council.

G. In the event of a commissioner vacancy due to resignation or termination, the City Council liaisons to the affected Commission shall recommend a former commissioner until such time as a new commissioner is appointed to fill such vacancy, subject to City Council approval.

#### 2-2-107: OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES:

Unless otherwise provided in the ordinance or resolution creating a commission or committee the following provisions shall apply in the conduct of business of such commission or committee:

- A. Each commission or committee shall adopt rules of conduct and procedure which shall be consistent with the provisions of this chapter.
- B. Each commission shall have regularly scheduled meetings at least once each month, and may call special meetings as provided in section 54956 of the state Government Code.
- C. Committees are not required to have regularly scheduled meetings, and meetings may be called by the chairperson or by a majority of the membership.
- D. A majority of the designated membership shall constitute a quorum, and any action shall require a majority of the quorum for either affirmative or negative action.
- E. A chairperson and a vice chairperson shall serve for one year. A rotation progression of the chair and the vice-chair position among Commissioners shall be established by the City Clerk based upon seniority of appointment to the Commission. If a Commissioner declines to serve as chairperson, such Commissioner shall wait until the other Commissioners currently serving at such time are eligible for chairperson before assuming the chair, regardless of seniority of appointment. A Commissioner shall not serve as chairperson or vice chairperson during his or her first year as a Commissioner. A Commissioner shall not serve as chairperson if such Commissioner's term will end before such Commissioner is able to serve one complete year as chairperson.
- F. An official record of all considerations and decisions shall be made and filed with the city clerk; and a report shall be made to council.
- G. The city manager shall designate such staff as necessary to provide administrative support, unless otherwise designated by council.

Section 2. The city council hereby amends and restates Section 2-2-602 of Article 6 ("Charitable Solicitation Commission") of Chapter 2 ("COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES") of Title 2 ("ADMINISTRATION, PERSONNEL, AND PROCEDURES") of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to read as follows:

Article 6. Charitable Solicitations Commission

2-2-602: JURISDICTION AND FUNCTIONS:

The charitable solicitations commission shall perform the following functions:

- A. Review applications for solicitation permits for charitable or religious solicitation purposes, and make recommendations thereon as provided in title 4, chapter 3, article 8 of this code.
- B. Evaluate the fiscal health of non-profit organizations and recommend eligible organizations for Community Assistance Grant Funds, as well as funding allocations to organizations based on service needs in the City.
- C. Perform such other functions and duties as designated by city council.

Section 3. The city council hereby amends and restates Sections 2-2-1402, 2-2-1403 and 2-2-1404 of Article 14 (“Human Relations Commission”) of Chapter 2 (“COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES”) of Title 2 (“ADMINISTRATION, PERSONNEL, AND PROCEDURES”) of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to read as follows:

Article 14. Human Relations Commission

2-2-1402: MISSION STATEMENT AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The human relations commission shall advise, recommend, assist and encourage activities and programs to be undertaken to promote positive human relations in all aspects of community life in Beverly Hills. The commission shall actively promote a just and equitable multicultural society; and will endeavor to reduce conflict and tension, as well as discrimination, prejudice and stereotyping based on race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, or any other arbitrary factor.

The purposes and responsibilities of the commission shall include:

- A. Promoting the concepts of diversity, tolerance, and acceptance in the community;
- B. Conducting such studies and to hear such issues in any field of human relations in the community as will aid in effectuating the commission’s general purpose;
- C. Inquiring into incidents of tension or conflict among or between various racial, religious or nationality groups, and encouraging action by means of conciliation, conference, and/or persuasion to alleviate such tensions and conflict;
- D. Conducting and/or recommending such educational programs as will increase good will throughout the community;
- E. Defining, identifying and tracking existing and emerging issues that may benefit from intervention or conflict resolution;
- F. Facilitating better communication and interpersonal relations within the city and between the city and members of the community and hearing and receiving oral and written communications, in an appropriate time and manner, from members of the public concerning any topic that relates to the relationships between members of the community or between the city or its staff and members of the community;
- G. Receiving citizen complaints, in an appropriate time and manner, concerning the interactions of city employees with the public. The commission shall serve as one alternative to directing complaints to the city department involved in the complaint.
  - 1. The commission or its staff may communicate with complainants and city departments with regard to complaints received by the commission and may also arrange and facilitate communications directly between city departments and complainants;



2. The commission or its staff may inquire about the status of a complaint received by the commission and the progress of the review of a complaint.

H. Landlord-Tenant Issues:

1. The commission shall hear landlord-tenant disputes in order to provide a public forum where tenants and landlords can address issues and resolve differences prior to pursuing mediation, requesting a formal hearing with the City, if applicable, or filing a civil suit.

2. The commission shall educate tenants in the City regarding tenant rights.

2-2-1403: MEMBERSHIP:

The human relations commission shall consist of five (5) members who shall be residents of the city, except that one member may be a nonresident who is active in religious, educational, or social service agencies serving the Beverly Hills community.

The commission shall request that the Beverly Hills unified school district and the police chief appoint a representative to attend meetings when the commission deems it appropriate.

2-2-1404: [Reserved]

Section 4. The city council hereby amends and restates Sections 2-2-1603 and 2-2-1604 of Article 16 ("Health and Safety Commission") of Chapter 2 ("COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES") of Title 2 ("ADMINISTRATION, PERSONNEL, AND PROCEDURES") of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to read as follows:

Article 16. Health And Safety Commission

2-2-1603: MEMBERSHIP: The health and safety commission shall consist of five (5) members who shall be residents of the city.

2-2-1604: [Reserved]

Section 5. The city council hereby amends and restates Sections 10-3-3002 and 10-3-3003 of Article 30 ("Architectural Commission, Architectural Review, And Procedure") of Chapter 3 ("ZONING") of Title 10 ("PLANNING AND ZONING") of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to read as follows:

Article 30. Architectural Commission, Architectural Review, And Procedure

10-3-3002: ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION:

An architectural commission is hereby established which shall consist of five (5) members who shall be residents of the City. At least one member shall be a licensed architect in the State of California. At least one member shall have experience in any of the following disciplines: building construction, landscape architecture, or visual and graphic design. In the event no person eligible for appointment from a designated field is a resident of the city, the council may

waive the residency requirement; provided, however, there shall be no more than two nonresident members of the architectural commission.

#### 10-3-3003: DUTIES

Unless otherwise specified herein, the duties of the architectural commission shall be as follows:

1. Exercise the authority set forth in this article and as otherwise provided in this code;
2. In carrying out its duties pursuant to this Code:
  - (A) Review and authorize the overall conceptual design of a proposed structure, landscaping, and signs, recognizing that minor design details will change when construction drawings are prepared and during field construction;
  - (B) Focus greater attention to overall design themes and less to ornamental design features, hardware, balcony railings, and other secondary features; and
  - (C) Balance the desire for efficient application processing with the desire to ensure high quality architectural and landscape designs;
3. Develop educational material that aide project applicants in achieving high quality design standards and provide guidance to applicants;
4. Recommend and amend policies as it may deem necessary to implement the purposes of this article;
5. Participate in, promote, and conduct informational and educational programs pertaining to urban design in commercial and multi-family zones;
6. Develop a program to celebrate exemplary commercial and multi-family architecture, and landscape designs;
7. Perform any other functions that may be designated by resolution or motion of the City Council.

Section 6. The city council hereby amends and restates Sections 10-3-4402, 10-3-4403 and 10-3-4404 of Article 44 (“R-1 Design Review”) of Chapter 3 (“ZONING”) of Title 10 (“PLANNING AND ZONING”) of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to read as follows:

#### Article 44. R-1 Design Review

##### 10-3-4402: DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION:

A design review commission is hereby established which shall consist of five (5) members who shall be residents of the city. At least one of the members shall be a licensed residential architect. If one qualified residential architect cannot be found, the council may appoint a landscape architect to fill the professional position on the design review commission. In the event no person

who is a resident of the city is eligible for appointment in the designated field, the council may waive the residency requirement.

10-3-4403: APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF OFFICE:

The members of the design review commission shall be appointed by the council as provided in section 2-2-105 of this code.

10-3-4404: DUTIES

Unless otherwise specified herein, the duties of the Design Review Commission shall be as follows:

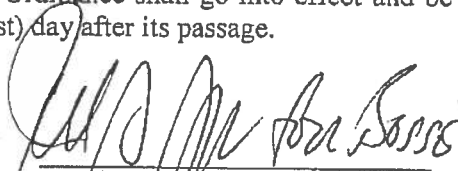
- 1) Exercise the authority set forth in this article and as otherwise provided in this code;
- 2) In carrying out its duties pursuant to this Code:
  - (A) Review and authorize the overall conceptual design of proposed single family residences in the Central Area of the City, recognizing that some minor design details will change when construction drawings are prepared and during field construction;
  - (B) Balance the desire for efficient application processing with the desire to ensure high quality architectural and landscape designs;
  - (C) Assist applicants in achieving their design objectives, recognize individual homeowner interests and allow for a diversity of designs, while ensuring overall compatibility to the neighborhood; and
  - (D) Focus greater attention to overall design themes and less to ornamental design features, hardware, balcony railings, and other secondary features;
- 3) Develop educational material that aide project applicants in achieving high quality design standards and provide guidance to applicants and homeowners;
- 4) Recommend and amend policies as it may deem necessary to implement the purposes of this article;
- 5) Participate in, promote, and conduct public informational and educational programs pertaining to single family urban design;
- 6) Develop a program to celebrate exemplary single family residences; and
- 7) Perform any other functions that may be designated by resolution or motion of the City Council.

Section 7. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or place, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the final decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 8. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the city within fifteen (15) days after its passage in accordance with Section 36933 of the Government Code, shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause this Ordinance and the city Clerk's certification, together with proof of publication, to be entered in the Book of Ordinances of the Council of this city.

Section 9. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall go into effect and be in full force and effect at 12:01 a.m. on the thirty-first (31st) day after its passage.


Adopted: February 3, 2015  
Effective: March 6, 2015

  
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LILYBOSSE  
Mayor

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BYRON POPE  
City Clerk (SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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LAURENCE S. WIENER  
City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

  
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MAHDI ALUZRI  
Interim City Manager



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
**COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Human Relations Commission City Council Liaisons  
**From:** James R. Latta, Human Services Administrator  
**Date:** November 12, 2020  
**Subject:** Safe Parking LA  
**Attachment:** 1. Safe Parking LA Proposal

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**INTRODUCTION**

The Human Relations Commission (HRC) is committed to promoting positive human relations in all aspects of community life. To support an environment where civility, respect and responsible actions prevail, the Human Relations Commissions proposes to support Safe Parking LA (SPLA). SPLA supports people who are homeless and living in their vehicles by providing them with a safe place to park at night and connecting them with the supportive services and community programs they need to thrive. During these unprecedented times, LA County homelessness is expected to surge and impact families across the region. The City of Beverly Hills, has a unique opportunity to proactively counter the expected homelessness surge and provide regional support to a program that will act as a safety-net for individual and families experiencing vehicular homelessness.

**BACKGROUND**

The HRC collectively agreed to prioritize the issue of homelessness in the City of Beverly Hills for FY 2020-21. This priority has become a regular HRC agenda item, known as the Homelessness Initiative, which is comprised of an education component and an advocacy & innovation component. The educational component is designed to help the community learn more about the issue and to inform residents of how the City has chosen to respond to homelessness. The advocacy & innovation component aims to find new ways to address homeless and has sought out leaders in the fight against homelessness to explore all sides of this social problem. Safe Parking LA was identified early on as an innovative program providing services to people experiencing homelessness in a cutting edge way. Executive Director of SPLA, Silvia Gutierrez, attended the August & September 2020 HRC meetings to advocate for regional support of the program and provide an exciting opportunity for the HRC to make a meaningful difference.

**DISCUSSION**

Based on SPLA proposal (Attachment 1), over 25% of LA County's homeless population of 66,436 live in their vehicles. This is a 12.7% increase from the prior year. This number will likely increase due to the economic consequences of the pandemic. SPLA would bridge a gap in services by activating underutilized parking lots to address the unique needs of residents who sleep in their vehicles overnight. In addition to a parking spot at night, SPLA lots offer restrooms with running water, professional security, and case management services.

In Los Angeles County, people who are homeless and earning income may not be eligible for supportive services through the Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority's Coordinated Entry System. More than 40% of Safe Parking LA's clients are employed and are experiencing their first-time of homelessness. While their capacity to transition into housing is significantly higher than people who are chronically homeless and living on the streets, these individuals cannot access the support they need to transition out of homelessness. To prevent these clients from falling further into homelessness, SPLA can provide services to keep them safely housed in their vehicle to improve their chances of keeping their employment and securing permanent housing.

In LA County's Service Planning Area 5- West LA, there are a total of five parking lots, which account for the majority of SPLA sites. SPLA sites offer critical services that are generally not offered anywhere else in the county. These supports include:

- Vehicle Support – Keep homeless clients safe in their vehicles by paying for vehicle repairs and maintenance, insurance, registration, and AAA membership.
- Gym Membership – Support the health and well-being of homeless clients by providing access to shower facilities, exercise equipment, healthy food, charging stations for devices, and postings about local jobs and roommates wanted. (On-hold during COVID-19 crisis.)
- Housing Assistance – Remove barriers to housing by covering the cost of rental deposits and other move-in expenses.
- Qualified Staff – Staff provide effective service delivery. Critical personnel includes security who provide oversight for safe lot operations and case managers who provide services to help clients access local resources and identify housing opportunities in a market where affordable options are scarce.

The HRC voted 5-0 to help SPLA develop their innovative solution to people experiencing vehicular homeless on the Westside through a pilot program of a \$50,000 contribution to SPLA. This would expand the City's homeless continuum of care to include addressing the increase in vehicular homelessness. Currently, the City predominantly focuses on serving individuals who are persistently mentally ill and chronically homeless.

In light of the current fiscal climate, the Council Liaisons may consider postponing the pilot program recommended by the Commission, and instead, encouraging SPLA to apply for Community Assistance Grant Funding (CAGF) for Fiscal Year 2021-22. Applications for the FY 2021-22 cycle will be released on December 1, 2020.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The SPLA proposal (Attachment 1) outlines levels of support at the \$10,000, \$25,000 and \$50,000 level. The HRC supported a contribution at the \$50,000 level to demonstrate the City of Beverly Hills' strong regional support and commitment to combat homelessness. This funding would help fund vehicle support allowing 100 clients to stay safe in their vehicles, would provide housing assistance to help 20 clients transition into permanent housing, and 2,000 hours of case management to help clients access transformative services

**RECOMMENDATION**

The HRC is seeking fiscal support in the amount of \$50,000 for a pilot program supporting SPLA to provide expanded homeless services offerings in the regional area. The City's support will demonstrate a strong regional commitment to combat homelessness. Representatives from the Human Relations Commission will be in attendance to answer Council Liaison questions.

# Attachment 1





a project of Community Partners

## Proposal Presented to the City of Beverly Hills By Safe Parking LA

### **Mission & Purpose**

Safe Parking LA (SPLA) supports people who are homeless and living in their vehicles by providing them with a safe place to park at night and connecting them with the supportive services and community programs they need to thrive. SPLA bridges a gap in services by activating underutilized parking lots to address the unique needs of residents who sleep in their vehicles overnight. In addition to a parking spot at night, our lots offer restrooms with running water, professional security, and case management services.

### **The Need is Critical**

Today, over 25% of LA County's homeless population of 66,436 lives in their vehicles. This is a 12.7% increase from last year's count. Safe Parking LA's core program bridges a gap in services by employing underutilized parking lots to address the unique needs of residents whose only source of shelter is their car or van.

In Los Angeles County, people who are homeless and earning income are not eligible for supportive services through the Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority's Coordinated Entry System. More than 40% of Safe Parking LA's clients are employed and even first-time homeless. While their capacity to transition into housing is significantly higher than people who are chronically homeless and living on the streets, they cannot access the support they need to transition out of homelessness.

### **Your Support is Vital**

Safe Parking LA relies on charitable contributions from our community to address the escalating problem of vehicular homelessness in Los Angeles. Invest in SPLA and help fill critical gaps in funding. With your support, we will serve people experiencing vehicular homelessness more effectively. Your gift will help pay for:

**Vehicle Support** – Keep homeless clients safe in their vehicles by paying for vehicle repairs and maintenance, insurance, registration, and AAA membership.

**Gym Membership** – Support the health and well-being of homeless clients by providing access to shower facilities, exercise equipment, healthy food, charging stations for devices, and postings about local jobs and roommates wanted. (On-hold during COVID-19 crisis.)



Housing Assistance – Remove barriers to housing by covering the cost of rental deposits and other move-in expenses.

Qualified Staff – Promote organizational health and effective service delivery by supporting staff who provide critical oversight for safe lot operations and case management services to help clients access local resources and identify housing opportunities in a market where affordable options are scarce.

## **The Impact**

- Help connect supportive services to more than 750 homeless Angelenos this year. Case management services include:
  - Employment and job referral tracking
  - Housing stability plans
  - Links to local resources
- Support service delivery at eight safe lots located throughout LA County:
  - SPA 2 – One lot
  - SPA 4 – Three lots
  - SPA 5 – Four lots
- Be a partner with Safe Parking LA in stabilizing safe parking clients and supporting their journey out of homelessness.
- Be a leader in addressing homelessness in Los Angeles and set an example for other corporate and community partners to follow.

## **The Cost of Care**

### **\$10,000 Makes a Difference**

- Vehicle support to help 20 clients stay safe in their vehicles
- Housing Assistance to help four clients transition into permanent housing
- 400 hours of case management to help clients access transformative services

### **\$25,000 Makes a Difference**

- Vehicle support to help 50 clients stay safe in their vehicles
- Housing Assistance to help ten clients transition into permanent housing
- 1,000 hours of case management to help clients access transformative services

### **\$50,000 Makes a Difference**

- Vehicle support to help 100 clients stay safe in their vehicles
- Housing Assistance to help 20 clients transition into permanent housing
- 2,000 hours of case management to help clients access transformative services



Charitable contributions at any level help Safe Parking LA to sustain our organization and work towards our vision of a Los Angeles without vehicular homelessness. SPLA directs unrestricted funding to where the need is greatest. We invite the City of Beverly Hills to provide in-kind and volunteer support to the sponsored lot, engaging local residents in partnering with us to solve the problem of vehicular homelessness in their own neighborhood.

Safe Parking LA is under fiscal sponsorship by Community Partners, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization (Tax ID #95-4302067).

Contact: Silvia Gutierrez, Executive Director

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