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Monique Limón, State Senator  
1021 O Street Suite 6510  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Gregg Hart, Assemblymember  
1021 O Street Suite 6230  
Sacramento, CA 94249

Dear Senator Limón and Assemblymember Hart:

I write on behalf of my Board of Supervisors colleagues to ask for your assistance in addressing vehicular encampments.

The County, both acting on its own initiative and in concert with various partners, has pursued multiple measures to assist individuals living in their vehicles. Earlier this year, the County was awarded state funding to address vehicular encampments. In turn, the County entered into a contract with New Beginnings for this purpose. This funding supports vehicular-specific street outreach teams and housing navigation/retention staff, as well as daytime and overnight parking as part of the Safe Parking Program. Additionally, funding can be used to provide interim shelter and rental assistance for persons moving from their vehicles into permanent housing.

For the period of June 1 to October 31, 2024, 150 individuals have been enrolled representing 101 vehicles. During this time, 25 individuals entered interim housing shelter and 40 individuals were placed into housing.

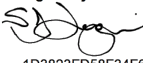
While we are pleased with the initial results, more remains to be done. To continue to make progress, it is essential that suitable parking lots be identified and made available as part of the Safe Parking Program.

As you know, there are a number of state-owned properties in Santa Barbara county, particularly those utilized by the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Employment Development Department. New Beginnings reports it has experienced challenges in persuading these agencies to make their lots available for participation in the Safe Parking Program.

Your assistance is requested to facilitate discussions with these agencies to explore incorporating their lots into the Safe Parking Program. The Community Services Department is the point of contact at the County, and the staff is available to participate in meeting with your staff and DMV and EDD representatives to explore this in detail. Please have your staff contact

Jesús Armas, CSD Director, (Jarmas@countyofsb.org) to determine how best to proceed to make one or more of the lots available.

Thank you for your assistance.

Signed by:  


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Steve Lavagnino, Chair

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