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Dear Members of the Santa Cruz City Council and CACH;

I am writing on behalf of the citizens and property owners of Santa Cruz to express my opposition to the moratorium on towing vehicles. I am currently a resident of Salinas and operate a business in Monterey, but also am a property owner in Santa Cruz with plans to retire there in the next year or two - plans I am seriously reconsidering. I am frequently in the city, hiking, biking and visiting family, and the situation with the homeless population seems to be getting steadily worse. Much of that is the result of tolerance of addiction and the many social ills that come with it. I do not see the same issues visible on the streets in any of the other coastal communities between Carmel and Santa Cruz. The obvious reason for that is the failure to enforce existing laws. That failure has resulted in Santa Cruz becoming a magnet for those who chose to live in a manner that is not tolerated in other areas. Now it appears that there is an effort to further reduce that enforcement by just negating the laws entirely. What a terrible destructive idea. Already it is increasingly dangerous to walk, ride, shop, and certainly to park your car, on the streets of Santa Cruz. Public thoroughfares are no place for RV parking and certainly not for vehicles being turned into dwellings. If that is allowed the beautiful Santa Cruz Westside will become an RV ghetto - tolerance of unlawful parking will simply exacerbate an already intolerable situation by attracting more and more illegal vehicles which are not allowed to be used as street-side residences in any of the other area communities.

Santa Cruz is home to many wonderful, productive, hard-working families who deserve to be the focus of the attention of their elected officials. You need to consider your responsibility to them and the safety of their children. The citizens of Santa Cruz have been working hard to move the community in a positive direction and a proposal to ignore the existing laws against illegal parking and rather to impose a moratorium on towing illegally parked vehicles, takes away the right of your homeowners to a safe, peaceful, clean, inhabitable neighborhood. It also endangers those who travel your streets, visit your parks, and hike your beautiful trails. It certainly gives parents cause to be fearful of allowing their children to even walk in their own neighborhoods.

Failure to enforce basic laws of safety and sanitary living has already had such a detrimental effect on Santa Cruz. Surely you as the standard bearers for your city must look at Aptos, Soquel, Pacific Grove, etc. and wonder at the difference - Why Santa Cruz?
This kind of misguided legislation is precisely - why Santa Cruz.

Sincerely,

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