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Subject: Opposing Los Angeles City Council file 20-0008-S27 Sunset Boulevard / Vin Scully Avenue / Lilac Terrace / Stadium Way / Lookout Drive / Bartlett Street / Beaudry Avenue / Figueroa Terrace / Bernard Street / Coronel Street / Laguna Avenue / Crosby Place, etc. / Oversized Vehicle Parking Restrictions

The Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council opposes council file 20-0008-S27 for the following reasons below:

- The parking restrictions being proposed will not help to solve the issues but will only push the issues to other streets in the community.
- All parking restrictions should be suspended during the housing shortage and COVID-19 pandemic. While the City of Los Angeles has failed to provide low-income housing for decades federal judge David O. Carter has only shed more light on the city focus on building luxury units and discriminating against low-income units. A majority of the residents that can't afford the high rents in the area are forced to find cheaper housing by purchasing RV to live in. The council feels that since the city has failed at building of low-income units, the city should not criminalize the houseless with restrictions that can lead to tickets and the lost of their only housing. This would only lead to them to be homeless adding to the already high numbers of homeless people and the spread of COVID-19.

The Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council recommends the following solutions below:

- Add mobile porta-potty and hand cleaning stations at the site where there are issues.
- Organize look food banks to deliver food and water to sites.
- Organize health care organizations for sites.

Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council in good faith cannot support Council file 20-0008-S27 as it leads to the criminalization of houseless and homeless stakeholders of the city of Los Angeles. It would also lead to putting individuals that are currently housed on to the street adding to the homeless count and the spread of COVID-19. The council also finds that council file 20-0008-S27 will put the health, safety and welfare of the whole city of Los Angeles at high risk and would cause more harm than good.

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