



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
of the Los Altos-Mountain View Area**

September 22, 2019

Mayor Matichak and Members of the City Council
City of Mountain View
500 Castro Street
Mountain View, CA 94041

Re: Council Meeting Sept. 24th – Agenda Item # 7.1 Oversized Vehicle Parking Restrictions

The LWV from the national organization to the local level strongly supports providing a decent home and suitable living environment for every American family. Clearly, in the present environment in the Bay Area this is an impossible goal. The LWV also supports programs and policies to prevent or reduce poverty and homelessness and to provide essential support services.

Based upon these principles, we once again urge the Council to **delay** the oversized vehicle parking restrictions until there are solutions that can better accommodate the existing need, such as more safe parking spaces, more allowed street parking, and more emergency shelters.

Although living in an RV is not the ideal home we would wish for these vehicle dwellers, living in an RV seems better than living in a car, and both are better than living on the street without any shelter at all. We are concerned that the number of vehicle residents is growing, according to the staff report, and that many MVWSD students are living in these vehicles. Banning oversized vehicles on all narrow streets in the City, along with the other prohibitions recommended, would appear to effectively ban them from parking on most streets in the City.

It also appears that many streets could allow 24/7 parking, but have signage prohibiting it (i.e. Terra Bella, Independence). We urge the City to adopt a transparent process regarding complaints, parking prohibitions and enforcement.

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