



SAFE PARKING PROGRAM

HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES

Housing and Homelessness Committee

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INTRODUCTION

Safe Parking programs provide communities with a safe homelessness intervention for people who are living in their vehicles to stabilize and be connected to resources.



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NEW BEGINNINGS SAFE PARKING

- Program implemented in 2004
- Operator: New Beginnings
- Partners: City of Santa Barbara, local churches, and non-profits
- No. of parking space: 200
- Program requirements: Must show a driver's license, vehicle registration, and vehicle insurance
- Services provided: case management and rental assistance



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SAFE PARKING PROGRAMS IN SAN DIEGO

- Program implemented in 2009
- Operator: Jewish Family Services (JFS)
- No. of parking spaces: 221 parking spaces located on Balboa Avenue, Aero Drive, Mission Village Drive (open 24 hours), Rose Canyon, Encinitas, and Vistas
- Services provided: Wraparound services focused on basic needs assistance, employment, family wellness, school success, financial education, credit repair, and most importantly, a return to housing.



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SAFE PARKING LA

- Program implemented in 2017
- Operator: Safe Parking LA
- No. of parking spaces: 174 located in San Fernando Valley, Hollywood, Downtown Los Angeles, and West Los Angeles, including programs on the VA West Los Angeles and Los Angeles World Airport campuses.
- Hours of operation: 7:30 p.m. – 7:30 a.m., security officer on site
- Services provided: Accessible bathrooms and hand washing stations, Wi-Fi and case management
- Participant requirement: Must show a valid driver's license



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STUDENT SAFE PARKING PROGRAM

- Program implemented in 2021
- Operator: Long Beach City College
- No. of spaces: 15
- Hours of operation: 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- Services provided: Showers, restrooms, Wi-Fi, electrical outlets



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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

Envision Riverside 2025 Strategic Plan Priorities



#2 Community Well-Being

Cross-Cutting Threads



Community Trust



Fiscal Responsibility



Sustainability & Resiliency



Equity



Innovation



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Housing and Homelessness Committee:

1. Receive and file a report on safe parking programs; and
2. Direct staff on whether to pursue a safe parking program in the city of Riverside.



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