

JUSTIFICATION FOR PREFERENTIAL PARKING ON HOMEWOOD COURT

The great majority of residents of Homewood Court are requesting a preferential parking system for the street because of the problems caused by parking by students at Riverside City College. RCC is one block away from Homewood Court.

These problems are the result of the nature of the street: it is a dead-end, and it is extremely narrow compared to others in the city. In fact, Homewood Court is one of the few streets in Riverside that still has manual rather than automated garbage pickup. The big garbage trucks cannot easily get into and out of the street, and so smaller vehicles are sent in and garbage cans are emptied by hand into those vehicles.

The first problem to note is the threat to health and safety represented by parking along both sides of the street from Brockton to the end of the street. Emergency vehicles like fire trucks might not be able to get into the street if two wide cars or pickup trucks happen to be parked across from each other. There is therefore a threat to the safety of the residents.

Second, the presence of parked cars lining the street makes it difficult for residents to exit or enter their driveways. In fact, at times people have been blocked in and cannot get out. Once again, this is a threat to our health and safety, since it could result in the missing of doctors appointments and trips to the hospital, not to mention getting to work.

We know that the cause of the problem is student parking because the congestion only happens when RCC classes are in session. Moreover, we can see that the people parking on the street are students who walk to RCC after leaving their cars.

Residents of other streets near RCC have had the same problem, and as a result many of the streets already have preferential parking. We are requesting the same. All of the people who signed the petition agree with the reasons for requesting preferential parking included in this letter.

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