

## **Crooked Palm Property Owner's Response to Plan**

The problem with the current homeless encampments on North Ventura Avenue and Crooked Palm does not exist because of COVID-19. The problem has become what it is because current laws limiting parking to 72 Hours are NOT and have NOT BEEN ENFORCED. Laws regarding Trash, Vehicle registration, vehicle code, Drug use, Theft of water and power, dumping human waste, and other environmental infractions are also not being regularly enforced. It is common knowledge amongst this growing population that there are no legal consequences. THAT is the reason the current problem exists and is growing. If the current "campers" had to move every 72 hours they would not be as entrenched or as in great of numbers if they had to obey the law.

Collective populations, create collective problems. Allowing a concentrated population, one which is already in violation of multiple laws, will only facilitate to increase organized law breaking in the adjacent areas. If law enforcement was unable to solve the problems before, what is giving the violators a permit going to solve. It just continues the problem!

Those impacted, the taxpaying property owners and local residents, have NO confidence new rules, even more complicated than "NO parking over 72 Hours" can or will be enforced, or that the problem will be mitigated or eliminated. The proposal does provide for the problem to grow and become more entrenched. With a permanent (one year is a lot longer than 72 Hours) population, the problems will undoubtedly expand and become more pervasive if the supervisors grant the current lawbreakers "RIGHTS to park/Camp".

### **Plan Omissions**

Nothing in the Mailer or the "Plan" identifies the current homeless population numbers nor does the "Plan" in any way limit the number of Permits or the population related to those permits.

Nothing in the Mailer or the "Plan" identifies the wildlife corridors at the underpasses where the permanent "camping" parking is proposed to be allowed. How can a board of Supervisor overlook the wildlife impact of this homeless population that is VERY ACTIVE throughout the night on these limited underpass resources for wildlife to safely traverse the highway 33 corridor? Will the board allow a homeless camp on the proposed 101 wildlife overpass?

Nothing in the Mailer or the "Plan" identifies the BURDEN local property owners have had to endure due to years of LACK of action and enforcement of current laws, yet it dose Continue the burden on these very same residents and property owners.

The county owns property. The government center in Ventura, General services facility in Saticoy, The county airport in Camarillo. There ARE places you could relocated and monitor this population. This community has carried this burden much too long. **Solve the problem by outlawing overnight parking in ALL the areas listed in 7253!**

### **Division 7, Chapter 1, 7253; Section (b) (3) iii & IV.**

The designated areas on North Crooked Palm are within 100yards of a residential area. This is not identified nor addressed as to the potential impact. It is also an Area where very little safe space exists to Park, let alone camp. It is NOT safe and there is no presentation of any traffic or safety studies. It is also a wildlife corridor between the river and open space east of hwy 33. **Please Amend to eliminate this area from parking overnight.**

### **Division 7, Chapter 1, 7253; Section (c) (2) Permitted Eligibility**

Supervisor Bennett's newsletter claims in sect 3. "It's simply the right thing to do on a temporary basis for the limited number of people who are down on their luck". If this population is simply down on their luck, They should have no problem submitting to drug test for their permits to "Camp" over 72 Hours. **Please Amend to include drug testing for illicit substances for permission to be permitted!**

### **Division 7, Chapter 1, 7253; Section (c) (3) ii**

This is the current law and is not being enforced. With a smaller overall area available will you not create a TURF WAR over the limited space moving every 72 hours?

### **Division 7, Chapter 1, 7253; Section (c) (4)**

NO set controls on the number of permits??? Subject to Availability? No controls in the proposal to identify this process and no limits. The author obviously has NOT accessed the problem if they can't identify limits.

### **Division 7, Chapter 1, 7253; Section (d) Enforcement**

\$10 per day penalty??? What is the Fee for being 10 minutes over at the County Government center? Thirty Dollars is the fee there for a few minutes! THIS IS NOT A DETERENT! It is a \$10 per day campground and will encourage MORE problems. The Penalty needs to be much HIGHER than local campgrounds daily rate!

***The simplest, lowest cost, Easiest to enforce rule is to eliminate overnight parking in these areas.*** This has gone on way to long. The proposal will not solve

the problem and most likely will make it worse. This community needs relief, not more speculation, false promises of action and enforcement!