



March 31, 2026

The Honorable Jesse Arreguin
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite 6710
Sacramento, CA 95815

Re: Senate Bill 692 (Arreguin) Recreational Vehicles, Trailers, and Oversized Vehicles City of Upland – Notice of Support

Dear Senator Arreguin,

On behalf of the City of Upland, I write in support of Senate Bill 692 (Arreguin), which will provide cities with more tools and flexibility to address the crisis of substandard, often hazardous vehicular homelessness and illegally dumped, junked vehicles.

In our region, unsheltered residents live in vehicles that pose serious health and safety problems both to the unsheltered people who reside in them and to the broader community. Moreover, in recent years, the number of RVs, trailers, and other large vehicles abandoned on local streets and in public spaces has increased.

The issue of illegally dumped, hazardous, and abandoned recreational vehicles, trailers, and oversized vehicles extends beyond our city. We recognize that the majority of those living in these vehicles are victims of the State's broader affordable housing and shelter crisis. We also know, however, that many are being sold or leased to the unsheltered as substandard vehicles by unscrupulous actors – vehicles that are too blighted and dangerous for anyone in the first place.

These abandoned and non-working vehicles remain on City streets, either because they are in such poor condition and pose such serious health and safety risks that local towing companies refuse to take them, or because local tow companies do not have the lot space to accommodate so many large vehicles at once.

SB 692 proposes multiple options for cities to follow and would allow local governments to remove and dismantle vehicles formerly used as shelter and purchased through a buy-back program, as long as the buyback offer is paired with an offer of interim or permanent housing.

Emerging research from guaranteed income programs shows that, when given cash, people in poverty use it to meet urgent economic needs. This bill gives our most vulnerable vehicular residents the same opportunity. After vehicles are purchased and residents safely moved indoors, this bill allows local governments greater discretion to avoid the impound process altogether by sending these vehicles straight to dismantlement, where they belong. This prevents them from being used again as a substandard shelter by anyone.

Our City is committed to compassionate, proven approaches to ending vehicular homelessness while simultaneously fulfilling our duties as local governments to keep our streets and public spaces clean and safe for all. For these reasons, we are pleased to support SB 692.



City of Upland

Mayor's Office

Thank you for your efforts on this important policy topic, especially as cities throughout our great State search for answers to address illegally dumped, hazardous, and abandoned recreational vehicles, trailers, and oversized vehicles.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bill Velto", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bill Velto
Mayor, City of Upland