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Dear Board Members of the Port of San Diego,

I'm Isaac. I work remotely as a data science consultant, and have been traveling North America in various camper van conversions since 2020.

I originally found out about these meetings from a friend of mine who teaches sailing lessons in San Francisco and here in San Diego, where he lives in a converted ambulance. While acknowledging issues regarding tenant parking and landscaping, I wanted to speak up in the hopes of a narrow ruling, to speak to my friend's situation of seasonal employment, and also for RVers and other traveling friends visiting San Diego's neighborhoods, shops, restaurants, beaches and parks—living life amongst broader city and county legislation making vehicle-based travel more difficult. Vehicles are a bit like ships, and for some, Shelter Island was a safe place of refuge amidst that storm.

Usually if I am around San Diego I'm visiting family in Alpine, though I have parked a couple times at Shelter Island when visiting the city itself. As I have a full time job in tech, using words like "homeless" or "vagrant" doesn't feel particularly accurate. However, given we at different times may share the same parking spots, I want to challenge the stigma surrounding those slurs and advocate for broad changes in policy where we treat all people with respect—regardless of how rich they may appear.

While population and urbanization has been increasing, my generation and others are squeezed by an intentionally scarce housing supply. Speculative investment funds have scooped up houses and apartments and converted some into Airbnb's. Many cities have simultaneously declared "Not In My Backyard" and have voted against zoning for much-needed moderate and higher density housing.

America's car-centric culture and underinvestment in public transportation has, at times and in some places, created an oversupply of parking spots. Walmarts were often known to be "RV-friendly", until city ordinances or a few bad actors made some of them less so. Campgrounds in this area could be near full and charge \$100/night for a powered traditional RV spot, when all that's needed or is being sought is a safe spot for the night. Certain places such as Fiesta Island, Torrey Pines Gliderport in La Jolla, places that would have been fine non-residential overnight spots to park have seen heightened enforcement for this overlap of vehicle dwellers.

With ever vanishing spots, I would hope for some sort of narrow ruling, and that Shelter Island would not simply be the next casualty.

April 11, 2023

Have you ever ran out of gas circling the city streets in search of a parking space? Have you ever had to choose between paying for food or paying for parking citations so your home on wheels doesn't get impounded? Have you ever feared for your life because you don't have a safe place to park? My guess is not a single person in this room has any idea what this kind of daily struggle feels like.

After hearing members of the community speak and hearing the proposed recommendations regarding oversized vehicle parking within the Port, it is clear to me that this is less about a general parking problem and more about a "homeless people living in their vehicle" problem.

This proposed parking solution is going to create a much bigger problem and it's only a matter of time before we see the effects. An entire sub community of people live in oversized vehicles. We're not talking about one or two vehicles here. We're talking about hundreds, if not thousands of vehicles being displaced when your recommendations take effect. I understand the task at hand is to find a parking solution, not to find a solution for homelessness. But we need to look at the bigger picture when making decisions that affect our entire community. We can't just leave out the people who will be affected the most. I'm here to speak up for them.

Your recommendations specifically target people in run down rvs, eye sore old motorhomes and converted school busses. The ones that park all day from 6am-10pm, pose environmental risks, and make walking your dogs or enjoying the bayfront views impossible. Just because their home doesn't look like yours, it's still a home. And just because you don't like how it looks doesn't mean they should be prohibited from parking in a public place. THEY HAVE NOWHERE ELSE TO GO! Criminalizing people who already have nothing is NOT the answer! We need to do better.

You have made your case clear: There will be EXTREMELY LIMITED designated spaces for oversized vehicles and if they can't fit within general parking stall lines, they SIMPLY can't park there. Sounds like an easy solution. But to prohibit them from parking within the port with no other proposed solution is INHUMANE! It's not that easy for these people to just "go park somewhere else." They're running out of "somewhere else's." They are not welcome in camp grounds, or on neighborhood streets, or in any business parking lots for extended periods of time. Most safe lots are miles and miles away, rv parks are ridiculously expensive, and city streets are not safe.

When you make your final decision, I ask you to have neutrality and compassion. I ask you to humble yourselves and put yourselves in their shoes. I ask you to work with the city's homeless strategies and solutions department. I ask you for a REAL solution. Not just one that benefits business owners, taxpayers and homeowners and forgets the ones that already have nothing.

Thank you for your time.

Kara Heiter

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Commissioners,

Passing along an Agenda Related Public Comment received for the Board regarding item 13, 2023-0054, CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT AN ORDINANCE FINDING THE BOARD ACTION EXEMPT UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA), INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CEQA GUIDELINES SECTIONS 15301 AND 15311 AND AMENDING SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT (SDUPD) CODE ARTICLE 8, SECTION 8.09 - OVERSIZED VEHICLE PARKING REGULATIONS ON TIDELANDS AND SECTION 8.11 - VEHICLE PARKING REGULATED

Best Regards,

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**Subject:** Long term parking on Shelter Island

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I am in favor of proposed parking limitations for vehicles that want to use spaces on Shelter Island for long term parking.

I feel the area should be available for parking for everyone including those who pay taxes to keep the

restrooms open ,streets paved and want to enjoy the area when they have leisure time.  
Lea Seligman

**From:** [Marcy Weaver](#)  
**To:** [PublicRecords](#)  
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Dear Honorable Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District,

The Chula Vista Chamber of Commerce proposes that the ordinance to govern and restrict sprinter van campers drawn up for Port parks in the City of San Diego needs to specify the same restrictions in the South Bay cities of National City, Chula Vista, Imperial Beach and Coronado.

The ordinance needs to be expanded to cover the forementioned south bay cities.

Thank you and please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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