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The Honorable Salud Carbajal
U.S. House of Representatives
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RE: Support for the Reintroduction of the Naomi Schwartz Safe Parking Act

Dear Representative Carbajal,

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I write on behalf of the City of Santa Barbara in support of the reintroduction of the Naomi Schwartz Safe Parking Act in the 119th Congress and thank you for your previous efforts to expand the use of Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) to include safe parking initiatives like ours.

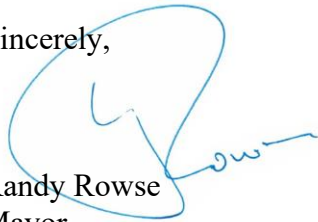
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The City continues to experience year over year increases in the number of people experiencing vehicular homelessness with a total of 381 individuals during the 2025 Point-in-Time Count. The City's Safe Parking Program continues to promote self-sufficiency for our unhoused residents, helping us make effective use of the increasingly limited resources to address homelessness. Upon enrollment in the program, residents are provided with a safe and stable place to park, as well as protection from theft, towing, and citations. These safeguards help prevent displacement and support residents in their transition to permanent housing.

The City remains committed to the program's success – demonstrated by our decision to codify it in our Municipal Code. As a result, law enforcement now provides information on the Safe Parking Program as part of warning notices placed on vehicles in violation of other ordinances. Given our limited resources and fiscally constrained environment, the flexibility provided by this bill to use HUD-ESG funding for our program would significantly enhance our ability to address housing insecurity and more effectively support the most vulnerable residents.

We kindly request the reintroduction of the Naomi Schwartz Safe Parking Act in the 119th Congress and thank you for your continued leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,


Randy Rowse
Mayor
City of Santa Barbara



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