ROUGHLY 30% OF THE POPULATION EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN LA CITY AND COUNTY CURRENTLY LIVE IN A VEHICLE

VEHICLE DWELLING EXISTS IN EVERY COUNCIL DISTRICT. SPALA LIFTS THIS BURDEN OFF THE NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS

WITHOUT KNOWING HOW OR WHERE TO STAY SAFE AT NIGHT, PEOPLE FORCED TO LIVE IN VEHICLES ARE OFTEN UNABLE TO CONNECT TO THE SERVICES THEY NEED TO GET INTO HOUSING.

THE NEED

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

ANY PRIVATE PARKING LOT CAN HOST PARKERS OVERNIGHT, ESPECIALLY FAITH COMMUNITIES WHO FEEL CALLED TO SERVE

NO CITY PERMIT, CHANGE-OF-USE, OR PERMISSION IS REQUIRED

SPALA COORDINATES ALL SECURITY, SANITATION, CASE MANAGEMENT CONNECTION FOR PARKERS, AND NEIGHBORHOOD/COUNCIL OUTREACH

THERE IS NO COST TO THE LOT OWNER, SPALA PROVIDES A $500 STIPEND

A SPALA PROGRAM BRINGS...

A LOCAL SOLUTION WITH SECURITY, ORDER, AND COORDINATION FOR VEHICLE DWELLING THAT ALREADY EXISTS IN EACH NEIGHBORHOOD

EXTENDED STREET PARKING RESTRICTIONS TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. NO PROGRAM SPREADS VEHICLES FROM A LOT INTO THE COMMUNITY.

ONLY VEHICLE DWELLERS WHO SEEK SERVICES. NO CAMPING, NO TENTS.

A HUMANE WAY FORWARD FOR PEOPLE SEEKING HOUSING.

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INSURANCE
Safe Parking LA (SPALA) will list your institution as an additional insured to our $1,000,000- $2,000,000 policy. In addition, each vehicle dweller is required to have their own motor vehicle insurance.

VANDALISM/SECURITY
SPALA has had zero acts of vandalism and zero calls to LAPD to date. In the 14 years of the Santa Barbara program with 125 vehicles, there has been zero acts of vandalism and SBPD has acknowledged the reduction in calls and citations regarding people living in their vehicles. In ten years of the San Diego program with 115 vehicles, there has been two unrelated episodes of vandalism from people outside of the program hours. A SPALA program serves as a deterrent to vandalism, offering security and "eyes on the lot." SPALA maintains an active relationship with LAPD and the Council office.

WHO ARE THE PARKERS?
Most current parking patrons are employed/under employed/recently unemployed. All are screened and interviewed with application and waivers, including the National Sex Offender database. People value having a safe place to sleep at night and do not abuse the privilege. No one enters the lot without an invitation. It is not a drop-in program, and the addresses are not advertised. Eviction and termination of lot privileges can be immediate. This program is for people who are actively seeking housing.

DAYCARE/PRESCHOOL/CAMPUS PROGRAMING
A standard SPALA program runs for 12 hours a day, seven days a week, but each program is created for the location it serves and takes specific needs into account. A SPALA program does not overlap with day school hours at all. The program can "co-locate" with other programing on campus, including basketball practice or group meetings. Security or lot monitors help facilitate interaction between groups and allay concerns from the campus community. Neighbors and congregants are welcome to volunteer or witness the program in action.

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