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The Honorable Anthony J. Portantino  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
1021 O Street, Suite 7630  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 1082 (Kalra) Vehicles: Abandonment Removal.**  
**Notice of OPPOSITION (As amended 6/29/2023)**

On behalf of the City of Paramount, I write to express our strong opposition to Assembly Bill 1082 (Kalra). This Bill proposes to eliminate the ability for cities and law enforcement to enforce local vehicle violations adequately.

While I understand this Bill intends to help low-income individuals avoid financial hardship, it will ultimately do more harm than good to our communities. AB 1082 would eliminate several parking enforcement programs' methods to gain compliance and effectively manage our curb space throughout cities' jurisdictions. It would prohibit the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) from holding a vehicle's registration unless the vehicle had three (3) or more unpaid parking violations and eliminate the current \$500 cap on the total amount of unpaid penalties the agency must offer installment payment plans to indigent persons. The proposed legislation requires processing agencies to allow an indigent person who falls out of compliance with a payment plan at least four extensions of 45 days to resume payments.

Currently, if a city utilizes the DMV to collect delinquent parking fees, they must offer a payment plan with total penalties of up to \$500 for indigent persons in monthly installments of no more than \$25 over a period of 24 months. AB 1082 would expand the requirement to offer a payment plan to all individuals, and for indigent people, this Bill would remove the \$500 cap the payment plan must apply to. In essence, this will cap the amount of fees a processing agency can claim from an indigent person at \$600 – twenty-four payments of \$25, thus making it financially an incentive to disobey the law.

The current system to immobilize or tow vehicles in violation is essential for ensuring compliance with parking regulations. This enforcement mechanism deters chronic violators from abusing parking spaces and disregarding traffic laws, which are critical for maintaining public safety and the orderly flow of traffic within our City. Removing this authority would weaken our enforcement capabilities and could lead to increased violations, reduced compliance, and greater congestion on our City streets.

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AB 1082 also undermines local authority. The Bill proposes to centralize decision-making regarding the enforcement of parking violations, stripping local governments of their authority to manage parking spaces and traffic regulations in a manner that best suits their unique needs. The City of Paramount is best positioned to determine how to allocate resources and enforce regulations that align with the needs of our residents and businesses. The imposition of State-mandated restrictions on our ability to enforce parking laws interferes with our capacity to govern effectively.

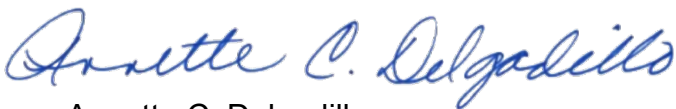
In addition, AB1082 has the potential to increase abandoned vehicles. The removal of the ability to tow or immobilize vehicles for unpaid parking tickets may lead to an increase in abandoned vehicles, particularly in low-income neighborhoods. Abandoned vehicles pose a safety hazard, attract crime, and detract from the quality of life in our communities. Although the Bill is intended to help lower-income neighborhoods, it can cause more harm to these communities.

Lastly, the current practices encourage drivers to take responsibility for their actions. Parking tickets are issued for a reason, and allowing unpaid tickets to accumulate without consequences sends the wrong message. We should encourage responsible behavior with vehicle ownership, not enabling those who repeatedly violate parking rules.

In conclusion, while we understand and support efforts to protect vulnerable populations from disproportionate penalties, AB 1082 would significantly challenge local governments' ability to enforce parking regulations and manage public safety effectively.

For these reasons, the City of Paramount opposes AB 1082. Please feel free to contact City Manager John Moreno at (562) 220-2225 if you have any questions. We thank you for your time and consideration.

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