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The Honorable Lori Wilson  
Assembly Committee on Transportation  
1020 N Street, Suite 112  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1022 (Kalra) Vehicles: Abandonment Removal. Notice of OPPOSITION  
(As Introduced)**

Dear Chair Wilson,

The City of Paramount respectfully opposes AB 1022 (Kalra), which would severely limit the City's ability to manage and enforce local vehicle violations effectively. Specifically, this bill proposes eliminating the current authority to remove or immobilize vehicles with five or more unresolved parking violations, significantly hindering our enforcement capabilities and negatively impacting public safety.

Under existing law, parking enforcement personnel have clear authority to remove or immobilize vehicles that have accrued five or more delinquent parking citations or when owners fail to address repeated traffic violations. These provisions serve as critical tools in managing chronic violators who consistently disregard parking laws, ignore fines, or fail to appear in court. Removing these essential enforcement mechanisms, as proposed in AB 1022, would leave the City without effective means to compel compliance, thereby undermining the integrity of our local parking enforcement system.

The City of Paramount has proactively worked with stakeholders to establish payment programs that allow individuals to address outstanding violations through manageable payments. Enrollment in these programs automatically protects vehicles from being towed or immobilized. However, vehicles affected by AB 1022 represent cases where owners have received at least five citations but have not made any attempt at payment or enrollment in these assistance programs.

Furthermore, in 2024, the Superior Court in San Francisco opined that agencies "shall cease the operation of warrantless towing of vehicles pursuant to California Vehicle Code 22651(i) in an effort to collect excessive parking fines. Since the ruling, parking agencies have complied and sought a judicial warrant from a magistrate prior to initiating a tow on

a vehicle that has received a high number (at least 5 or more) of excessive delinquent parking tickets. AB 1022 does not codify the court decision; it strikes the entire Section in the Vehicle Code and removes the tool for agencies to rightfully obtain a warrant to perform a tow.

Parking enforcement is integral to ensuring public access to spaces, maintaining clear emergency vehicle routes, and preventing chronic violators from monopolizing limited parking resources. Without the authority to tow or immobilize vehicles that habitually violate parking regulations, Paramount anticipates significant increases in unpaid fines, clogged public parking spaces, and heightened frustration among residents who depend on accessible and functional parking facilities.

Additionally, AB 1022 would severely hamper our efforts to enforce compliance from owners of vehicles registered outside of California. Without the ability to tow or immobilize these vehicles, which are not subject to California DMV registration holds, the City would effectively have no recourse to address violations from out-of-state vehicles.

In conclusion, AB 1022 unnecessary removes essential enforcement tools, post significant risks to orderly parking management, municipal revenue generation, and public trust. We respectfully urge your committee to reject AB 1022 and preserve the critical enforcement authority established by existing law.

For these reasons, the City of Paramount respectfully opposes AB 1022 (Kalra). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our City Manager John Moreno at (562) 220-2225. We appreciate your time and consideration.

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