New Motion Introduced for Safe Parking Spaces to Aid Unhoused Residents in Los Angeles

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LOS ANGELES (CBSLA) — LA City Councilman David Ryu is taking steps to address growing concerns about a lack of safe places for unhoused residents through his proposal of what's being called a 'safe parking program.'

Ryu introduced a motion on Feb. 7 calling for support of the proposed landmark program to provide secure parking areas for Angelenos in need of safe alternative sleeping arrangements.

"Safe parking lots allow Angelenos who are living in their cars and RVs a safe place to park overnight with access to bathrooms, services and outreach," Ryu said on Twitter.



Source: safeparkingla.org

If approved, the designated spots are expected be situated in the parking lot next to 15380 Oxnard Street on the Sherman Oaks-Van Nuys border.

The Army Corps of Engineers currently owns the 20,000+ square feet lot through a long-term lease with LA.

Ryu, who represents District 4, said this program is an outreach to the estimated 262 unhoused locals living in their vehicles throughout the areas of Central LA, the southern San Fernando Valley, and eastern Santa Monica Mountains. Of those individuals, it's estimated that 86 live in cars and trucks, while 74 are living in RVs.

The plan would allot space for 20 to 25 vehicles each night through a requested budget of \$266,000 in hopes of assisting the more than 60,000 unhoused L.A. County residents.