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Press Advisory

No Tows Without Homes

When: Wednesday, November 5th, 11 am

Where: Parklet at Southwest corner of 16th street and Harrison St.

What: Press conference sponsored by Coalition on Homelessness pushing for a halt to RV Tows

(San Francisco, California)— On Wednesday November 5th, the Coalition on Homelessness in collaboration with RV residents, housing rights, immigrant rights and homeless rights advocates will be holding a press conference to demand the city protect RV residents from displacement and tows beginning Nov. 1st as part of the city's recently passed RV ban.

In late July, San Francisco Board of Supervisors approved a city wide 2 hour RV parking ban, and approved the Large Vehicle Refuge Permit Program. The Permit Program was intended to allow temporary exemption from the 2-hour parking restrictions. **However the city's permitting process has failed with many of the 500 RV households present May 31st still not getting stickers placed on their vehicles as enforcement looms over their heads.** Permits were only accessible to people identified in a city database as of May 2025, that could be revoked if RV residents refused any offers of service regardless of whether it meets their family size, disability or other needs. Over 100 residents' documented presence before May 2025 were denied permits. They were informed they were not part of the city's count and had to endure arduous appeal processes as the city continued to change the goalposts for approval, including the types of acceptable documentation and the timeframe of their established presence.

“The RV Ban and subsequent permit program are cruel measures by design, and now those who should qualify but were never notified have no path towards permitting as the process has closed. The city permit program has set up endless barriers for individuals and families in RVs. It's almost as if the

process was intended to banish RV residents and eradicate visible poverty instead of getting people into housing,” said Jennifer Friedenbach, Executive Director at the Coalition on Homelessness

“While the city targets households sheltered in RVs, thousands more are sleeping on the streets, in cars, parks, school gyms. The city should be setting up safe parking and RV parks, while working to get everyone indoors,” according to Gabriel Medina, Executive Director of La Raza Community Center.

There are approximately 15,000 unhoused households waiting for housing in Coordinated Entry (2024 data), almost 400 single adults and over 900 members of families with minor children on waitlist for shelter. The 2024 Point-In-Time Count found 4,354 people on the streets and also found that **90% of families experiencing unsheltered homelessness live in their vehicles.**

The Coalition on Homelessness, Latino Task Force, La Raza Community Center, Eviction Defense Collaborative and other community organizations alongside the RV community, demand the city halt all towing of families and individuals. The city must also open back up the permitting process for those housed in RVs.

"As an organization dedicated to protecting housing as a basic human right, EDC is deeply concerned about the planned towing of RVs in San Francisco," said Ora Prochovnick, Policy Director at Eviction Defense Collaborative.

"RV residents are living in their vehicles because they have nowhere else to go. We urge the City to pause these tows, engage directly with affected residents, and prioritize housing-first solutions over punitive measures. San Francisco must address homelessness with compassion, due process, and a commitment to keeping people housed—not just moving them along."

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The Coalition on Homelessness works to advance housing justice and ensure that every individual and family in San Francisco has access to safe, permanent housing.

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