CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

**APPEAL NUMBER: A-3-STC-16-0063**

**LOCAL GOVT PERMIT NUMBER: CP16-0090**

APPLICANT(S): City of Santa Cruz

APPELLANT(S): Robert Norse

DECISION BEING APPEALED:

Appeal by Robert Norse of City of Santa Cruz decision prohibiting RV parking on City of Santa

Cruz public streets between midnight and 5 a.m.

PROJECT LOCATION:

Public parking areas within the rights-of-way of City of Santa Cruz public streets.

**YOUR NAME HERE: In support of this project

In agreement with Staff Recommendation-** No Substantial Issue

CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT OFFICE

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July 23, 2016

Dear Coastal Commission:

I am in agreement with the staff recommendation and encourage you to find that this project does not raise a substantial issue of LCP conformance (nor conformance with the public access and recreation policies of the Coastal Act):

* The Coastal Act and LCP**do not establish a preference for RV users.**
* Removing RVs from this equation will free up space for all other users of the coastal zone at this location, a much larger group than the specialized RV group, **thus increasing public access and recreational opportunities overall.** By not continuing to allow RVs from parking for up to 72 hours, the public will gain more access. The same cadre of RVs parking all day, day after day does nothing to open opportunities for casual visitors.
* **Four other beach/shoreline facilities are available in the County and specifically designed for RV parking,**thus elimination of RV parking within the Coastal Zone during the stated non bona fide recreational hours of midnight to 5am, will not result in a significant reduction in public access for RV vehicles overall.
* Bona fide public access and recreation opportunities would not be affected, given that most people are asleep during the hours between midnight and 5 a.m. and are not typically using the beach during these hours.
* The City of Santa Cruz has seen an increase in complaints regarding the parking and/or storage of Over-sized Vehicles in residential and commercial areas throughout the City. Safety issues such as inadequate sight distance from driveways and intersections result when such Over-sized Vehicles are parked on public streets or rights of way in the City. Health concerns resulting from the illegal dumping of sewage waste and gray water waste from over-sized vehicles into our storm drains.   The parking and/or storage of over-sized vehicles cause visual blight in the City and monopolize residential parking in condensed neighborhoods.

Regards,

YOUR NAME HERE

Resident, City of Santa Cruz