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August 30, 2024

The Honorable Ash Kalra
Member, California State Assembly
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249

RE: AB 1082 (Kalra) Vehicles: Abandonment Removal.
Notice of OPPOSITION (as amended on 8/23/24)

Dear Assembly Member Kalra,

The City of Manhattan Beach regrettably **opposes AB 1082**, which would eliminate the ability for cities and law enforcement to adequately enforce local vehicle violations.

The measure caps the maximum duration for enrollment of a payment program at 24 months, and the maximum amount per month to pay at \$25. Based on the maximum term and maximum payment, the most locals could recover would be \$600 over two years. In high demand parking jurisdictions, this would equate to a \$300 annual parking pass for unlimited illegal parking of every type of violation.

AB 1082 would eliminate local municipality's ability to enforce parking on "out of state" plates. AB 1082 removes the option for local parking enforcement to immobilize or tow a vehicle under any circumstances, and considering out-of-state drivers don't pay vehicle registration in CA, AB 1082 removes the ability to effectively enforce parking rules.

Currently, if a city utilizes the DMV to collect delinquent parking fees they must offer a payment plan total with penalties 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.

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Unfortunately, the approach in AB 1082 removes one of the few remaining tools cities have to enforce their streets by rewarding people who fail to pay their parking tickets, regardless of income.

For these reasons, the City of Manhattan Beach is opposed to AB 1082.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Franklin". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Joe Franklin
Mayor
City of Manhattan Beach

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