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**From:** Linsey Onken <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 11, 2022 2:40 PM  
**To:** eComment  
**Subject:** Please end Santa Ana's discriminatory Residential Permit Parking Program

Santa Ana Public Comment email,

Dear City Councilmembers, Mayor Sarmiento, and Public Works,

I have lived in Santa Ana for almost 13 years in my condo in Hillview Regency. Parking here has never been ideal, but it used to be manageable. We can't just pick up and move, we can't just have fewer cars, we can't just not work or get parking tickets daily, we shouldn't not be able to have friends and family over. We are homeowners and pay property taxes just as the people in the surrounding neighborhoods. Taking away all the street parking except for by permit, but then now allowing us residents to get permits is discrimination. All of the houses have 2-3 garage spaces, 2-3 driveway spots and then accessibility to street permits, but complain that their neighbors need somewhere to park. We are not asking for the streets to be opened up and no permits. We are simply demanding that we are able to get the permits to be able to park on the streets in our neighborhood that we pay for with our tax dollars. This issue cannot be resolved any other way. We need the permits and you need to allow us to have them. How would you like to come home at night after work and not know where you will be leaving your vehicle, or how far of a walk you might have? It's unsettling and unfair and needs to be changed.

I am a homeowner here at Hillview Regency Condominiums located in Ward 3. My fellow residents and I have struggled for many years with the permit parking program that surrounds our condos. The complex where we live was built in the 1960s, and the existing parking infrastructure is insufficient for the amount of cars registered here. Our residents were once able to park in the surrounding streets when it was necessary, but ever since the permit parking program was implemented in our neighborhood (2005), it has become more and more difficult to find available parking.

Our residents are regularly cited for parking on the streets that surround us. Several families simply sold their homes and left over the years because the dilemma was so unbearable. It has only gotten worse as time has passed.

Our HOA is currently in the process of establishing more on-site parking, but it is a very lengthy and costly process, and there is no guarantee that the project will provide enough spaces to meet our needs.

If the permit parking program is to continue in our city, we ask that the public works department make allowances for residents of our complex to purchase our own permits to park on the neighborhood streets so that we too can come home and not have to fret over where we will leave our vehicles over night.

We wish to see the city's permit parking resolution updated to ensure all Santa Ana residents are treated equitably. Thank you.

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