



Study Issue Form

The Study Issues process is designed to assist City Council with setting priorities for the coming calendar year. Board and commission members have two roles in this process:

1. To advise Council regarding the identification of policy issues to study, within their relevant area of authority;
2. To advise Council on those issues Council has decided to study.

The study issues process should focus on considering a new or revised ordinance, new or expanded service delivery program, changes to existing Council Policy, or amendments to the General Plan. The Study Issues Form is designed to focus board and commissioner members' ideas on potential policy study issues, and provide the opportunity for staff feedback and guidance in a transparent process.

Board or commissioners may only fill out a form for study issue ideas within their purview.

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Date Submitted to Staff Liaison: 1/26/2021

Board/ Commission: Planning Commission

Workplan Year: 2022

Submitted by: Commissioner Harrison

Study Issue Working Title: Safe Parking or Limited Stay Camper Parking

1. What are the key elements of the issue? What precipitated this study?
There is a growing trend of people living in motorized housing of different types. There is no area of Sunnyvale that is officially designated for this type of housing. There is no place that provides the needed space, facilities and rules for this type of housing. This topic needs study to determine if this type of housing can be/should be accommodated, if yes, to what extent, where, with what services, at what cost, what length of stay, etc, etc. The city has lots of high end housing, very limited middle and low cost housing. This grass roots reaction to this situation is likely to grow if it is not studied and addressed for the good of all citizens and workers.
2. Staff Summary of Scope and/or Comments: The study of Safe Parking sites is included in the Housing Strategy and has been ranked as a Tier 3 project by the Council. As no State funding is available for this use, the City would have to use general funds if they were a participant in a safe parking program. The study could be as simple as expanding the existing definition for "Emergency Shelter" to accommodate this use under the existing classification which allows for this use by right in the M-S/POA



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(Industrial and Service/Place of Assembly) zoning district and with a Use Permit in the M-S (Industrial and Service) zoning district. However, without State funding, it would likely be up to faith-based organizations or non-profits to facilitate such a site.