

Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statement on

Moratorium of 30 day Vehicle Seizure

Local governments have the legal authority to stop the 30 day impound and impose a moratorium;

The legality of the 30 day car impound has been challenged in various jurisdictions throughout the state of California;

Both the California Court of Appeal and the State Attorney General have concluded that law enforcement officers have discretion on whether to seize vehicles driven by unlicensed drivers;

While immigration reform is stalled in the US Congress, local governments should act now to ameliorate the hardship caused by this unfair policy that targets the most vulnerable members of our community;

WHEREAS, the Boyle Heights NC believes that by requiring such vehicles to be stored for a full thirty (30) days detrimentally impacts low income and other financially impacted parties, who are stopped and who have the vehicle they are operating seized. We call on LA City Council and other local cities to support a moratorium on 30 day vehicle seizure.