



Postcards to legislators, January, 2023

**TOPIC 1: STOP TOWING THE CARS OF HOMELESS PEOPLE**

**Background:**

**'No Humanity Whatsoever': Homeless Mothers Sleep in Cold After SDPD Tows Vehicles**

NBC San Diego, 11/16/22

tags that had long expired. The mother

The San Diego Union-Tribune

San Diego police disproportionately tow low-income people's cars, audit finds

11/15/22

The findings of an 11/22 [analysis performed by the San Diego City Auditor](#) were:

- “The City should strengthen the public oversight and transparency of the vehicle towing program by publicly reporting on the program’s outcomes, impacts to residents, and potential revisions to tow policies and practices.”
- “Internal oversight of the towing program is strong and SDPD should continue to conduct performance evaluations in compliance with the City’s contract guide.”

**Suggested text:**

*Enforcement of the City’s towing policy can have a disproportionate impact on vulnerable populations. Putting people out of their cars and onto the streets is not a solution to homelessness. I support greater transparency and public oversight on this issue, expansion of city safe parking lot hours and locations, and implementation of alternatives to towing vehicles that also serve as people’s homes.*

*Respectfully,*

*(your name)*

**Suggested recipients:**

- [Mayor Todd Gloria](#)
- [Your City Council member](#)
- [City Attorney Mara Elliott](#)