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## LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILMAN GREIG SMITH

### **Councilman Smith Introduces Motion For Better Distribution of Compact and SUV Parking Spaces**

**Los Angeles** - Councilman Greig Smith introduced a motion Friday, June 29, that would change the number of specifically sized parking spaces designated for compact cars versus sport utility vehicles (SUVs), vans and trucks, in new commercial buildings to better reflect the actual proportion of cars and large vehicles on the road.

“It is unacceptable that mothers with children, or the elderly have just inches between their vehicles and the ones parked next to them,” Councilman Smith said. “We need a policy that reflects the real world we live in today.”

Mothers with baby car seats, seniors with walkers or canes, and people with disabilities face a very difficult situation when they park their cars in public parking lots and garages and there are only inches of space between their vehicle and the adjacent vehicle.

Whether people drive compact cars or large SUVs, there is not enough room for them to access their vehicles with the current system of different-sized parking spaces designated for large and small vehicles.

Auto industry data indicates that approximately 39% of the cars on the road, and approximately 50% of car sales in California this year, are from vans, mini-vans, SUVs, and trucks. The ratio of compact parking spaces to “standard size” parking spaces in new commercial buildings needs to be reexamined to reflect that reality.

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