



# CTRA PARKING ISSUES SURVEY

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The CTRA Parking Issues Task Force created this informal survey to determine the range of opinion among residents about problems caused by non-residents who park on our neighborhood streets as well as possible solutions.

Our goal is to identify the blocks where residents experience these problems, and to seek broad input on possible solutions that might be workable for our neighborhood. Residents will be informed of the results of the survey and will have further opportunities for feedback prior to submitting a formal request for city action.

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1. What block do you live on? \_\_\_\_\_

*(examples: 900 block of Stanford Avenue, 2000 block of Harvard St.)*

2. How often do you have difficulty parking near your house?

\_\_\_\_\_ Frequently      \_\_\_\_\_ Sometimes      \_\_\_\_\_ Almost never

3. How often does parking-related noise bother you?

\_\_\_\_\_ Frequently      \_\_\_\_\_ Sometimes      \_\_\_\_\_ Almost never

4. Do you believe that non-resident parking is a problem on your block?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, frequently      \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, sometimes      \_\_\_\_\_ Not really

If yes: When does this problem most affect you or other residents on your block?

*(Check all that apply)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Weekdays      \_\_\_\_\_ Weekends      \_\_\_\_\_ University vacation periods  
\_\_\_\_\_ Evenings      \_\_\_\_\_ Overnight

5. How often do parked cars prevent the street sweeper from cleaning your curb and gutter?

\_\_\_\_\_ Frequently      \_\_\_\_\_ Sometimes      \_\_\_\_\_ Almost never

6. Please share any additional comments you have about parking issues in College Terrace.

The Parking Issues Task Force found that other Northern California cities with residential neighborhoods next to major universities have all adopted some form of residential parking permit program as the only realistic way to restrict the access of non-residents to the "free" parking on neighborhood streets. In addition, Stanford University has given the City of Palo Alto \$100,000 towards setting up a residential permit parking program for College Terrace as one of the conditions of approval for its General Use Permit of December 2000.

The rest of this survey focuses on different options for a residential permit parking program that could relieve parking problems in the impacted parts of our neighborhood.

**Note: Any program would be "opt-in", meaning that only blocks with a strong majority approving the final proposal would participate.**

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7. In your opinion, when would enforcement be needed to restrict non-resident parking on your block? (choose one option in each column)

HOURS:	DAYS:
<input type="checkbox"/> 8AM-5PM	<input type="checkbox"/> M-F
<input type="checkbox"/> 8AM-12 midnight	<input type="checkbox"/> M-Sat
<input type="checkbox"/> 24 hours a day	<input type="checkbox"/> All 7 days
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify hours)	<input type="checkbox"/> None (prefer no program)
<input type="checkbox"/> None (prefer no program)	

8. If your block voted to participate in a residential permit parking program, how many on-street parking permits would you need for your household? \_\_\_\_\_  
*Note: no permits would be needed for cars parked in garages or driveways.*

9. Assuming that the fines paid by ticketed drivers were not enough to cover the ongoing costs of enforcement, what do you consider to be a reasonable annual fee for each on-street resident parking permit?

\$25  \$35  \$50  Other (please specify)

10. How should short term visitors be handled during restricted hours?

Allow anyone to park free for two hours before being ticketed

Residents should have access to temporary guest passes for visitors and service workers (gardeners, housecleaners, caregivers etc.)

Only enforce when residents complain about chronic violators

Other suggestion: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Please share any additional comments regarding potential solutions.

**Thank you!**

**Optional: Name:**

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