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Good evening Mayor, City Council Members, and Staff

I am writing to you to comment about the lack of parking enforcement in the City of Hercules.

I have spoken to the parking enforcement officer directly about some of these concerns, such as: why are warnings/tickets not issued to these vehicles that are parked in the same spots for several days, weeks, months, or longer. He told me because it's a cat and mouse game. I asked why tickets are not issued to the many of the vehicles with out of state license plates. He told me he has no way of determining if these vehicles are being driven back and forth across state lines. I asked why tickets are not issued to the many vehicles with expired registrations, some over a year. He told me that he had no way of knowing if the registration has been not been paid, or if it's been paid, but sticker not applied. I Also see the temporary paper plates that have expired.

One can be ticketed for not having a current sticker applied, whether or not the registration has been paid. Also, according to CHP, owners of vehicles from out of state have twenty-one days to get their vehicles registered in California upon change of residency. I have seen some that have been here for years. The burden of proof of these violations should fall on the owners of these vehicles. I believe , if I'm not mistaken, the city is losing out on revenue from non-enforcement?

I see the parking enforcement officer a few days a week, driving around some of the same streets in the same neighborhoods almost every time. He doesn't appear to be paying attention to violations, instead relying only on complaints that are called in.

I've heard it mentioned more than once that this position is "revenue neutral." If that is the case I would like to know who is paying the salary for this position in light of the large drop in parking citations.

It's time to take action on this, not make excuses.

Signed,
Hercules By The Bay resident