

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2023-088

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA SUPPORTING
ASSEMBLY BILL 436 (ALVAREZ)

WHEREAS, the Council has identified multiple priorities such as community vibrancy and public safety, including protecting our residents' safety and property; and

WHEREAS, The California Legislature in 2022 passed Assembly Concurrent Resolution 176 to celebrate the state's history and culture of cruising; and

WHEREAS, the proposed bill, Assembly Bill 436, introduced by Assemblymember David Alvarez and others, repeals the authority of local agencies to adopt rules and regulations by ordinance or other regulation regarding cruising; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 436, additionally repeals the prohibition on operating a passenger vehicle, or commercial vehicle under 6,000 pounds, that has been lowered below a certain point; and

WHEREAS, cruising is synonymous with lowriding – until recently, lowriders cruising around our community was viewed as a negative activity among the general public, often being associated with crime and gang involvement. More recently, it has been confused with sideshow activity; and

WHEREAS, lowriding is not related to sideshow activity. Lowriding is about cultural identity, creativity, social change and healing; and

WHEREAS, the measure could support our residents and underscore that lowriding is also a form of healing from multi-generational trauma and more recently a violence prevention strategy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa declares its support for Assembly Bill 436 authored by Assemblymember David Alvarez.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 6th day June, 2023.

AYES: (7) Mayor N. Rogers, Vice Mayor MacDonald, Council Members Alvarez, Fleming, Okrepkie, C. Rogers, Stapp

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
City Attorney