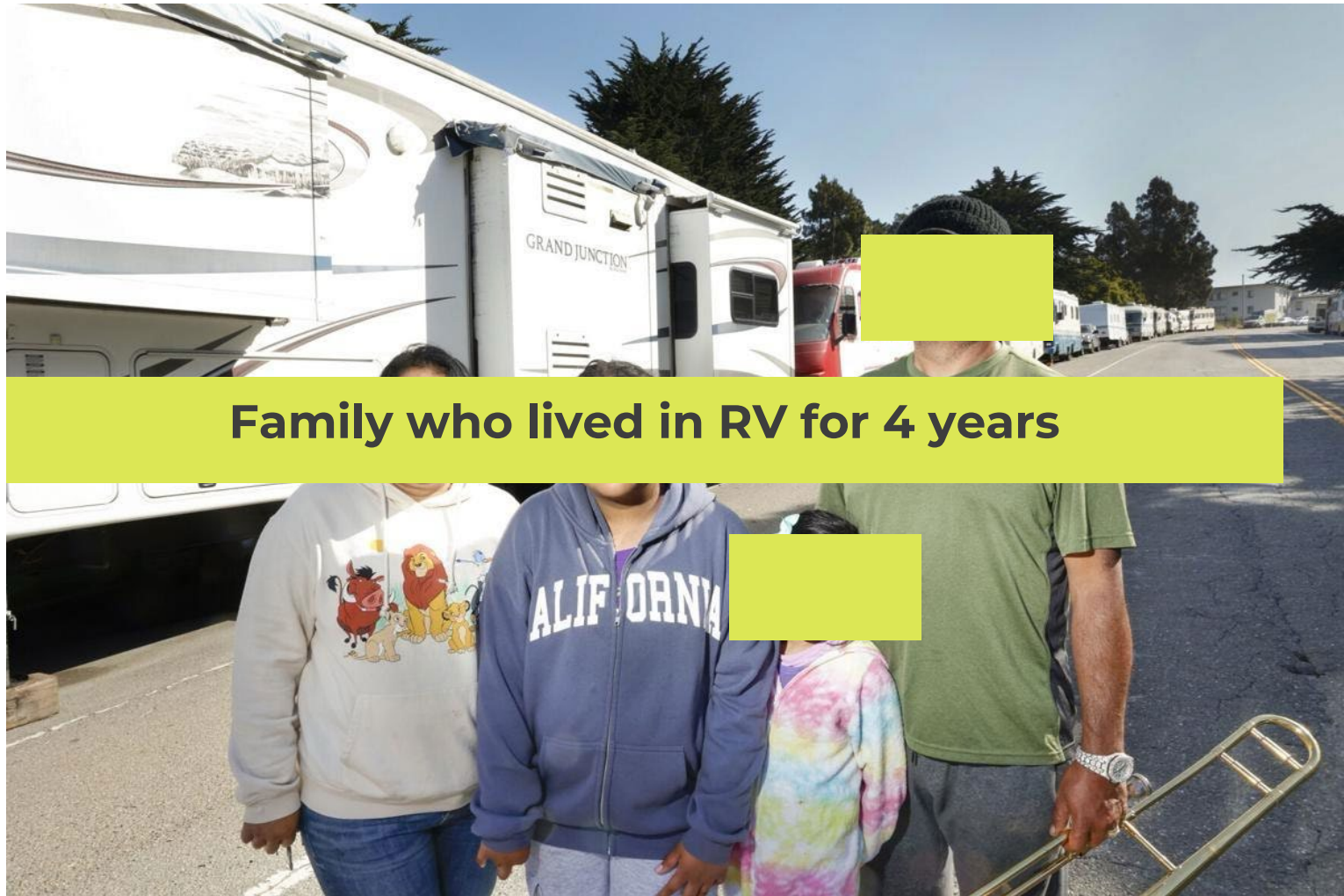




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**Family who lived in RV for 4 years**



**Families forced to move multiple times**

# Who Lives in RVs and Why

- According to 2024 Point-In-Time Count, there are over 1,400 people in San Francisco living in their vehicles.
  - 90% of families experiencing unsheltered homelessness live in their vehicles.
- Elders, people with disabilities, and families live in RVs. Many are working people of color and immigrants, some undocumented.
- With high rents in SF and job losses during the pandemic, many turned to RVs as their only option.



# SFMTA's Ban on Overnight RV Parking

- Change to transportation code will shift decision making from SFMTA Board (public process) to SFMTA Director (private process).
- RVs would be **towed, rather than ticketed**, resulting in a loss of someone's home and belongings.

# Impact of the Ban

- **Strain on Homelessness Response System:**
  - There are over 200 individuals and 500 families on the shelter waitlist.
  - If a family in an RV accepts shelter, they will only be allowed a temporary stay in shelter.
- **Waste of City Resources:**
  - Towing RVs is very expensive.
  - SFMTA and SFPD would have to dedicate funding and staff time to this work.

# Impact of the Ban

- **Impact on Households who Live in RVs:**
  - Endangers survivors/victims of domestic and gender-based violence
  - Displaces undocumented and vulnerable immigrant communities
  - Puts elderly people and people with disabilities at greater risk of morbidity
  - Increases adverse childhood experiences for children

# Recommendations

- Vote to overturn this change in the transportation code.
- Collaborate with City departments, service providers, and community members on sustainable solutions to support people living in RVs.
  - Culturally and linguistically competent engagement to get people housed and provide appropriate services.
  - Targeted services to meet needs, such as fixing vehicles.
  - RV and Mobile Home Parks
  - Safe parking sites, including community self-run sites.