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Neighbors vote to keep overnight parking restrictions for lower El Toyonal

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Following up on a request to seek greater public input on a resolution adopted in September 2018 that prohibits overnight parking on lower El Toyonal, the city of Orinda polled residents to determine if they wanted the requirements changed; 48% of those polled responded, and of those 11 ballots received, eight were in favor of some sort of parking restriction. As a result, the staff recommended that the city council correct a technical error in the resolution, but continue it in effect, banning any overnight parking from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. along the north side of El Toyonal beginning at the intersection of Camino Pablo and extending westerly a distance of 390 feet along El Toyonal. The original restriction was adopted in response to a citizen request for the parking restrictions because large construction vehicles were parking overnight on lower El Toyonal and creating unwanted noise in the early mornings. The city council unanimously agreed to keep the resolution, with the minor correction in a reference to the municipal code.

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