About the Safe Parking Program®:

The Safe Parking Program® provides safe, overnight shelter for homeless families and individuals living in their vehicles, as they work to return to traditional stable housing.

The Safe Parking Program® repurposes existing community resources — empty parking lots — and utilizes them to meet a critical community need.

The program currently manages over 150 spaces in 26 parking lots throughout the cities of Santa Barbara and Goleta and the neighboring unincorporated areas of the county. Each of these lots has entered into a written agreement with New Beginnings who has indemnified them against any liability. New Beginnings also opened a lot in Lompoc in 2021 and in Carpinteria in 2023. Since the program’s inception in 2004, there have been no major incidents or damage to any of the participating lots or neighborhoods.

Staff works intensively with program clients to transition them back into traditional and permanent housing through comprehensive case management and goal planning for each client in areas of income, housing, health, and wellness. This plan is reviewed and next steps are assigned at each monthly check-in.
Shelter Qualifications:
• Must be currently without housing and living in your vehicle.
• Must have valid license, registration, and car insurance.
• Must demonstrate proof of income to qualify for financial assistance.

Shelter Information:
• There is no fee for participants.
• Locations are confidential.
• Lots are monitored.
• Pets are welcomed.
• No curfew or required check-in times are enforced.

Housing Services:
Case management and financial assistance available to referred unsheltered individuals and families assessed through the coordinated entry system. Please contact us to be assessed or for further information.

“The Safe Parking Program provides people experiencing vehicular homelessness with a safe location to sleep, while also providing individuals with hope and critical support. The Safe Parking program meets people where they are and accompanies them on their journey to find housing. Our entire community benefits from the Safe Parking Program.”
- Assemblymember Gregg Hart