

# Belmont/Elston/California-East Avondale Business Parking Survey Results

Dear BEC Business Owner/Manager and or resident: KEBIC, with the help of Brand Park staff, has received numerous responses to our fax/email BEC Parking Survey. The results will be delineated below.

## 1. Is parking a problem for your company?

- 8 responded no;
- 7 responded yes;
- Two stated there is a parking problem after 4 pm (because of the restricted tow zone regulations from 4-6 pm).
- One stated "sometimes/yes deliveries".

### Do you have a lack of parking for customers?

- 10 responses said no lack of parking for customers;
- 6 said they had a lack of parking for customers;
- One said after 6 pm, there was a lack of parking for customers;
- One responded sometimes/yes deliveries.

### Do you have a lack of parking for Employees?

- 10 said no.
- 5 said yes.
- One said nothing;
- Two gave employee car counts, but had otherwise said no to general parking problems.

## Do you have a neighbor company whose Employee's parking needs conflicts with your own parking needs?

- 8 no;
- 3 yes;
- 1 sometimes;
- 6 no answer.

## 2. How many vehicles do you and your employees bring to work on a daily basis? And 3. How many of your employee's vehicles park on the public streets, and how many in private parking lots?

- 40, (20 on the streets, and 20 in private lots)
- 28, on the street;
- 20 day, and 13 evening, with all but one on the street;
- 11 parked solely on the street;
- 10, with 9 on the street and one in a private lot;
- 5, with 4 on the street and 1 on a private lot;
- 4 on the street;
- 3 on the street;
- 2-3 on private lots
- 2 on the street;
- 2 in a private garage;
- Two businesses had 1 car each on the street;
- Five businesses had zero cars brought to work.

## 4. Do you live in the building your business occupies?

(Only one business answered yes).

Do you live in the Neighborhood close enough to walk to work? Do you walk to work? (Five answered yes to both these questions).

## 5. Would you support enacting a Special Service Assessment (SSA) Tax District which would raise your real-estate taxes .25% if the funds were designated towards relieving parking congestion in your commercial neighborhood?

- 13 said no (one of these said "no-no-no-no");
- 3 had no opinion;

*-1 said yes to the SSA;*

*-1 supported an SSA if and only if the funds were directed solely “for a new parking garage...at the corner of -Francisco and Belmont (owned by Ace Hardware)”.*

**Do you have any familiarity with SSA’s in other neighborhoods?**

*-11 said no, one said yes;*

*-5 had no answer;*

*-the “no-no-no-no-“answer above had “much “familiarity with SSA’s.*

**6. Do you have any other opinions pertaining to parking issues, or other issues of concern for the Belmont, Elston, and California commercial district you would like to share with the 33<sup>rd</sup> Ward, or the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward?**

*-Taxi’s Parked on streets!*

*-They just put no parking signs 4-6 pm in front of our building that cause us problems, who can I contact?*

*-no opinions, or unstated, 3 respondents.*

*-Loading Zone or 15 minute parking on 2849 W. Belmont and/or each block could help. On my section of Belmont, it would help muffler shop customers, as well, cellular shop, coffee shop deliveries, etc....*

*-4 to 6pm is terrible! Customers need parking.*

*-no to meters.*

*-Sacramento, Belmont and the side streets are filled with abandoned/stolen vehicles left for months; customers cannot find parking.*

*-Have trouble finding tenants parking, use Belmont, Sacramento but a hassle.*

*-Parking is not an issue. There is always enough parking in the area.*

*-I would like for the city to remove abandoned vehicles, not just ticket them.*

*-I would NOT support parking meters in the BEC area.*

*-Parking (opinions), none. But the excessive speed of Belmont drivers is insane, always; radar should be put in ASAP.*

*-We don’t like Lincoln Towing Company!*

*-If there are parking permits, I would want my employees to be able to buy them as well. We bought our building 7 years ago in this neighborhood because there was a good bi-lingual work force and there was safe parking. If we find our employees cannot park because of residential parking permits or need to feed the meters on Elston, we will move our jobs out of the neighborhood and probably out of the city. We employ 33 full time and anywhere from 18-25 part timers/temps over 3 shifts.*

*-I definitely have an opinion about parking? There is not enough of it. I used to drive but stopped because of parking issues. The streets surrounding us are all permit parking except for Francisco. Whicish is next to impossible to find a space. But Francisco will quickly become an even larger problem when they start selling the new condos that border Francisco and Elston Avenues. The builder is not obliged to create parking for the condos as it is a rehab and not new construction. I can’t enen begin to think how bad it will be in winter when there is no parking on the snow routes (overnight)! Where are all the cars going to park?! Also another condo developmebnt is going to start construction right next door to my office. I know that they must provide at least one space for each unit, BUT who in Chicago is in a one car family? Not to mention parking for whatever retail businesses go in on the first floor.*