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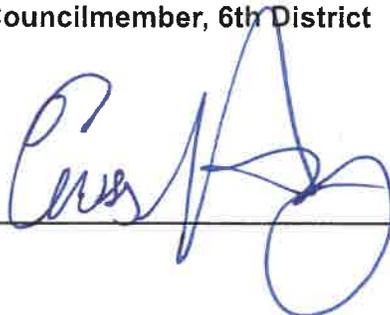
On January 1st 2024, California Assembly Bill 436 (Alvarez) took effect, which repeals local laws that prohibit cruising across the State. Cruising is defined in Section 80.36.10 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to mean "the driving of a motor vehicle two or more times within a six-hour period, in a particular direction..." This bill would also remove a provision prohibiting a common modification made to cars used in cruising to have the vehicles ride low to the ground, often referred to as "low riding,"

Upon the new law's effective date, a "Cruise Night" was planned and occurred on Saturday, January 6, 2024 at 5:00 PM on Van Nuys Blvd. between Oxnard Street and Burbank Blvd. Despite the new legislation prohibiting the enforcement of anti-cruising laws, LAPD Van Nuys Division communicated to the event organizers that all vehicle code violations and Los Angeles Municipal Codes are still enforceable and that night street events require event permits and must be approved by the City.

Cruising has been known to be a part of many multicultural communities, and is seen as a way of artistic expression, popularized by Chicano/Latino communities and vehicle enthusiasts in general. The confusion between the State's messaging and the LAPD's understanding of the law has created unnecessary inconveniences to local communities.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney, in consultation with the Police Department and the Department of Transportation, report back within 30 days on what is needed to bring the Los Angeles Municipal Code up to compliance with the new state law legalizing cruising, including an educational piece on necessary City procedures i.e. permits, noise ordinance rules, etc., that may apply to cruisers and cruising events.

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