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Council File Number: 18-0895

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Item Number: 10

Summary: We the Wilshire Center-Koreatown Neighborhood Council ("WCKNC") of the City of Los Angeles, SUPPORT the adoption of Council File 18-0895 for the creation of permanent roadside memorial signs at the locations of fatal bicycle crashes. We support efforts to increase automobile drivers' awareness of bicycles on the road, as well as efforts to commemorate those individuals who have been involved in fatal bicycle crashes in the City of Los Angeles. Therefore, we strongly encourage the creation of permanent roadside memorial signs at the locations of fatal bicycle crashes as described in Council File 18-0895.

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January 14, 2019

Council President Herb Wesson and Transportation Committee Members
City Hall
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles California 90012

We the Wilshire Center-Koreatown Neighborhood Council (“WCKNC”) of the City of Los Angeles, **SUPPORT** the adoption of **Council File 18-0895** for the creation of permanent roadside memorial signs at the locations of fatal bicycle crashes.

Bicycle ridership is common in the densely populated WCKNC community and stakeholders have regularly expressed support for bicycle-friendly policies in WCKNC general board and committee meetings. Bicycles serve as an environmentally friendly and healthy form of transportation, benefiting society as a whole, and also serve as the primary form of transportation for many members of the community.

However, automobile drivers are often less accustomed to sharing the road with bicycles, resulting in frequent automobile-bicycle collisions. While this situation is unfortunate for all parties involved, cyclists are much more vulnerable to injury and death than are automobile drivers by nature of the structural differences of their respective vehicles. Additionally, automobile drivers can more easily flee the scene when involved in a collision with a bicycle than if they were involved in a collision with another automobile because their vehicle is less likely to suffer damage that impedes their ability to leave. This results in frequent “hit and runs” when automobile drivers strike cyclists.

Furthermore, the issue of bicycle fatalities relates to economic equity: lower income communities tend to rely more heavily on bicycle transportation than do more affluent communities, which means lower income individuals are more at risk of injury and death on the road than are more affluent individuals.

We support efforts to increase automobile drivers’ awareness of bicycles on the road, as well as efforts to commemorate those individuals who have been involved in fatal bicycle crashes in the City of Los Angeles. Therefore, we strongly encourage the creation of permanent roadside memorial signs at the locations of fatal bicycle crashes as described in Council File 18-0895.

Sincerely,

The Wilshire Center-Koreatown Neighborhood Council