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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(14) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 01/05/2021

Type of NC Board Action: For

#### Impact Information

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Agenda Date:

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Summary: The Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council (ERNC) calls upon LA DOT to put forth a car idling ban educational campaign. It is necessary to address the issues of poor air quality in Los Angeles due to the increasing concern over the climate emergency. Car idling puts 3 million tons of CO2 into California's atmosphere annually. At least one-third of greenhouse gas emissions in Los Angeles is from the transportation sector.

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**City Council File Number 19-0604: Ban on Car Idling**

January 5, 2021

Los Angeles City Council  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear City Council Members,

We declare that on January 5, 2021, a Brown Act noticed public meeting was held by the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council (ERNC) at which a quorum was present. The following motion passed with a vote of 14 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions:

City Council File Number 19-0604  
Title: Ban on Car Idling  
ERNC Position: Support

The Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council (ERNC) calls upon LA DOT to put forth a car idling ban educational campaign. It is necessary to address the issues of poor air quality in Los Angeles due to the increasing concern over the climate emergency. Car idling puts 3 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> into California's atmosphere annually. At least one-third of greenhouse gas emissions in Los Angeles is from the transportation sector.

The LA region has received an on-going annual failing grade from the American Lung Association's "State of the Air" report. Los Angeles is considered the most ozone-polluted metropolitan area in the United States.

Air pollution poses significant dangers to public health, including risk of premature death, reproductive and developmental harm, cardiovascular disease, lung cancer, and asthma. Over 250,000 children and 1.1 million adults in the Los Angeles metropolitan area reportedly has asthma, with low-income communities of color particularly at risk. It's a public health issue.

Sensitive locations all over Los Angeles, such as schools, hospitals and senior centers, as well as emissions choked areas such as garages, parking lots and travel hubs are most at risk. Distracted Idling is increasing as we sit in our cars to charge and talk on phones, as ride-hailing and delivery services leave parked vehicles engines running.

Limiting needless vehicle idling to one minute or less will protect everyone from kids to construction workers. Idling is Zero MPG Activity which creates 3 Million Tons of unnecessary CO2 and other pollutants in CA annually - it is counterproductive to be concerned about car MPG standards and completely ignore this 0 MPG behavior. Turning off the engine when not driving should be as second nature as turning off the light when leaving a room.

At least 7 states and many cities have already implemented a car idling ban. NYC has had one of the strongest all-vehicle parking idling laws for decades. We are in support of adopting the best practices from these places.

There are exemptions for extreme temperatures, the health and the well-being of passengers, any safety or emergency vehicles and the needs of commercial vehicles needs and the needs of commercial vehicles to run their engines while parked.

This will not hurt low-income or homeless people, it will not be enforced in any way if the health or wellness of vehicle occupants are at stake, it will not interfere with necessary emergency and safety vehicle functions or commercial vehicle functions that require a parked idling engine.

The Los Angeles Motion would create regulations designed to avoid negative impacts on the homeless or low income communities. Research has consistently found that it's less polluting and more fuel efficient to turn off a modern, fuel-injected vehicle than let it idle for more than 10 seconds long. We need an effective ordinance coupled with a good educational campaigns by LA DOT. This motion would raise consciousness to turn off parked idling. The ERNC calls on LA City Council to support the Los Angeles Koretz idling ban and post "Clean Air Zone- No Idling Allowed" signs in sensitive areas.

Please place this letter in the case file, and acknowledge its receipt via email to: **executive@ernc.la**. Thank you.

Respectfully,

*Jesse Saucedo*

President, Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council

cc: Office of Councilmember Kevin De Leon