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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(11) Nay(0) Abstain(8) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 04/12/2021

Type of NC Board Action: For

#### Impact Information

Date: 04/15/2021

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 19-0604

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: We represent the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council Board (“HHPNC”) and the approximately 65,000 stakeholders in the Highland Park community. We write in support of the following application by Mr. Alan Hopkins and Mr. David McCoy-Galicia, the owners (“Owners”) of the property located at 5639 E. Raber Street, Los Angeles, CA 90042: for “the purpose of obtaining a variance to ORDINANCE NO. 186481 - An ordinance amending Sections 12.03, 12.22 and 12.33, and repealing portions of Section 12.24, of Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code for the purpose of regulating Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units in accordance with State law” to construct a 1,600 SF main dwelling and convert the existing 792 SF primary dwelling into an ADU.

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# Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

## Community Impact Statement

12 April 2021

Attn: Councilmember Paul Koretz

From: Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

RE: Support for 19-0454

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council Vote: YES NO ABSTAIN\_\_

Ban on Car Idling – Community Impact Statement

Date: 12 April 2021

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Related Council File: 19-0454

Summary: This motion calls upon LADOT to put forth a car idling ban educational campaign.

Dear City Council and Committees,

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council (HHPNC), representing more than 60,000 resident stakeholders, calls upon LA DOT to put forth a car idling ban educational campaign in support of Councilmember Koretz's motion to limit vehicle idling.

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.

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. 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.

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 constructions workers.

Idling is Zero MPG Activity which creates 3 Million Tons of unnecessary CO<sub>2</sub> 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. Given our worsening air quality and its public health ramifications, in addition to the climate crisis, this is an opportunity to limit harmful emissions while raising drivers' awareness about their contributions to the dangers and how they can help.

At least 8 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, including the health and the well-being of passengers, any safety or emergency vehicles, and the needs of commercial vehicles. 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 Motion would create regulations designed to avoid negative impacts on the homeless or low-income communities.

Research has consistently found that it is less polluting and more fuel efficient to turn off a modern, fuel-injected vehicle than let it idle for more than 10 seconds long. Limiting needless vehicle idling to one minute or less will protect everyone.

We need an effective ordinance coupled with good educational campaigns by LA DOT. This motion would raise consciousness to turn off parked idling. The HHPNC calls on LA City Council to support the idling ban and post "Clean Air Zone- No Idling Allowed" signs in sensitive areas and eventually, in all areas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Estrella Sainburg', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Estrella Sainburg

President,

Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council