

Communication from Public

Name: Jane Liu

Date Submitted: 08/31/2021 06:33 PM

Council File No: 21-0870

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, Roads in Los Angeles are often wide to allow for easy driving. However, during hours when streets are quieter, some take advantage of these wide roads for street racing, a very dangerous, hazardous, and illegal activity. I urge you to support any and all initiatives to prevent street racing, discourage bad behavior in drivers, and promote safer driving and safer streets for everyone. Specifically, I urge the city to re-design our streets to narrow lanes, ensure daylighting for all street corners, add bus lanes and protected bike lanes, and add other safety features like speed tables, speed bumps, chicanes, and the timing of traffic lights that doesn't allow for uninterrupted speeding traffic. As a resident I frequently experience problems getting around in Los Angeles. Neither a car, bus, train, or bike is able provide speedy, efficient method for me to get to my destination. The city has become too dense to drive but buses remain unreliable and the Metro trains are limited in the areas they service and too dangerous to ride after 7 PM. An inefficient transportation system suppresses economic growth and financial activity in a city. Imagine, if residents could easily and quickly get to where they need to go. Local businesses would thrive and generate much more revenue from residents who aren't wasting their time in cars stuck in traffic jams and circling around endlessly looking for parking. Creating and promoting a better public transportation system will result in a boom in economic activity, higher tax revenues, and a myriad of other social and economic benefits. Los Angeles is a vibrant, culturally diverse place that already has all the ingredients for being a great, global city. A smooth and unobstructed public transportation system where people can easily and safely go to work and complete their errands is the final piece of the puzzle to make Los Angeles one of the premier cities in the world. Best Regards, Jane Liu

Communication from Public

Name: Virginia Wexman

Date Submitted: 08/31/2021 12:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, I am highly supportive of the City re-designing streets to discourage bad behavior by drivers - including street racing. I live at 11th and Grand, which has become a popular site for this activity. Racers travel a loop from Olympic to Venice via Grand and Olive, blocks are filled with residential buildings. Because street racers routinely ignore stop lights and speed limits, the best deterrent would be to install speed bumps. Thank you, Virginia Wexman 1111 South Grand Ave. Los Angeles, 90015

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Name: Melanie Winter

Date Submitted: 08/31/2021 12:53 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers: Street racing has become a dangerous and increasing problem in my neighborhood of Studio City and I understand has in many other communities as well. Drivers take advantage of our over-wide street design, particularly late at night, to use local roads as recreational racing courses. Cities throughout the world have managed to design safe streets that serve all modes of travel. Our street designs are not safe, and present particular challenges for children, seniors, and the disabled. I urge the Council to support re-designing streets to discourage bad behavior by drivers - including street racing. Specifically, I encourage the city to narrow lanes, add bus and bike lanes (these interventions can also calm speeding cars down), and add other things like speed tables and speed bumps, chicanes, and the timing of traffic lights that doesn't allow for uninterrupted speeding traffic. Thank you - Melanie Winter Studio City 91604

Communication from Public

Name: Cooper

Date Submitted: 08/31/2021 08:47 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, Our neighborhood streets in Los Angeles are designed according to outdated guidelines meant for freeways. Instead of creating safe, livable streets, the focus has been on maximizing vehicle speed and throughput. I strongly support the city redesigning streets to discourage street racing as well as more ordinary speeding and reckless driving. This will also help address the unhealthy levels of noise pollution many residents experience. Narrower lanes, more space for alternatives to driving, and other traffic calming features such as chicanes, modal filters, speed bumps, and raised intersections and crosswalks are among the treatments that should be widely implemented. The space freed up on our streets can be used for more street trees and greenery, further reducing emissions and making our city more climate resilient. In addition, lower vehicle speeds and raised crosswalks greatly improve accessibility for people with reduced mobility. Thank you, Cooper Johnston Venice, CA 90291

Communication from Public

Name: Wesley Rowe

Date Submitted: 08/31/2021 10:13 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, Street racing is personal to me because I live near Olympic Blvd and Overland Blvd, where a young woman was killed in her car by a street racer. I pass there every day dropping my own kids at school. The problem is that the streets in Los Angeles are designed like highways - they are extremely wide, and aggressive drivers know there are no consequences for weaving, speeding, and even street racing. I am highly supportive of the City re-designing streets to discourage bad behavior by drivers - including street racing. Specifically, I encourage the city to narrow lanes, add bus and bike lanes (these interventions can also calm speeding cars down), and add other things like speed tables and speed bumps, chicanes, and the timing of traffic lights that doesn't allow for uninterrupted speeding traffic.

