

MOTION

The newly opened Sixth Street Viaduct is the latest monument for the City of Los Angeles. The \$588 million viaduct connects Boyle Heights to the Arts District and provides expansive views of Downtown LA's skyline and ample space for walking and biking across the LA River.

Since the new viaduct opened on July 10th, tens of thousands of people have visited it to experience its splendor. While the vast majority of people who have visited the bridge obey the law, a select group of individuals have taken the opportunity to climb the arches and cables, perform street takeovers, and do other dangerous activities in order to gain social media clout.

The actions of these individuals have inhibited the general public's ability to enjoy the bridge and have caused a significant drain on LAPD's resources - with the department having to shut down the bridge in order to preserve public safety.

The city must act immediately to ensure that any additional safety mitigations are installed quickly and that adequate staffing resources are made available to preserve public safety. Additionally, laws must be clarified so it is clear what actions are illegal to do on the new viaduct.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering be instructed to report back on the resources needed and a timeline in order to install cameras, improved fencing and anti-climbing devices, median treatments and rumble strips, signage, and any other interventions as recommended in order to increase public safety on the viaduct.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Los Angeles Police Department, in coordination with the Department of Transportation, report back with a staffing plan that dedicates resources specifically to maintain public safety and traffic flow on the new viaduct.

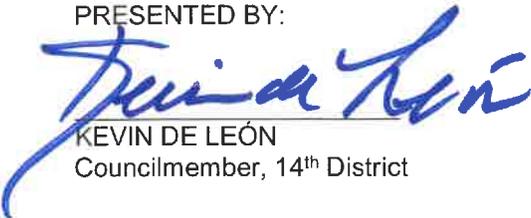
I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks, in coordination with the Los Angeles Police Department and Bureau of Sanitation, report with a security, staffing, and maintenance plan for the new Sixth Street Viaduct and Sixth Street Viaduct PARC.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer report on the resources needed to close the bridge periodically to vehicular traffic and to allow for pedestrian and bicycle access only.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present an ordinance, with an urgency clause, that prohibits accessing areas outside of the bridge fencing, defacing the viaduct, street takeovers, drag racing, dangerous driving practices, the stopping of motorized vehicles, and participating in any activity that blocks the viaduct's vehicular travel lanes without a permit.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer be instructed to report back within 14 days with potential funding sources in order to implement the aforementioned instructions.

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