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Comments for Public Posting: Some alarming facts: Council District 13 has 0 bike lanes in it, despite having 15 miles planned in the mobility plan. 814 cyclists have been injured and killed in CD13 since the mobility plan was adopted in 2015. The current Councilmember has done nothing in 9 years and didn't pass motion to implement the mobility plan. What the Councilmember can do: installing protected bike lanes on Riverside Dr. east of Fletcher to Elysian Park along Stadium Way is a start at implementing the mobility plan. My personal story: I've had close calls with careless drivers opening doors of their parked cars without looking. But the most dangerous drivers are the ones who act like they have priority over other modes of travel and get annoyed over a bike taking up one lane when there is no other option to yield to cars. They might not realize they're the ones operating a high-speed deadly weapon. A car traveling above a certain speed is deadlier than an AR-15. Needless to say, drivers themselves aren't safe especially when they are driving the smaller car or when they try to move through an immovable object in an average urban setting. It's a fact that driving kills as many Americans each year as guns do. I'm willing to bet that cars collectively, car value/supply chain, and car culture systemically kill more life in the past, present and future in direct and indirect ways more than all serial killers, terrorists, cigarettes, alcohol, hard drugs, lead pipes, nuclear energy, GMOs, the homeless combined. The cost/benefit math of cars just don't add up when we have better and sustainable alternatives. While living car-free all the time is not ideal for everyone, for objective reasons, being car dependent all the time is also not ideal for those who objectively don't need one (e.g. the vast majority of able-bodied Angelenos who don't have to commute more than x-distance). Please protect bikers and other modes of car-free alternatives to encourage Angelenos of all demographics to experience a better alternative they never knew they would enjoy.