

RESOLUTION

TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT
REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED

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WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations, or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, illegal street takeovers and racing have been a persistent nuisance and public safety issue throughout Los Angeles for years, and intersection takeovers, when drivers and participants arrive in a coordinated manner at specific intersections to block traffic, have seen an increase citywide with a disregard for the public space and environment; and

WHEREAS, takeovers typically involve hundreds of spectators and several cars that arrive in a coordinated fashion at intersections, interstates, or bridges, where they block the thoroughfare of traffic and emergency vehicles, and conduct exhibitions of speed and other dangerous stunts; and

WHEREAS, in addition to terrifying communities, street takeovers often involve vandalism, destruction of property, acts of violence, theft and looting, arson and explosives, possession of firearms, and public use of narcotics and alcohol – all illegal activities that are filmed and posted on social media, which police say generates more interest; and

WHEREAS, street takeovers also cause vehicle collisions, noise pollution, and traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the State Assembly, is AB 74 (Muratsuchi) relating to street takeovers, sideshows, and racing; and

WHEREAS, AB 74, according to the author, would seek to define a street takeover as a standalone crime, recognizing that these dangerous gatherings warrant special consideration; and

WHEREAS, AB 74, according to the author, would also seek to expand law enforcement's ability to potentially impound and seize participants' vehicles, and further impose additional burdens on the driving privileges of violators;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-2024 State Legislative Program support of AB 74 (Muratsuchi), which would seek to update existing laws pertaining to street takeovers and strengthen enforcement tools in order to reduce street takeovers and prevent fatalities.

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