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TRANSPORTATION

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Intersections blocked by vehicles are common in the City, especially during high traffic periods. This adds to traffic congestion and creates gridlock. While AB 667 (Katz) made blocking an intersection a parking violation, as defined in California Vehicle Code §22526(a), blocked intersections are still a common occurrence.

Blocking an intersection is prohibited, and "Do Not Block the Intersection" signs are not required be posted for citations to be issued. Parking citations can be issued at any signalized intersection or crosswalk. Increased enforcement of the Vehicle Code may help alleviate blocked intersections.

In addition to the inconvenience of blocked intersections, these gridlocked intersections present significant safety issues. Vehicles blocking intersections could prevent Fire, Emergency Medical Service, or Police vehicles from quickly responding to emergencies during high traffic periods, and add precious seconds to emergency response times.

I THEREFORE MOVE the Police Department and the Department of Transportation be instructed to report to the Transportation Committee on efforts to enforce Vehicle Code § 22526(a); and

I FURTHER MOVE that the Police Department, the Department of Transportation, and the Fire Department be instructed to report to the Transportation Committee concerning the safety issues posed by vehicles blocking intersections.

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