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Brief Summary: On August 7, 2014, at a duly noticed Brown Act compliant general board meeting of the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council, the board unanimously voted to support Council File Number 14-0002-S76 (SUPPORT for AB47 (Gatto), which would authorize law enforcement agencies to issue a "Yellow Alert" if a person has been seriously injured or killed in a hit-and-run incident and there is a reliable description of the vehicle available.

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Council File Number 14-0002-S76

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council represents over 60,000 Los Angeles stakeholders who reside, own property, or conduct business in our neighborhood. On behalf of our stakeholders we are submitting a Community Impact Statement in support of Council File Number 14-0002-S76 (SUPPORT for AB47 (Gatto)), which would authorize law enforcement agencies to issue a "Yellow Alert" if a person has been seriously injured or killed in a hit-and-run incident and there is a reliable description of the vehicle available.

Hit and run incident have reached epidemic levels in Los Angeles. The Los Angeles Police Department records approximately 20,000 hit-and-runs each year, with about a fifth of those resulting in injuries or death to the victim. Nearly half of all vehicle crashes in the City of Los Angeles are hit-and-runs, compared to the national average of 11 percent (LA Weekly).

In an effort to combat this, a new law enforcement tool called the "Yellow Alert" system has been proposed by Assemblyman Mike Gatto. It is similar to the Amber Alert system, which would utilize the freeway sign message system to alert the public of a serious hit and run incident resulting in a serious injury or fatality. However it would not send out a message to all of California's freeway signs but would send out a description of a vehicle and its plates, where possible, on freeway signs near the scene of the incident. A similar system is currently being used in Colorado (greater Denver metro area) with great success. Of the 17 alerts issued 13 of those cases were resolved.

Therefore the HHPNC would formally submit its support of 14-0002-S76.