

Fwd: Automotive Racing and Noise Pollution in Los Angeles: CF 21-0870 and CF 20-1267 in L.A. Public Safety Committee meeting of 9/1/2021

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City Clerk, City of Los Angeles

Hello. I have tried this afternoon to submit the comment copied below to this afternoon's meeting of the Los Angeles City Council Public Safety Committee, on CF 21-0870, and the same comment on CF 20-1267. There is no on-screen indication as to whether I have successfully submitted my pair of comments. I respectfully request that you inform me that my comments, sent in the past ten minutes at about 3:30 pm, were successfully submitted to these Council Files (Motions); or, if the submissions were not successful for some reason, to convey my comments to the proper City Council Files, CF 21-0870 and CF 20-1267. Thank you.

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GREGORY WRIGHT COMMENT ON CF-21-0870 AND CF 20-1267

AS SUBMITTED TO <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/publiccomment/?cfnumber=21-0870>

AND <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/publiccomment/?cfnumber=20-1267> - 9/1/2021:

The battle against street racing is also the battle against the acoustic assault of L.A.'s fleet of warrior cars and pickup trucks. Los Angeles and California need to move past the mostly ineffective (but needed) prosecution of street racers (with huge fines; impoundment and, yes, confiscation of vehicles; and jail time) with a holistic raft of other measures many of which our City must work with our State to enact, fund, and implement that will both reduce street racing and turn down some of the worst of the streetscape sonic assault. This will improve public safety and the quality of life in the City of Angels. (Re "report on possible ways to more effectively limit the use of modified mufflers".)

Los Angeles -- at long last -- needs to seriously and effectively push back against the steadily worsening sonic assault from deliberately offensive muscle cars, pickup trucks, and the rest of the L.A. zoo of noisy vehicles that make life miserable for anyone who walks, or waits for buses, or lives in a residence along or anywhere near our arterials and boulevards.

There is a significant overlap between street racing and the outrageous and growing cacophony of muscle cars, pickup trucks, and other vehicles on our streets, thoroughly degrading both the street environment for pedestrians, transit users, the many new streetside diners, and street-resident unhoused persons, and even the interior home space of the unfortunate residents of L.A.'s arterial roadways (e.g. me), secondary streets, and the freeways.

Los Angeles Anti-Vehicle Noise Measures:

Fund the installation of so-called Noise Cameras -- a UK innovation for measuring noise and vibration pollution from passing vehicles, as well as recording and citing offenders -- to both enable a much-overdue "Noise Census" of Los Angeles streets and to automatically identify and cite the worst offenders.

Some of the Noise Cameras should be strategically sited atop selected bus shelters ; waiting for a bus in L.A. is to be subject to an endless sonic assault from both the explosive and sudden sounds of muscle cars as well as the just-as-offensive chronic low-vibration rumble on a majority of pickup trucks and other vehicles.

I proposed a Los Angeles City Noise Census last year to our data-centric City Controller Ron Galperin's office, but have never heard back despite diligent follow-up. (The Noise Cameras also can be set up in areas known for illegal fireworks activity, such as Van Nuys-Sherman Oaks Park near my home.)

Los Angeles also needs to fund and deploy many more Radar Speed-Feedback Signs some of which should be combined with automated speed enforcement technology.

Simply close and/or redirect the business model of the shady auto exhaust shops that illegally modify vehicle transmissions.

Los Angeles should start a needed national trend and establish a City Noise Bureau.

State-prodded-by-Los Angeles Anti-Vehicle Noise Measures:

Los Angeles policymakers need to work with and actively prod our State legislators to take vehicle noise seriously than they have, with these measures:

Vehicle Noise-Technology Regulations such as the inclusion in the biannual smog test of a close inspection for noise- and/or vibration-enhancing past or reinstallable exhaust system modifications or add-ons (such as 'tips' and resonators) or evidence of such that precludes registration/re-registration of the vehicle;

and a State prohibition of the retail and Internet sale of all aftermarket devices that create unnecessary noise or vibration in vehicles;

and a State prohibition on the sale and use on public roads of vehicles made to be offensively loud and vibrational, such as McLaren and Lamborghini cars, and requiring the de-noising modification or removal from our public roads of such vehicles.

A one-year study of the many benefits and the social equity of Pay-How-You-Drive Car Insurance, which is offered by a number of insurance companies but is prohibited in two states, one of them notably California (because of the outdated 1989 Prop 103?) -- followed by implementation. The universal use of PHYD Car Insurance would simultaneously promote much greater roadway and roadway-adjacent safety, serious reductions in automotive climate emissions and local air and tire shred pollution, insurance cost equity between the reckless aggressive drivers versus the calm and

moderate drivers, a reduction in (especially the constant, chronic, lower-level) auto noise pollution, and a serious reduction in motorist-law enforcement interaction, an emerging societal goal. The Sherman Oaks NC board approved a CIS supporting public policy for PHYD Car Insurance in October 2019. (With PHYD Car Insurance, a device plugged into the car's onboard data recorder records the manner of driving -- speed, acceleration, braking, turning, and so on -- and computes the driver's insurance cost based on these attributes that equate to that car's and driver's roadway safety.)

Thank you.
