

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I disagree with this and it enables more theft to happen. Please change this as my neighbor recently had his robbed.

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**Name:** JL

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**Comments for Public Posting:** As a long-time resident of CD1, I am disappointed that my Council Member Eunisses Hernandez voted no on this ordinance. She was quoted by the LA Times as saying, "there are already multiple laws on the books tackling catalytic converter theft." If these laws were effective at all, why is there a rise in catalytic converter thefts? Catalytic converter thefts cost the victims money and time in addition to the trauma of feeling violated. Financial costs include replacing the catalytic converter, installing a plate to deter future theft and the cost of loss of work hours due to the inability to drive the car while ordering the part. As for time cost, depending on the car, certain parts can take a week to a few months to replace, time that can't be recouped. Lastly, there's the cost of worsening the air quality in Los Angeles. Catalytic converters convert harmful engine-exhaust pollutants into something less harmful to the environment through a chemical reaction. We are in a time of high inflation, cost of living, crime, and homelessness. Please don't add additional burdens to tax-paying law-abiding residents. The only way to prevent thefts disincentivize the illegal possession of catalytic converters. Please support this ordinance. If Council Member Hernandez continues to be against this ordinance, she will not have my vote in the next election. Penalize criminals and not the victims of catalytic converter thefts. Thank you.