

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council President and Honorable Councilmembers, My name is Ron Robinson, and I am a resident, community advocate, and Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council District 1 Representative. I am writing in strong support of the attached motion in Council File No. 25-0065-S1 regarding potential legal action and greater accountability for entities that contribute to the illegal possession, sale, distribution, and use of fireworks in the City of Los Angeles. Illegal fireworks continue to create serious and recurring concerns for Harbor Gateway residents and communities throughout Los Angeles. Their use threatens public safety, creates fire hazards, disturbs families and seniors, causes distress to pets and people with noise sensitivities, and places an unnecessary burden on first responders and City resources. In dense residential areas, even a single illegal fireworks incident can endanger homes, vehicles, businesses, and lives. The City must do more than respond after fireworks have already entered our neighborhoods. This motion appropriately asks the City Attorney to examine whether manufacturers, importers, shippers, distributors, wholesalers, retailers, commercial purchasers, and other responsible entities can be held accountable when their conduct knowingly or negligently contributes to the illegal supply and use of fireworks within Los Angeles. I strongly support the motion's request for the City Attorney to evaluate available legal remedies, including the potential recovery of costs associated with fire suppression, emergency response, law enforcement, cleanup, property damage, and related public-safety operations. The City should also examine how available supply-chain records, shipping information, purchase histories, seizure data, licensing information, and fire-investigation evidence can help identify the sources and patterns behind illegal fireworks entering Los Angeles. This work is necessary because enforcement should not fall solely on individual residents or local law-enforcement personnel after illegal fireworks have been used. A meaningful strategy must also address the sources that make dangerous fireworks readily available and must consider coordinated action with other public agencies facing the same problem. I respectfully urge the City Council to support this motion and direct the City Attorney, Chief Legislative Analyst, and relevant departments to identify effective legal, legislative, investigative, and enforcement

options. Harbor Gateway residents deserve safer neighborhoods, and the City should use every appropriate tool to reduce the widespread harm caused by illegal fireworks. Thank you for your consideration.