

## MOTION

In the City of Los Angeles, it is a crime, punishable by a \$1,000 fine and up to 6 months in jail, for a parent to play catch with their child on the sidewalk in front of their house, or for children to play a pickup game of football or kick a soccer ball around on any quiet residential street or even in many public parks.

Specifically, Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) section 56.16 provides that: "No person shall play ball or any game of sport with a ball or football or throw, cast, shoot or discharge any stone, pellet, bullet, arrow or any other missile, in, over, across, along or upon any street or sidewalk or in any public park, except on those portions of said park set apart for such purposes."

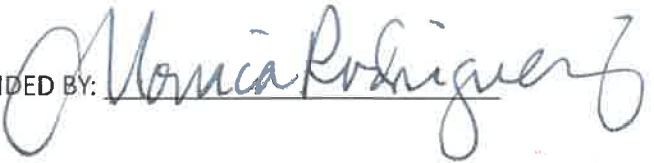
This is an *uncommonly silly law*. The serious activities listed in this code section, such as firing a weapon or shooting arrows, are already prohibited by other laws, including LAMC sections 55.00 and 55.06.

I THEREFORE move that the City Attorney be REQUESTED to prepare and present an ordinance repealing Los Angeles Municipal Code section 56.16.

PRESENTED BY:

  
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SECONDED BY:



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