

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support this motion to strengthen Los Angeles' response to illegal dumping by authorizing the 30-day impoundment of vehicles used to commit or attempt illegal dumping. Illegal dumping is not a minor nuisance. It harms the neighborhood's quality of life, creates health and fire hazards, blocks sidewalks and access routes, attracts vermin, and leaves residents living with the consequences of someone else's unlawful conduct. It also diverts public resources away from other essential City services, as crews and departments must repeatedly investigate, remove debris, clean affected sites, and enforce existing laws. For repeat offenders, the vehicle is often the primary tool for transporting and discarding waste. A meaningful vehicle-impound consequence would create a stronger deterrent than penalties that are too easily treated as a cost of doing business. It would also help interrupt repeat dumping activity and reinforce that Los Angeles will hold individuals and businesses accountable for damaging public spaces. I urge the City Council to direct the City Attorney to prepare the proposed ordinance amending Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.70.3 and any other relevant provisions, consistent with California Vehicle Code Section 22659.5. This is a practical, necessary step toward cleaner, safer, and more livable neighborhoods in every Council District.