

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Council File 26-1150 — SUPPORT — SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT I previously submitted public comment supporting Council File 26-1150. I am submitting a second comment to provide additional information for the public record regarding the frequency and severity of street takeovers impacting Harbor Gateway. My original comment did not include the individual incidents residents have documented. I believe it is important that the Council File reflect what this community has actually been experiencing. During July and August, residents have documented repeated street takeover activity at Figueroa Street & Alondra Boulevard and surrounding intersections, including: * July 5/6 — Figueroa & Alondra: Street takeover activity included fire hydrants being opened. * July 20–23: Multiple street takeover incidents occurred during early-morning hours. * August 2 — Figueroa & Alondra area: Street takeover activity was followed by a vehicle being set on fire under the freeway. * August 10 — Broadway & 132nd Street: Approximately 1,000 vehicles were reported in connection with takeover activity, with vehicles later moving to other locations. * August 16, 3:14 a.m. — Figueroa & Alondra: Approximately 100 vehicles. * August 17, 3:17 a.m. — Figueroa & Alondra: Approximately 100–150 vehicles. * August 17, approximately 5:00 p.m. — 157th & Broadway: Approximately 500 vehicles. * August 18, 3:10 a.m. — Figueroa & Alondra: Approximately 300 vehicles. * August 18, 4:02 a.m. — Redondo Beach Boulevard & Figueroa: Vehicles attempted another takeover. * August 23, approximately 5:30 p.m. — Figueroa & Alondra: Another street takeover occurred. Fire hydrants were turned on while vehicles were drifting. Law enforcement responded within minutes. Residents also reported vehicles double-parking in the alley and along 160th Street. * August 24, approximately 9:30 p.m. — Figueroa & Alondra: Another street takeover occurred and lasted approximately 1½ hours. * August 24 — Figueroa & Alondra: An additional 911 report documented street takeover activity involving approximately 20 vehicles. These incidents demonstrate that this is not an occasional nuisance or an isolated enforcement issue. It is an ongoing public-safety problem. Residents are being awakened by screeching tires and excessive noise. Intersections are being blocked. Rubber is being burned in residential areas.

Fire hydrants have been opened. Public infrastructure has been damaged. Vehicles have been set on fire. Large numbers of vehicles can move from one intersection to another and across jurisdictional boundaries. The location of these incidents makes the problem particularly challenging. Harbor Gateway borders multiple jurisdictions, and enforcement cannot stop at an invisible boundary while the participants simply move to another intersection. Residents have continued to call 911, document incidents and communicate with law enforcement and elected representatives. Law-enforcement agencies have responded and coordination is occurring, but the continuing frequency of these events demonstrates why additional resources and a coordinated strategy are necessary. I appreciate Councilmember McOsker introducing Council File 26-1150 and bringing attention and resources to this issue. I respectfully urge the City Council to support Council File 26-1150 and move the motion forward. This documented history should make one thing clear: Harbor Gateway is not asking the City to respond to something that might happen. We are asking for help addressing something that is already happening repeatedly.