

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Good morning. My name is David Matthews, and I am a Harbor Gateway stakeholder. I am speaking in strong support of Councilmember McOsker's street takeover motion, Council File 26-1150. For those of us living and working in Harbor Gateway, this isn't a theoretical problem. We have witnessed repeated street takeovers involving hundreds of vehicles at Figueroa and Alondra and surrounding intersections. What makes this location particularly challenging is jurisdiction. Figueroa and Alondra sits at the intersection of multiple jurisdictions. Participants can move from the City of Los Angeles into unincorporated Los Angeles County and neighboring jurisdictions within minutes. We've watched these gatherings disperse from one location only to reappear at another. That's why I particularly support the motion's call for greater coordination between LAPD, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and the California Highway Patrol. Criminal activity doesn't stop at a jurisdictional boundary, and neither should our response. I also strongly support examining vehicle impoundment, investigative technology, stronger penalties for organizers and participants, and physical improvements to intersections where these events repeatedly occur. There is another important component of this motion: accountability for the damage left behind. Residents and taxpayers should not continually bear the cost of repairing crosswalks, roadway markings, curbs, signs, and other public infrastructure damaged during illegal street takeovers. When individuals can be identified and held legally responsible, the City should pursue every appropriate avenue to recover those costs. I also appreciate that this motion requires continued engagement with Harbor Gateway residents and stakeholders. The people living and working around these intersections see the impacts firsthand, and their experiences should be part of developing the solutions. Finally, I want to thank Councilmember McOsker and his team for listening to our community and recognizing that this problem requires more than a one-size-fits-all response. It requires enforcement, engineering, technology, accountability, community involvement, and most importantly for Harbor Gateway coordination across jurisdictional boundaries. I respectfully urge the City Council to support Council File 26-1150. Thank you. David A. Matthews Stakeholder

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Comments for Public Posting: As of last night or early this morning July 26, 2026, at 3:15 am until around 3:34 am we had another takeover. They are getting more and more bold and dangerous. Now they are moving further down the block right about 25 feet from the homes windows. I am just waiting for one of the cars to spin out of control and into someone's home. We are all senior citizens that have lived with our bedroom windows facing on Figueroa the main drag for anywhere from 30 to 55 years. What are we to do? We can't afford to move. I understand the we live on a main Thruway, but that is not a reason to wait until one of us are killed or sustain a Catastrophic injury before something is done. Other City's around us have bump guards on all four of their street corners to stop the dough-nut fiasco it does not hamper the flow of the traffic at all. We have to listen to M80 fire works trash can being set on fire in the middle of the intersection cars racing up and down the street at very fast speed fire hydrant being open. Before Covid it started in the last few years it has escalated to a very dangerous outing for our neighborhood. Please do something before something awful happen. It is just a matter of time. Put yourself or your love one here. Waiting for a response !!! This is an old copy of one I sent about a month ago to Holly Mitchell office never got a response. I suggest to begin with those bumper guards that Compton and Carson has in their street, taking the looker cars all the ones you can block and tow if you start doing something about the followers the others will eventually stop the show because they have no audience. You start by getting the one that park in the middle of the street going the wrong way. The majority of the time they go north on Figueroa when the police come. Dorothy McCloud