

Communication from Public

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Council File No: 26-1150

Comments for Public Posting: TO: Councilmember Tim McOsker, Los Angeles City Council District 15 FROM: Residents of the Harbor Gateway Community DATE: August 23, 2026 SUBJECT: URGENT: Weekend Street Takeovers and Demand for Strict Vehicle Forfeiture Enforcement

1. Statement of the Problem I am writing to report a dangerous surge in illegal street takeovers and sideshows in the Harbor Gateway area on weekends, including severe incidents occurring both yesterday, Saturday, August 22, and today, Sunday, August 23, 2026. Reckless drivers are systematically blocking vital intersections, such as Figueroa Street and Alondra Boulevard, to perform dangerous "donuts" and burnouts. These events draw large, hostile crowds, cause extensive damage to public infrastructure, create a deafening noise nuisance, and, with fire hydrants being open completely, compromise the safety of local residents, pedestrians, and first responders.

2. Legal Precedent & Requested Law Enforcement Actions We demand that the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Harbor, South East Division fully exercise and expand its authority under California state law to strip these individuals of their means to commit these crimes.

30-Day Mandatory Impoundment: Utilize California Assembly Bill 3085 to immediately tow and impound vehicles identified in street racing and takeovers, even if drivers flee and the vehicles are located after the fact.

Permanent Asset Forfeiture: We urge the city to aggressively pursue permanent civil asset forfeiture to permanently confiscate and seize vehicles from repeat offenders using their cars as weapons on our public streets.

Task Force Deployment: Coordinate with the LAPD Street Racing Task Force to implement proactive, weekend-specific stings based on social media monitoring to intercept organizers before intersections are blocked.

3. Proposed City Infrastructure Solutions We support and ask for the immediate fast-tracking of Councilmember McOsker's recently introduced motions regarding Harbor Gateway street takeovers. Specifically, we demand:

Physical Intersection Deterrents: Rapid installation of raised medians, plastic channelizers, rumble strips, or hardened crosswalks at highly targeted intersections like Figueroa St. and Alondra St.

Financial Accountability Ordinances: Implement administrative citations that hold organizers, drivers, and spectators financially liable for the tens of thousands of dollars in

public infrastructure repair costs, shifting the financial burden away from Los Angeles taxpayers. LAPD's quick response is great, but this is taking away from them responding to an actual emergency. There are more than 300 vehicle takeovers on our street and parking in our neighborhood and blocking driveways. Thank you, and I hope you take everyone's letter into consideration.

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Name: Daniel Santa Cruz

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Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of the Harbor Area Gateway Community I would like to express my strong support for Councilman Tim McOscar's motion on File: 26-1150. The area where we live is a meeting of cities (including L.A.) and unincorporated area of L.A. County. We who live and work in this area have been subject to weekly street takeover's by people who come into our area to do there road races, driving in circles and burning rubber at intersections (donuts) and doing these activities while under the influence of drugs and alcohol. I happens on Sundays, Saturdays, Fridays literally causing havoc for anybody who lives in the area or who makes the mistake of trying to simply drive through the area. These brazen takeovers are dangerous! People have gotten killed and seriously injured! They damage the streets and also the curbs and other parts of the roadway infrastructure. Police are called on a regular basis where the response has been sporadic. The sound pollution and all the smoke and exhaust adds to the very unhealthy atmosphere they create. Something much more needs to be done to prevent these exhibitions and greater penalties need to be put into place because these people are continually making these things worse while the crowds continue to grow! I ask the question who really controls the streets? This has been going on for too long and I ask the city and other authorities to restore basic law and order to our community! I support Mr. McOskers efforts to improve the situation in whatever ways necessary! Thank you

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a student that goes to CSUDH. I live near the intersection of Alondra and Figueroa. There are street takeovers every weekend Friday-Sunday almost every night, and sometimes during the weekdays as well. These need to stop immediately. The sounds of the cars racing, people yelling, and fireworks/M80s have been disrupting my life for a while now. The takeovers cause me to lose sleep, I cannot concentrate in school due to my sleep being disrupted. Not only is the sleep disruption an issue, but I also have anxiety when the takeovers are happening. I fear that the car may hit my house or end up in my yard. I fear for my safety as well as my neighbors safety. The takes overs need to be taken seriously by the city and law enforcement. I shouldn't have to worry about not getting a good nights sleep and possibly having an accident occur right in my front yard.