

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I am submitting this comment in strong support of the Los Angeles City Council's efforts to address the continuing and dangerous problem of illegal street takeovers throughout Los Angeles. Street takeovers are not harmless gatherings or simply a traffic nuisance. They are deliberate illegal activities that can shut down public streets and intersections, encourage reckless driving, endanger residents and motorists, interfere with emergency response, damage public and private property, and place law enforcement officers and bystanders at unnecessary risk. Communities should not have to repeatedly report the same intersections, document the same dangerous activity, and wait for another takeover—or a serious injury or death—before meaningful action is taken. The City needs a coordinated strategy that focuses not only on breaking up a takeover after it begins, but also on prevention, identification, enforcement, and consequences. That should include stronger enforcement against drivers and organizers; vehicle impoundment where legally authorized; meaningful fines and penalties; expanded use of investigative technology to identify participants and vehicles; physical roadway and intersection modifications at chronic takeover locations; coordination between LAPD, LADOT, the City Attorney and other appropriate agencies; and requiring those responsible to pay for damage to City property and infrastructure. Most importantly, the City must recognize that residents living near these locations are entitled to the same level of public-safety protection as every other neighborhood in Los Angeles. I recently wrote about the street takeover problem and why I believe the City must take a stronger and more comprehensive approach. I am including the article below as additional background for the Council and City staff: ARTICLE LINK: <https://www.randomlengthsnews.com/archives/2026/08/24/mcosker-takes-aim-at-three-longstanding-public-safety-threats/77083> The message from affected communities should be clear: We do not need another study that sits on a shelf. We need enforcement, accountability, prevention, and measurable results. I respectfully urge the City Council to move this motion forward and ensure that the departments responsible for implementing it are held accountable for producing real results in the communities experiencing these illegal street takeovers.

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Comments for Public Posting: Please note that these street takeovers are causing distress to all residents and puts many individuals lives at risk. We need peace and order. We need help in truly resolving this issue. It's not only being woken up but it's the dangers of being hurt when this could have been prevented. Taking action to these time sensitive matters is crucial to keeping constituents safe. Not taking action is unacceptable. A solution is imperative and cannot be delayed.