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Comments for Public Posting: Public Comment Regarding Councilmember Tim McOsker's Motion on Street Takeovers in Harbor Gateway I am writing as a deeply concerned resident who lives very close to the intersection of Figueroa Street and Alondra Boulevard. I want to express my full support for Councilmember Tim McOsker's motion addressing the growing danger of street takeovers and reckless driving in the Harbor Gateway area. Street racing, doughnut driving, and large gatherings of vehicles have become a recurring disturbance in our neighborhood. Although these incidents do not happen every night, they occur frequently enough to severely disrupt the peace and safety of the community. Many of these activities take place late at night, and the noise from racing engines, screeching tires, and crowds makes it extremely difficult for my family and me to sleep. Beyond the noise, the danger posed to residents, pedestrians, and nearby homes is very real. These events create an environment where families feel unsafe in their own neighborhood. In addition to the nighttime street takeovers, there are daytime issues as well. The SMALL ENGINE CAMS shop at 145 W Alondra Blvd in Gardena attracts large groups of cam car enthusiasts, many of them teenagers. At times, crowds gather there and drive their extremely loud cam cars up and down the street for extended periods. While this often happens during the day, the noise is still disruptive and contributes to an ongoing pattern of unsafe driving behavior in the area. I strongly support the motion's call for stronger enforcement, improved investigative tools, roadway safety enhancements, and measures to hold organizers and participants accountable. Our community needs meaningful action to restore safety, reduce noise, and prevent dangerous behavior before someone is seriously injured or worse. Thank you for bringing attention to this issue and for taking steps to protect the residents of Harbor Gateway. I urge the City Council and all relevant departments to move forward with these recommendations as quickly as possible.