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The City of Los Angeles has the unfortunate distinction of leading the nation in hit-and-run collisions between vehicles and other vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorcyclists. The Los Angeles Police Department records 20,000 of these incidents on an annual basis, and hit-and-runs constitute nearly 50 percent of all vehicle crashes in the City. Of these 20,000 traffic incidents, 4,000 resulted in the injury and or fatality of the party abandoned at the crime scene. Hit-and-run collisions make up roughly 11 percent of all vehicle collisions within the United States, however in Los Angeles they make up 48 percent of all reported incidents.

While the LAPD has made tremendous strides in overall crime reduction statistics, the amount of hit-and-run incidents that are occurring within City limits has continued to remain at a level disproportionate to the rest of the nation. The responsibility of following up on hit-and-run incidents lies with LAPD's Traffic Divisions, who are tasked with investigation of hit-and-run crimes but are stretched thin, with an estimated 12 traffic officers per four divisions investigating 400 hit-and-run incidents per year.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles Police Department be instructed to report to the Public Safety Committee about what efforts are being undertaken by the Department to curtail hit-and-run incidents and report on what additional resources, if any, would provide assistance to reduce the number of these incidents occurring within the City of Los Angeles.

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