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MOTION

According to the Los Angeles Almanac, there are more than 5.8 million automobiles registered in Los Angeles County. Inevitably, more automobiles result in more congestion. Furthermore, activity on the road results in more chances of traffic accidents. It is evident that traffic remains a major concern in the City of Los Angeles. Despite the ongoing work of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to address this quality of life issue, we as a City need to do more to enhance and coordinate LAPD's Traffic Enforcement efforts.

Currently the LAPD has four Captains overseeing each of the four Traffic Divisions in each Bureau (Central, South, Valley, and West) of the LAPD. The City would benefit from a dedicated command to coordinate these four Bureaus, headed by a Deputy Chief of Traffic Enforcement. The LAPD is a great department that invests in the overall welfare of the City as a whole. However, traffic is a vital component of safety and this will bring new focus toward addressing the City's traffic challenges.

On December 21, 2005 this motion was introduced by Councilman LaBonge and seconded by then Councilwoman – now Congresswoman Janice Hahn. There was no action taken and this council file (CF 05-2832) expired on January 14, 2008.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the LAPD and the CAO be instructed to study and to report to the Public Safety Committee on the feasibility of creating a position of Deputy Chief of Traffic Enforcement in the LAPD to oversee the four Traffic Bureaus.

PRESENTED BY 
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