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In support of Item 17-0728

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TO: TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**RE: Item 17-0728**

I am writing in support of Item 17-0728, submitted by Council Member Cedillo, a motion to instruct the Department of Transportation to develop an updated Traffic Plan for games and special events held at Dodger Stadium.

Traffic to and from Dodger Stadium must be directed to remain on the freeway or onto streets that are designated for high-capacity traffic and away from residential streets. The current situation results in residents being locked in or away from their homes, air and noise pollution, littering of beer bottles, and public urination.

I live on Savoy Street, which is near the Downtown Gate and the Stadium Way freeway exit off the 110. As it stands, automobiles come from Broadway to snake up the adjacent street, Bishops Road, and then immediately behind my home on Stadium Way, all the while idling and sometimes honking or with car stereos blasting. As traffic continues to back up on Bishops Road and Broadway, automobiles then queue up on Savoy Street, effectively blocking access to this narrow street in both directions. This traffic is at a virtual standstill, barely crawling along, filling the air with noise and auto exhaust. My neighbors and I are either trapped inside our homes or unable to return home. I've had drivers not allow me to get out of my driveway so that I could go to work.

Additionally, attendees to the stadium are drinking alcohol in their cars BEFORE AND AFTER the games and special events. I've seen and heard many a person open their car door and drop beer bottles onto the street or place them at the sidewalk. Every once in a while, I am witness to public urination on my residential street. After the games and events are over, drivers speed down my little residential street, sometimes honking their horns into the evening.

I understand that I live in a city and next to a stadium. I do not expect the silence and solitude of the countryside. But, I do expect to have reasonable access to my home and for a sincere effort by the city to address issues of safety and livability. Attention to this issue is long-overdue and I ask the Transportation Committee to move toward a thoughtful resolution. I am hoping for the best.

Regards,

Tany Ling, Savoy Street resident