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TO: TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
RE: Item 17-0728

I want to thank Councilmember Cedillo for submitting Item 17-0728, a motion to develop an updated Traffic Plan for Dodger Stadium. It has become critical that an updated Traffic Plan be adopted to conform with current traffic.

The traffic flow to, and from, Dodger Stadium must be directed to remain on the freeway or onto streets that are designated for such traffic and away from residential streets. This problem has been exacerbated by online traffic applications such as Waze and Google Maps.

I live on the 500 block of Solano Avenue that leads into the 110 North on ramp (that heads to Highland Park/Pasadena). After the games would end, there will be an extremely long line of cars that are directed onto the 110 North entrance ramp on Solano Avenue. During weeknight games, the congestion is incredibly loud as I try to go to bed. I'm not talking about the normal noise level that occurs with cars idling in traffic but the noise coming from rowdy fans. Besides the loud music blaring from the cars, drunken fans screaming out of their cars, there has been on several occasions belligerent fans throwing empty glass alcohol bottles onto residents's lawns, getting out of the cars to urinate on people's properties, or drunken fans walking up to people's front yards for unknown reasons.

Aside from the noise and some unruly fans, safety is another issue. Dodger fans will make a really sharp U-turn on the corner of Amador and Solano (which is really unsafe on a somewhat narrow street) to make up for their incorrect navigation. Even with the "local access only" signs, the signs are completely disregarded by fans trying to gain access to the stadium. As a resident, it frightens me since this intersection is frequented by kids riding their bikes up and down the street, residents walking their dogs, and elderly residents who need to cross this street.

Another cause for concern was something I witnessed coming home from work. Recently, one of the elderly residents needed emergency medical attention during the start of a Dodger's game. As the paramedics parked outside of the apartment complex, it created congestion. Cars had to swerve around the ambulance just to access the Amador/Solano route to get to the stadium. I'm concerned that if the congestion occurred and somebody needed immediate medical attention but the paramedics could not reach the patient in time due to local stadium traffic, will it have to take a person's life in order for traffic flow to be redirected? Solano Canyon is in not designed for high volume capacity. Redirecting traffic flow away from Solano Canyon will provide and ensure greater safety to the residents.

I apologize for a rather lengthy email. As a resident who has lived in CD1 all my life, I've seen such an improvement from when I was growing up. I am hoping that Council Member Cedillo will take on the issues associated with Dodger Stadium traffic so we can continue to enjoy the hard work of current and former council members' efforts. If anything, please do not see that living near Dodger Stadium is an inconvenience, if anything it's an honor to live in Solano Canyon and is a huge part of my identity of being an Angeleno.

I want to thank the Transportation Committee and ask that you immediately take up this issue. I look forward to a speedy and thoughtful resolution to the problem.

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