

Communication from Public

Name: E Stuart Wright
Date Submitted: 09/26/2019 09:50 AM
Council File No: 17-1115
Comments for Public Posting: The Mulholland Corridor covers a 4 mile stretch from Mulholland & Cahuenga to Mulholland & Wrightwood This stretch is unique because it includes 5 points of interests Unobstructed view of the Hollywood Sign The Hollywood Bowl Overlook The city view from the intersection of Pacific view trail & Mulholland Runyon Canyon The Universal Overlook At each point of interest, tour vans block intersections, stop in traffic so others can't pass, and park or stop in areas designated as no parking or no stopping. And they do so without fear of punishment. Tour van operators have been overheard saying that they fear Beverly Hills police because they enforce the laws of their city, but they do not respect LAPD because they know LAPD lacks the resources to enforce city laws. The disruptions caused by tour vans: Create unsafe situations Adds trash & cigarette butts putting us at risk of fire A simple visit and inspection of the areas tour vans visit frequently, like the Hollywood Bowl Overlook, Universal Overlook, and other spots where they park illegally, you will find cigarette butts left behind.

Blackie Intersection



Stopped in Intersection



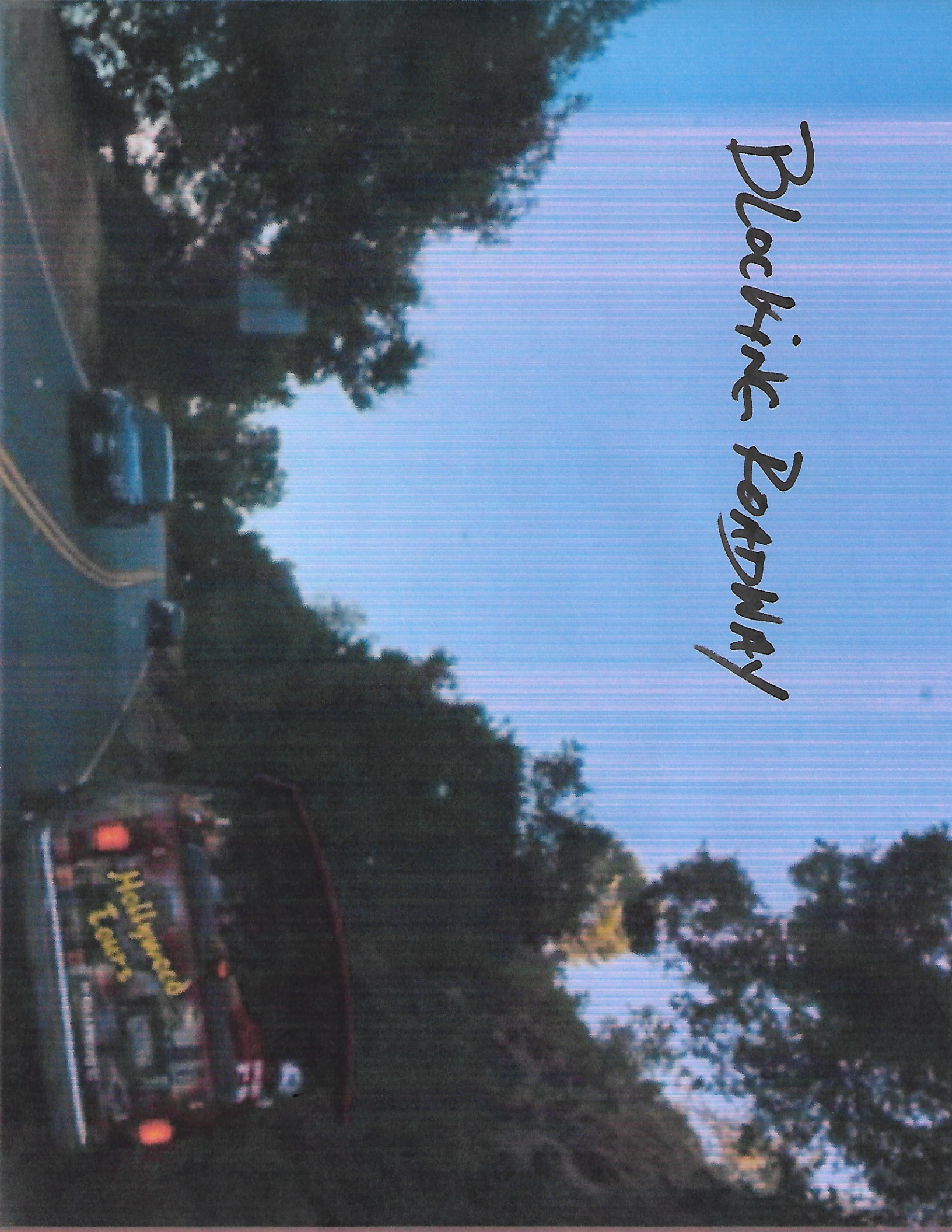
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Comments for Public Posting: More pictures of tour van parking violations along Mulholland Drive

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Intersection*



Blackink Roadway



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Comments for Public Posting: pictures of tour van traffic and parking violations along Mulholland Drive



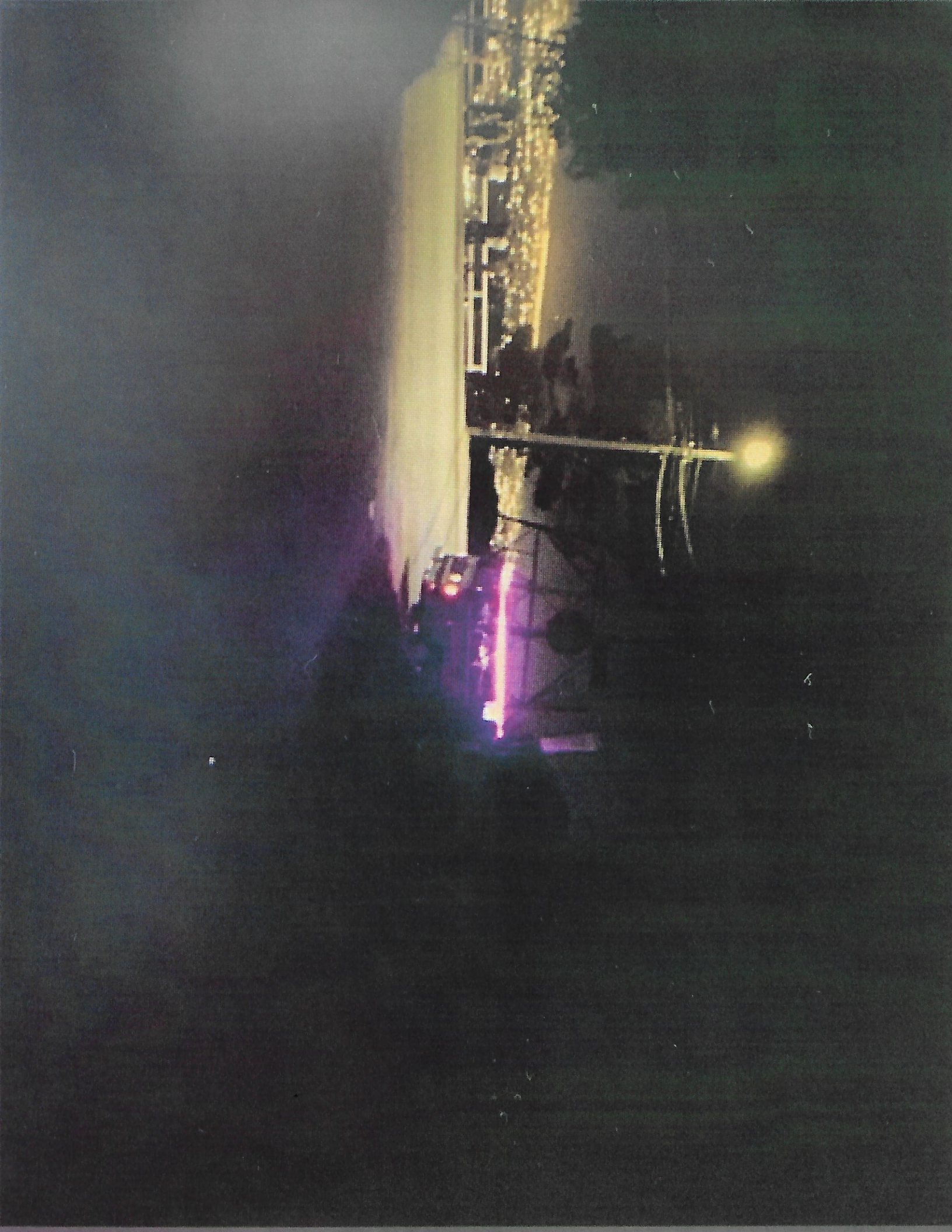
Blocking Intersection

No Parking Zone



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Comments for Public Posting: Picture of tour van operating at night and blocking intersections



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Name: Jeff Napshin

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Comments for Public Posting: September 25, 2019 Star Track Tours 6735 Hollywood blvd LA, CA 90069 Dear Committee Councilmembers: I am the owner of Star Track Tours in Hollywood and an Ambassador with the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. I am very concerned about the proposed tour legislation you are considering. I fear it will hurt my business and negatively impact the tourism experience for millions of visitors to Los Angeles. A little about my company. Star Track Tours is just over five years old. In that short time we've built one of the best star tours in Hollywood featuring the newest and most high tech tour vehicles. We have about 10 employees who are all members of this community. Over the past five years we have safely provided first class star tours to hundreds of thousands of visitors from all over the United States and throughout the world. We are a force of good in Hollywood and have top ratings on sites like Trip Advisor. In an effort to plan for the new rules and regulations over the past two years I've personally spent nearly \$200,000 buying and enhancing three new 15-seat tour vehicles. These state of the art vans have had no structural modifications or changes made to their roofs as explicitly explained in the new state law. However, what we did do, which is greatly wanted by tourists, is we removed the side windows to provide fresh air and a great view for pictures. This is how TMZ and Starline do many of their vehicles as well. Under the new state law this is perfectly legal. Under Beverly Hills law this is perfectly legal. But under the new Los Angeles law it apparently is illegal because of a one sentence addition added to the bill. In my opinion this is incredibly inappropriate and unfair to the efforts we have made to do the right thing. It also means my company could be seriously impacted by your plan to restrict road use. Now our tour covers three major areas: the Hollywood hills, Beverly Hills & Rodeo Drive and the Sunset Strip. This makes for an exciting star tour of the area that tourists are demanding. One of their biggest requests is to see the Hollywood Sign which we show while driving along Mulholland Drive. The views from Mulholland Drive day or evening are spectacular and are a major reason our tour is such a great success. My company makes every effort to avoid smaller roads and neighborhoods in the Hollywood Hills. We also take steps to minimize sound exposure. We generally stick to Mulholland Drive which takes us to other access

roads like Laurel Canyon and Coldwater Canyon and then on to Beverly Hills. We are very concerned if your plan includes restricting these major access roads which we have found to be perfectly drivable in all weather conditions and which we have never had any safety issues whatsoever! Finally, if you do approve major road restrictions in the area it will only make traffic and noise problems worse for the residents. You will have more visitors taking their own vehicles into the Hollywood Hills generating more vehicular traffic and creating a less safe environment. The current tour van system is not perfect but working within it to make changes will be a lot better for the city and homeowners than opening up this potential Pandoras Box. I hope you will give our concerns serious thought. Sincerely, Jeff Napshin CEO, Star Track Tours (202) 321-0250

Communication from Public

Name: Taia Siphron

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am trying to understand the business models of the Tour Vans operating in the Hollywood Hills. My understanding based on many years of experience is the following: 1) The Tour Bus drivers are entitled to break the laws by ignoring every single traffic code applicable to these roads. These violations include: a. u-turns across two lanes of traffic and double yellow lines, b. dangerously cut across on coming traffic to pull over and park in front of No Stopping Anytime signs and decant their passengers for a photo op, c. block intersections impeding ALL traffic from both directions never yielding to the backed up traffic this creates, d. stop their vehicles in the roadways completely to tell a narrative blocking all traffic behind them until they are finished and continue this stop/start along the entire route, for miles, ensnaring all drivers west bound or eastbound from passing legally because of the double yellow, and narrow mountainous roads in the Hollywood Hills, etc. 2) Harass, bully, and intimidate drivers that are impeded by these unsafe driving practices by tooting their horns to get their attention in an attempt to get the Tour Bus to yield. By definition you cannot show the sites and engage in a sightseeing tour without impeding traffic so these roads are not appropriate for this activity under any circumstance. There is not enough room in this mountainous topography and roads to engage in kind of business. 3) Charge \$60 a head to take tourists for a joy ride and narrate a complete lie because they are from out of town and won't know the difference. 4) Litter the roadways with garbage and lit cigarettes chucked out of chopped tops increasing the risk of starting a wildfire in these flammable hills. 5) Display fake TCP numbers so that if someone reports these unlawful acts to the authorities they cannot be traced. 6) Ignore AB 25 and belch their fairy tales in open vans so that anyone within a 1/2 mile radius can hear them. These are but a few of the unlawful practices that have been thrust upon the residents and any and all drivers in these areas. Tour buses are incompatible in the Hollywood Hills. Please vote to remove them from these roads.