

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Councilmembers, Operating tour buses in the Los Angeles hillside areas DOES NOT WORK SIMPLY BECAUSE THE TOPOGRAPHY AND INFRASTRUCTURE ARE TOO RESTRICTIVE. The streets in the Hollywood Hills were designed by City Engineers decades ago in order to accommodate local residents. These narrow, winding streets have significant space restrictions and were NEVER INTENDED FOR COMMERCIAL SIGHTSEEING TOURS. Mulholland Drive, for example, is a continuously narrow and winding road with only a single lane in each direction and two solid yellow lines (i.e. NO PASSING). There are no sidewalks, and the shoulders are typically dirt embankments. The side streets off of Mulholland are even smaller and more restrictive, with limited access going in and out. These roads work for residents who come and go. They do NOT work for tour buses that constantly stop/start to describe the sights. The City has correctly written this ordinance to protect public safety in our city's hillside communities. THE LIABILITY OF CONTINUING TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF TOUR BUSES ALONG THESE ROUTES IS NOT WORTH THE RISK. Thank you for your time and careful consideration of the proposed tour bus restriction ordinance.