

MOTION

Tour Bus Headphones

On Wednesday, September 27th, 2017 Governor Jerry Brown signed into law AB 25 (Nazarian) which allows local jurisdictions to impose reasonable restrictions on tour buses regarding route restrictions and the use of public address systems.

This legislation stemmed from the numerous complaints from residential neighborhoods about the noise emanating from sightseeing tour buses, especially those that are open air. The rise in the noise complaints has been attributed to public announcement systems from some of the tour bus companies. This concern has been expressed by many residents in the Hollywood area, as well as other neighborhoods in Los Angeles. As a specific example, the City has received reports that tour buses using megaphones stop in front of residential homes up to 100 times a day.

In 2015, Los Angeles City Council File 15-1465 (Ryu—Bonin) was introduced to require permits for public address systems on unenclosed tour buses as an interim measure to bring relief to besieged neighborhoods. AB 25 now allows the City to require headphone use, a move it should take.

I THEREFORE MOVE to request the Office of the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance, based on the recently signed into law AB25 (Nazarian), which would prohibit the use of loudspeakers or public address systems on tour buses that have had their roofs substantially structurally modified or removed, and instead require the use of headphones or similar devices by passengers for any information or presentation provided for the passengers.

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