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REPORT RE:

DRAFT ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 115.03 TO THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF SOUND AMPLIFYING EQUIPMENT ON UNENCLOSED TOUR BUSES IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES; AND AMENDING SECTION 111.05 OF THE CODE TO AUTHORIZE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ENFORCE SECTION 115.03

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Council File No. 17-1116

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to your request, this Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration the enclosed draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality. The draft ordinance would add Section 115.03 to the Los Angeles Municipal Code to prohibit the use of sound amplifying equipment on Unenclosed Tour Buses in the City of Los Angeles. The draft ordinance would also amend Section 111.05 of the Code to authorize the Police Department to enforce Section 115.03.

The draft ordinance would make it unlawful for a sightseeing tour bus operator, or any person employed by an operator, to use sound amplifying equipment on an unenclosed tour bus while the vehicle is operating in the City of Los Angeles. The draft ordinance would also authorize the Police Department to enforce this prohibition.

On October 9, 2017, this Office, based on an earlier request of the City Council (CF15-1465), transmitted a draft ordinance seeking to regulate sound amplification on unenclosed tour buses through a permit system. City Council did not act on the draft ordinance and, instead, requested our Office to transmit this later version banning the

use of amplified sound and unenclosed tour buses as recently authorized by the State Legislature.

Council Rule 38 Referral

Pursuant to Council Rule 38, a copy of the draft ordinance was sent to the Los Angeles Police Department and the Board of Police Commissioners with a request that all comments, if any, be presented directly to the City Council or its Committees when this matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Soraya Kelly at (213) 978-2706. She or another member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

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