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Honorable Mike Bonin
Chair, Los Angeles City Council Transportation Committee
200 N. Main Street, 10th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Agenda item #10: LADOT & City Attorney Report & Ordinance re: speed limit revisions

Councilmember Mike Bonin & Members of the Transportation Committee:

As the Chair of the Public Safety Committee and a Reserve Police Officer, I support the changes proposed here today because it is critically important that we are able to enforce speed limits on City streets.

Since our hands are tied, with respect to State law, we truly do not have a choice. The only decision before you is either no enforcement, which means more traffic collisions with the possibility of great bodily injury or death.

OR

Approve the changes as recommended and allow our police officers to properly enforce speed laws. It's that simple. While I personally do not like the idea of ever raising speed limits, the reality is we are not. These surveys are based on the average speed that drivers are already driving on these particular streets, with a ceiling limiting the increase. In addition, other laws will still have to be followed on these streets, such as 25 mph speed limits in school zones while children are present.

Until the time comes that we can change State law, we need to ensure that our police officers have the necessary tools to enforce against speeding in a safe manner that protects both the officers and the public. As LAPD Valley Traffic Division Officer Troy Williams has said, "If a City like Los Angeles has unenforceable speed limits, that is a recipe for disaster."

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

MITCHELL ENGLANDER
Los Angeles City Council President Pro Tempore
Councilmember, Twelfth District

