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Street racing is an ongoing and severe problem in the City of Los Angeles, particularly in certain areas of the San Fernando Valley. Street racing in the valley is a decades old problem, but in recent years it has evolved into what is commonly referred to as a “street takeover” in which multiple vehicles, sometimes as many as hundreds, essentially close down a street while other vehicles perform dangerous and reckless stunts in the middle of the street and/or intersection. The organizers of these events typically utilize social media to quickly and efficiently set up the event, often within private social media circles that make it extremely difficult for law enforcement to determine where and when these illegal races and events will occur. These events can not only cause damage to public and private property, but put the participant’s lives in danger as well as spectators, law enforcement and the general public.

As these instances become more prevalent once again, as is evident by street takeovers occurring on consecutive weekends in Devonshire Division, it is important to hear from the Police Department on the statuses of anti-street racing ordinances and penalties or programs currently in place designed to curtail the activity. Additionally, an assessment of any additional tools necessary to prevent street racing should be undertaken.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles Police Department with the assistance of the City Attorney report on all ordinances pertaining to illegal street racing, all fines and penalties associated with those ordinances, anti-street racing programs in effect, as well as any and all suggestions to increase the penalties, fines or efforts of the department in order to successfully combat illegal street racing Citywide.

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