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## Please add Public Comment to CF# 11-1128 Tour Buses / Headphone-Based System

1 message

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Lisa Schechter <[lisa.schechter@lacity.org](mailto:lisa.schechter@lacity.org)>

Thu, Sep 29, 2011 at 5:06 PM

To: John White <[john.white@lacity.org](mailto:john.white@lacity.org)>

Cc: Brian.Walters@lacity.org, Shannon Hoppes <[shannon.hoppes@lacity.org](mailto:shannon.hoppes@lacity.org)>, "Shapiro, Sharon" <[Sharon.Shapiro@lacity.org](mailto:Sharon.Shapiro@lacity.org)>

Dear John:

Can you please scan this letter regarding support for the tour bus motion that will be heard in Public Safety Committee tomorrow. Thank you

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From: Tom LaBonge <[tom.labonge@lacity.org](mailto:tom.labonge@lacity.org)>

Date: Thu, Sep 29, 2011 at 5:00 PM

Subject: Fwd: tour bus motion

To: Lisa Schechter <[lisa.schechter@lacity.org](mailto:lisa.schechter@lacity.org)>

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From: Mike Sikowitz <[msikowitz@mac.com](mailto:msikowitz@mac.com)>

Date: Thu, Sep 29, 2011 at 1:58 PM

Subject: tour bus motion

To: [councilmember.labonge@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.labonge@lacity.org)

Hello. As a resident of the 1600 block of N. Orange Grove Avenue, aka the nexus of Hollywood tour bus activity, I wanted to voice my enthusiastic support for the motion that would require all operators to use headphones, as opposed to the current obnoxious microphones many of the drivers use – in open top vehicles – which are ceaselessly loud and disturbing to our otherwise peaceful neighborhood. Work obligations prevent me from attending the vote tomorrow, but I know I speak for many, if not all, of my neighbors in support of such a motion. Thank you for listening, and, hopefully, acting on our behalf.

Mike Sikowitz  
Orange Grove Ave

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Lisa Schechter  
Director of Legislation  
Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Council District #4

Office: 213-485-3337



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## Another Public Comment SUPPORT FOR MOTION CF#11-1128

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Lisa Schechter <lisa.schechter@lacity.org>

Thu, Sep 29, 2011 at 5:08 PM

To: John White <john.white@lacity.org>

Cc: Shannon Hoppes <shannon.hoppes@lacity.org>, Brian.Walters@lacity.org, "Shapiro, Sharon"

<Sharon.Shapiro@lacity.org>

Dear John:

Here is another letter of support for the Tour Bus Motion listed above. Can you please scan this into the file as well. Thank you

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From: Tom LaBonge <tom.labonge@lacity.org>

Date: Thu, Sep 29, 2011 at 5:00 PM

Subject: Fwd: SUPPORT FOR MOTION CF#11-1128

To: Lisa Schechter <lisa.schechter@lacity.org>

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From: bonnie sikowitz <sikowitzb@sbcglobal.net>

Date: Thu, Sep 29, 2011 at 1:47 PM

Subject: SUPPORT FOR MOTION CF#11-1128

To: Sharon Shapiro <Sharon.shapiro@lacity.org>, Stacy Marble

<stacy.marble@lacity.org>, councilmember.labonge@lacity.org,

councilmember.garcetti@lacity.org

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councilmember.huizar@lacity.org

Dear City Council Members:

My name is Bonnie Sikowitz and I live at 1601 N. Orange Grove Avenue (L.A. 90046). I am unable to attend the motion hearing tomorrow due to observance of Rosh Hashannah. HOWEVER, I wanted to voice my strong support for this motion (and my gratitude to the Councilmembers for bringing it).

The noise from tour buses can be heard inside of our homes, the drivers attempting to entertain the patrons often heckle neighbors as we come in and out of our homes. Buses come after dark and disturb my young children who are trying to sleep. Since Starline adopted the headphones, the situation is very much improved. It is my great hope that this motion will get the other smaller companies to comply as well.



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## Public Comment CF#11-1128 Tour Buses / Headphone-Based System

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Lisa Schechter <lisa.schechter@lacity.org>

Thu, Sep 29, 2011 at 5:10 PM

To: John White <john.white@lacity.org>

Cc: "Shapiro, Sharon" <Sharon.Shapiro@lacity.org>, Brian.Walters@lacity.org, Shannon Hoppes <shannon.hoppes@lacity.org>

Dear John:

Here is another one. Please scan and add to the council file. Thank you

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From: **Tom LaBonge** <tom.labonge@lacity.org>

Date: Thu, Sep 29, 2011 at 5:00 PM

Subject: Fwd: Tour Bus Motion

To: Lisa Schechter <lisa.schechter@lacity.org>

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From: **Michael Meyer** <mpm@iteris.com>

Date: Thu, Sep 29, 2011 at 1:12 PM

Subject: Tour Bus Motion

To: "Tom.LaBonge@lacity.org" <Tom.LaBonge@lacity.org>, "Eric Garcetti (eric.garcetti@lacity.org)" <eric.garcetti@lacity.org>

Cc: "Sharon Shapiro (sharon.shapiro@lacity.org)" <sharon.shapiro@lacity.org>

Thank you for submitting the motion on tour bus noise. I strongly support your efforts to reduce the amplified commentary noise from the open air vans/buses. I don't think the motion should read "open, roof-top seating" as this implies that it is only applicable to the double-decker buses with rooftop seating. It should apply to all "open-top vans and buses." Thank you again for your efforts on our behalf.



**Michael P. Meyer**

Principal

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## TOUR BUSES - PUBLIC SAFETY AGENDA

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**Beth Fogarty <bethf@mindermusic.com>**

Thu, Sep 29, 2011 at 3:54 PM

To: john.white@lacity.org

Cc: lyro@aol.com, Beth Fogarty <bethf@mindermusic.com>, bethfogarty@ymail.com, Smilove <smilove@sbcglobal.net>

Dear Mr White,

Please can you pass on this email to the members of the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE for their meeting tomorrow Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

Thank you

I am introducing both myself BETH FOGARTY and LYNN ROTH , as representatives of the newly formed SUNSET HILLS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION. This Voluntary Organisation represents the following streets ORIOLE DRIVE, ORIOLE WAY,ORIOLE PLACE, THRASHER AVENUE, SKYLARK,BLUE JAY WAY, HOPEN PLACE, PINTO PLACE, RISING GLEN. RISING GLEN PLACE.

We note that there is a meeting tomorrow with regard to tour buses in the Hollywood Hills. We are in favor of headsets being introduced as the noise level created by this is a nuisance.

In addiiton we would like to address the situaiton about Tour buses over 6000 lbs going into the hills. Our Association represents the streets from Doheny Drive to bottom of Rising Glen. Both these streets have signs on them saying that vehicles over 6000lbs are not allowed up these two roads. Our preliminary investigations show that all these buses seem to be over that weight limit. We would like to see this restriction enforced. This will not deter tourism as there are plenty of other sites to see besides coming up into our hills. These buses are speeding up the hillsides, at times people do get out of the buses and there was one incident my son witnessed where they all went into an Open House!! One of our members who is in a wheelchair who lives on Blue Jay Way has said that it obstructed her getting into her car and out of her driveway and that the occupants (or driver I am not sure which) were rude to her. We are currently experiencing major construction in practically all our streets which results in construction vehicles,huge concrete mixers, dumpsters etc. parking on the road, driving up and down both the major roads (Doheny and Rising Glen). In addition we have Papparazzi. parking nearby Celebrity Homes. To add to all of this we now have a high volume of TOUR BUSES constantly driving arou, some of which we dont think are even licensed/permitted, going up and down our streets.We also have many celebrities in our streets up here and it is a total invasion of their and our privacy to be gapped at outside our own homes. I am not sure if this matter can also be brought up at your meeting tomorrow or not. If so, please could you raise this matter on our behalf.

If you need any other information from me please contact me on 310 614 3066 or you can email me and Lynn at this address.

Many thanks

Beth Fogarty and Lynn Roth

for SUNSET HILLS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

(including the Bird Streets and Sunset Plaza Environs)

Email: [bethf@mindermusic.com](mailto:bethf@mindermusic.com)

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