

MOTION

Skateboarders have been fatally injured while engaging in what is termed skateboard “bombing,” a practice whereby skateboarders ride down City roadways at excessive speeds, sometimes obstructing traffic and failing to yield at stop signs.

Skateboard “bombing” is a popular activity on steep hills because skateboarders can travel for several miles with little or no effort and can reach speeds in excess of 40 miles per hour. “Bombing” not only poses a significant danger to those engaging in this activity, it also endangers the lives and property of others who use City streets.

To ensure that skateboard use on the public right of way is done safely, Section 56.15.1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) provides that the City Council may by ordinance specify certain public roadways, public sidewalks, public parking lots and other public property locations where there is skateboarding activity shall be prohibited when there is a willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property.

Hermano Drive, in the Tarzana community, from Reseda Boulevard to its terminus is used by skateboarders for this extremely dangerous activity. Skateboard “bombing” at this location should be prohibited as is set forth in the LAMC.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney, with the assistance of Council District Three, be requested to prepare and present an ordinance, as provided under LAMC Section 56.15.1, to prohibit skateboarding on Hermano Drive, in Tarzana, from Reseda Boulevard to its terminus.

PRESENTED BY: 

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SECONDED BY: 

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