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The City of Los Angeles and its surrounding communities are facing a hit-and-run epidemic. Too often, Angelenos return home to news reports detailing yet another hit-and-run fatality. The shocking statistics bear out this disturbing trend.


According to the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), the City of Los Angeles experiences approximately 20,000 hit-and-run collisions every year, of which, some 4,000 result in injury and or death. Additionally, nearly half of all vehicle collisions in the City of Los Angeles are hit-and-runs, compared with 11% nationally. In 2014 alone, there were 27 fatalities and 144 severe injuries resulting from hit-and-run crimes.

The City of Los Angeles needs to do everything in its power to reduce hit-and-run crime, especially those collisions that result in great bodily injury and death. Just as LAPD confiscates and destroys deadly weapons used in the commission of assaults and batteries, similarly it should confiscate, impound, and auction or destroy cars involved in hit-and-run crimes.


I THEREFORE MOVE, that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and draft an ordinance that would allow for the impounding of vehicles involved in hit-and-run crimes that cause either minor injury or property damage for the maximum amount of time allowed under law.

I FURTHER MOVE, that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and draft an ordinance that would allow the Los Angeles Police Department to seize and auction or destroy cars that are involved in hit-and run crimes resulting in great bodily injury or death.

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