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Idling diesel trucks and buses create toxic air pollution, contribute to global warming, increase respiratory health problems, add to traffic congestion, are unsightly, and emit smelly noxious odors. California has enacted rules that prohibit vehicles that weigh more than 10,000 pounds from idling for more than five minutes. These restrictions are enforced by the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

Within the vicinity of the Port of Los Angeles, signs have been installed to remind truck drivers not to leave their vehicles idling for more than five minutes. Unfortunately, many trucks in the area disregard these instructions, parking and leave their engines idling for lengthy periods of time. The communities surrounding the Port are increasingly experiencing spillover of these trucks onto residential streets along the 110 freeway.

To report an idling commercial vehicle, individuals may submit a complaint form to CARB. This process is cumbersome and does not immediately address problem trucks. CARB regulations note that local law enforcement agencies and the California Highway Patrol can also issue citations, however, specific local authorization is needed to allow swift and simple enforcement.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst, with the assistance of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, the City Attorney's office, and other departments, as needed, to report with options that would grant the necessary authority to the City of Los Angeles to post 'no truck idling' signs and enforce any truck idling parking restrictions, including those that have been posted by the California Air Resources Board.

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