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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(19) Nay(0) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 11/05/2020

Type of NC Board Action: For

#### Impact Information

Date: 11/09/2020

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 20-1267

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: Our stakeholders have warned WHNC that deadly speed racing and alterations to exhausts on cars, trucks and motorcycles, causing excessive noise and sounds similar to explosions and gunfire, often during the night, awakening frightened homeowners and causing 911 calls to police. The frequency of the recklessness, excessive speeding and noise could be much lessened or eliminated by increased patrolling by law enforcement both during the day and especially at night and overnight. The regulations for modified mufflers should be more heavily enforced and the council should consider whether the current local laws are sufficiently strong enough to address the public safety and quality-of-life issues that modified mufflers pose for our communities and users of the right-of-way. We THEREFORE Support CF 20-1267 that the City Council INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst, in concert with the Los Angeles Police Department and the Office of the City Attorney to report on possible ways to more effectively limit the use of modified mufflers, especially in noise-sensitive areas.



# West Hills Neighborhood Council

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Let's build a community."*

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*November 9, 2020*

Dear Councilmember John Lee and Other City Council Members:

At its monthly board meeting on Nov. 5, 2020, the West Hills Neighborhood Council (WHNC) voted to support Los Angeles City Council File 20-1267, which instructs the the Chief Legislative Analyst, in concert with the Los Angeles Police Department and the Office of the City Attorney, to report on possible ways to more effectively limit the use of modified mufflers, especially in noise- sensitive areas.

Several of our stakeholders have complained that vehicles with altered mufflers and exhaust systems are causing loud roars and noises similar to explosions and gunfire, frequently waking frightened homeowners and causing 911 calls to police. WHNC board members also have endured disruptions to their lives because of this behavior. Therefore, we strongly support efforts by the City to solve this problem.

Additionally, we request action by the City to address a related problem, which is the deadly phenomenon of street racing in our community.

For decades, our wide and open streets at the western edge of the San Fernando Valley have been centers for reckless driving and life-threatening exhibitions of speed. West Hills has suffered many injuries and deaths along such avenues as Valley Circle Boulevard, Roscoe Boulevard, Platt Avenue, Sherman Way, Vanowen Street, Shoup Avenue and Victory Boulevard.

After years of studying the twin problems of vehicle noise and street racing, we believe the only effective solution would involve increased patrolling by law enforcement, both during the day and especially at night.

The WHNC understands that demands upon our law enforcement personnel have increased, but we implore you to immediately address these pressing issues before anyone else is seriously injured or dies.

Thank you for your anticipated prompt response to this urgent matter of public safety.

Sincerely,

*Daniel J. Brin*

**Daniel J. Brin, President  
West Hills Neighborhood Council**



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