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Illegal street racing and drag racing on local roads is an ongoing nuisance and public safety issue throughout Los Angeles. The problem has seen an increase in the San Fernando Valley, where drivers and participants take over select streets and intersections to race, rev engines, and perform stunts. Criminal enforcement has been the primary method used to curtail this activity. However, the short time frame and transitory nature of the events, the City's limited authority to increase fines and penalties, as well as an overabundance of locations, makes law enforcement challenging. A coordinated effort of enforcement and traffic management strategies is needed to develop techniques in areas known for street racing.

Illegal street racing generally occurs over a short section of a wide, straight local road with low levels of traffic volumes and easy access to freeways and major arterials that allow participants to quickly disperse. These characteristics render traffic engineering techniques, particularly traffic calming measures, an effective and cost-efficient means of deterring illegal racing, since they can be targeted to the specific locations. Traffic calming is a tool designed to limit travel speed by introducing physical roadway geometric changes. Examples include, but are not limited to, speed humps, rumble strips, raised center medians, curb extensions, and traffic circles. In light of the increasingly dangerous nature of illegal street racing, the City should examine the feasibility of both temporary and permanent traffic calming measures in these

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Department of Transportation and the Bureau of Street Services, in coordination with the Los Angeles Police Department Street Racing Task Force, to report with recommendations on a menu of traffic calming measures that can be implemented at locations where illegal street racing occurs, including temporary devices that can be quickly installed and removed. The report should include a map overlaying known racing corridors and intersections with Vision Zero traffic data.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation and the Los Angeles Police Department Street Racing Task Force meet on a quarterly basis and jointly report to Council Offices regarding data and updates to street racing in their respective districts.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation, the Bureau of Street Services and the Los Angeles Police Department Street Racing Task Force identify key racing intersections and provide recommended street treatments and programmatic steps to pilot these treatments in Council District 7, and further, Citywide.

PRESENTED BY:



MONICA RODRIGUEZ

Councilwoman, 7th District

SECONDED BY:



AUG 03 2021

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, every year, a number of people are killed or injured across the state by reckless motorists engaged in speed contests, exhibitions of speed, or by individuals participating in illegal "sideshow" events; and

WHEREAS, "sideshows" are illegal events where two or more individuals block highways to and engage in motor vehicle exhibitions of speed, motor vehicle stunts and other dangerous activities in front of a crowd; and

WHEREAS, under current law, individuals who are convicted of engaging in a motor vehicle speed contest can be imprisoned for up to 90 days, be fined up to \$1,000, have their driver's license suspended from 90 days to six months and have their vehicle immediately impounded for up to 30 days; and

WHEREAS, individuals engaging in an exhibition of speed may be imprisoned for up to 90 days, be fined up to \$500 and have their vehicle impounded immediately for up to 30 days; and

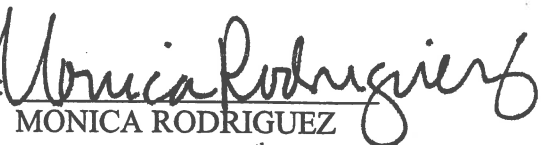
WHEREAS, current law does not specifically allow for the suspension of driver's licenses of individuals convicted for exhibition of speed violations which occurred during a "sideshow" event; and

WHEREAS, AB 3 (Fong) would provide that, in addition to the existing penalties, a person engaging in a motor vehicle exhibition of speed while participating in a "sideshow," as defined, may have his or her driver's license suspended of from 90 days to six months; and

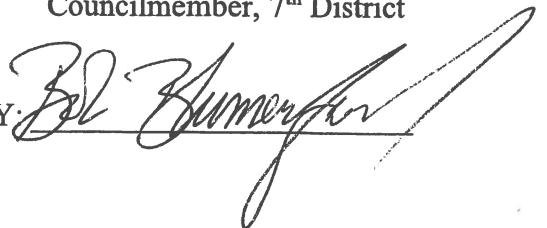
WHEREAS, "sideshows" are incredibly dangerous for participants, spectators and the general public, and the penalties for exhibition of speed at one of these events should include the ability to suspend an individual's driver's license;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021 - 2022 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 3 (Fong), which would provide that in addition to existing penalties, a person engaging in a motor vehicle exhibition of speed, while participating in a "sideshow," may have his or her driver's license suspended from 90 days to six months.

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