

15.11 SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED LIMITATION OF PARKED MOTOR VEHICLE IDLE TIME –
KORETZ (CF #19-0604)

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Discussion and possible action regarding support for Councilmember Koretz's motion (CF #19-0604) to limit parked motor vehicle idling time.

MOTION: The MVCC supports Councilmember Koretz's motion to limit parked motor vehicle idling time – Council File 19-0604. (Proposed wording below.)

Background: *(from the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance website - www.ncsa.la)*
Given our worsening air quality and its public health ramifications, in addition to the climate crisis, we see this as an opportunity to limit harmful emissions while raising drivers' awareness about their contributions to the dangers and how they can help.

Eight states and many cities have already implemented limits to car idling. It is less polluting and more fuel-efficient to turn off a modern, fuel-injected vehicle than to let it idle for more than 10 seconds. With the increased use of cell phones, however, the problem of distracted idling seems to be getting worse, not better. And with the rapid expansion of ride-hailing and delivery services, parked vehicles are often left running.

For more information visit iturnitoff.com and [ncsa.la/vehicle idling fact sheet](http://ncsa.la/vehicle%20idling%20fact%20sheet).

Proposed CIS language:

Summary: The Mar Vista Community Council, representing more than 40,000 resident stakeholders, supports Councilmember Paul Koretz's motion to ban parked vehicle idling. It is necessary to address the issues of poor air quality in Los Angeles in light of concerns about the climate emergency. At least 7 states, and many cities, have already implemented a car idling ban. NYC has had one of the strongest all-vehicle parking idling laws for decades. We are in support of adopting the best practices from these other states and cities. There are exemptions for extreme temperatures, the health and the well-being of passengers, safety or emergency vehicles and commercial vehicles. This will not hurt low-income or homeless people, it will not be enforced in any way if the health or wellness of vehicle occupants are at stake, it will not interfere with necessary emergency and safety vehicle functions, and it will not interfere with commercial vehicle functions that require a parked idling engine. Research has consistently found that it's less polluting and more fuel efficient to turn off a modern, fuel-injected vehicle than let it idle for more than 10 seconds long. Limiting needless vehicle idling to one minute or less will protect everyone. We need an effective ordinance coupled with a good educational campaign by LADOT. This motion would raise consciousness to turn off parked idling vehicles. The MVCC calls on LA City Council to support Koretz's parked vehicle idling ban and post "Clean Air Zone - No Idling Allowed" signs in sensitive areas. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED PDF FOR FULL CIS

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

City Council File Number 19-0604

Title: Ban on Car Idling

MVCC Position: Support

Summary: This motion calls upon LADOT to put forth a car idling ban educational campaign.

The Mar Vista Community Council, representing more than 40,000 resident stakeholders, supports Councilmember Paul Koretz's motion to ban parked vehicle idling. It is necessary to address the issues of poor air quality in Los Angeles due to the increasing concerns over the climate emergency.

Car idling puts 3 million tons of CO₂ into California's atmosphere annually. At least one-third of greenhouse gas emissions in Los Angeles is from the transportation sector.

The Los Angeles region has received an on-going annual failing grade from the American Lung Association's "State of the Air" report. Los Angeles is considered the most ozone-polluted metropolitan area in the United States.

Air pollution poses significant dangers to public health, including risk of premature death, reproductive and developmental harm, cardiovascular disease, lung cancer, and asthma. Over 250,000 children and 1.1 million adults in the Los Angeles metropolitan area reportedly have asthma, with low-income communities of color particularly at risk.

Sensitive locations all over Los Angeles, such as schools, hospitals and senior centers, as well as emissions choked areas such as garages, parking lots and travel hubs are most at risk. Distracted Idling is increasing as we sit in our cars to charge and talk on phones, as ride-hailing and delivery services leave parked vehicles engines running.

Idling is zero MPG activity which creates 3 million tons of unnecessary CO₂ and other pollutants in CA annually. It is counterproductive to be concerned about car MPG standards and completely ignore this zero MPG behavior.

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