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Mayor Eric Garcetti
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Los Angeles City Council
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NoHo Area Stakeholders

Re: Vehicle Exhaust Noise in NoHo, throughout the City of Los Angeles, and the State of California.

THIS ISSUE IS IMPORTANT AND CAN NO LONGER BE IGNORED!

The NoHo Neighborhood Council voted in favor to support this letter requesting that the City of Los Angeles take action on Vehicle Sound Enhancements.

Since our original letter in 2017 on this issue, little to none has been discussed by our leaders to curb the loud noise in our community from the sound of enhanced exhaust systems from vehicles. Some vehicle exhaust systems are even manipulated to copy the sound of rapid gunfire, which causes wasted LAPD time and money when mistaken for actual gunfire.

This issue is no longer tolerable to many of our stakeholders. There **MUST** be decisive action on this issue.

In an April 22, 2020, Los Angeles Times article, it was reported that since the year 2000, over 179 people were killed in street racing incidents in Los Angeles County. As stated in our letter in 2017, these despicable sounds often “act as a mating call for street racing.”

As a city, we are very careful to regulate the sounds coming from airplanes above, yet ignore the horrifying and dreadful sounds manipulated on the ground for the sole purpose of attracting and diverting attention. This diverted attention is disturbing the peace at unprecedented levels never before imagined.

State and city governments have the power to regulate this. We ask that our city not only begin regulating Vehicle Exhaust Sound Enhancements, but also suggest that our city leaders request assistance from our state representatives to aggressively bring this excessive street noise to an end.

In addition, these sounds from our streets and side streets can have a negative psychological impact on the following:

- Those suffering from PTSD
- Children
- Seniors
- Pets

The NoHo Neighborhood Council also kindly requests the support of ALL neighborhood councils in the City of Los Angeles to send this issue to their public safety committee chair to write a letter urging their councilmember to immediately act on this dire issue.

Sincerely,
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