

Community Impact Statement Recommendation

To: Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Board
From: Livability Committee
Date Approved by Committee: 04/14/22
For Board Consideration on: 05/10/22

Re: Council File 22-0369 - Community Reporting System / Idling Commercial Vehicles / New York City Citizen Air Complaint Program / Toxic Air Pollution / Noxious Odors / Global Warming

Motion or Recommendation of the committee:

The Livability Committee recommends a vote on CF 22-0369.

For	X
For if amended	
Against	
Against Unless Amended	

Committee Vote Count: Yes (3), No (0), Abstention (0), Absent (2), Recused (0)

Summary:

The Council File instructs the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, Los Angeles Police Department, Information Technology Agency, and any other departments, as needed, to report on the feasibility of creating a community-reporting system for idling commercial vehicles, integrated into 311 or a similar online tool, similar to New York City's Citizens Air Complaint Program.

New York City's Citizens Air Complaint Program, in place since 2018, allows residents to report illegally idling commercial vehicles. Those who report infractions by submitting a video can collect 25 percent of the fine collected by New York City. This has been considered a successful program, drastically increasing the number of citations issued for idling commercial vehicles, simply by leveraging the eyes and ears of members of the community.

MOTION

Major disruptions across the nation's supply chain have resulted in unfair and unacceptable impacts to the quality of life of residents who live in the communities surrounding the Port of Los Angeles, including traffic, noise, diesel exhaust fumes, and dust. One of the biggest offenses is the infiltration of idling diesel trucks and buses into residential communities and along commercial corridors, which create toxic air pollution, increase respiratory health problems, add to traffic congestion, are unsightly, emit noxious odors, and contribute to global warming.

State law prohibits vehicles that weigh more than 10,000 pounds from idling for more than five minutes. As of just last year and as a result of CF#19-0454, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) established a process by which it has the authority to post "No Trucks/Bus Idling Signs" in coordination with California Air Resources Board (CARB). This recent change allows the City more local control to both post and enforce "No Trucks/Bus Idling" signs.

While local control is an important step, many drivers disregard the "No Truck/Bus Idling" signs and leave their engines idling for lengthy periods of time. One of the reasons drivers continue to illegally idle their vehicles is because it can be difficult for enforcement agencies to catch a driver in the act. As Port adjacent communities continue to bear the burden of the supply chain backlog, finding a quick and impactful solution is vital.

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I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, Los Angeles Police Department, Information Technology Agency, and any other departments, as needed, be DIRECTED to report on the feasibility of creating a community-reporting system for idling commercial vehicles, integrated into 311 or a similar online tool, similar to New York City's Citizens Air Complaint Program.

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