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Ysabel Jurado
Councilmember,
Council District 14

Laura Rubio-Cornejo
General Manager,
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VIA EMAIL

RE: Street Racing Mitigation on Lower Grand Avenue

Councilmember Jurado and Ms. Rubio-Cornejo:

At a regular public meeting on **November 18, 2025**, the Board of Directors of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council ("DLANC") voted to provide the following comments below:

Lower Grand Avenue, located in the heart of the Bunker Hill community, has long served as a backdrop for some of Los Angeles' most iconic films and remains a distinctive photographic symbol of the city's urban landscape. However, its secluded nature and unique structural features have also made it a longstanding hotspot for street racing, vehicle takeovers, car meets, and other nuisance activities.

While the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) has allocated significant resources to address these issues, it is clear that enforcement alone is not sufficient. To effectively deter and mitigate these recurring problems, a proactive design and engineering strategy is needed to discourage such activities at their onset.

Therefore, DLANC requests that the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, in coordination with Council District 14 and the Los Angeles Police Department, **study and implement “quick-build” engineering interventions such as speed tables, rumble strips, Botts’ dots, and raised hardened centerlines along the Lower Grand Avenue corridor, between 4thStreet and General Thaddeus Kosciuszko Way.**

While these measures may not fully eliminate nuisance activity, DLANC believes that, when combined with ongoing enforcement efforts, they will play a critical role in managing illegal activity, improving public safety, and preserving essential loading dock and parking access for the buildings served by this stretch of roadway.

Sincerely,

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY DLANC BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON NOVEMBER 18, 2025

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