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**Re: CF 26-0345 / CF 22-1019-S1: Street Racing Response and Deterrence**

To Whom It May Concern:

At a public meeting on [April 14, 2026](#), the Board of Directors of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council ("DLANC") voted to provide the following comments below:

The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council submits this Community Impact Statement **in support** of CF 26-0345 and CF 22-1019-S1, regarding the City's Street Racing and Takeover response and deterrence strategy.

Downtown Los Angeles continues to experience persistent street takeover and racing activity that threatens residents, workers, visitors, and first responders, undermining safety and livability in one of the City's most dense and pedestrian-oriented communities.

DLANC has long advocated for a comprehensive response, including our [March 8, 2022 letter](#) on street takeovers in DTLA and our [December 9, 2025 letter](#) addressing conditions on Lower Grand Avenue. These efforts emphasize that enforcement alone is insufficient and must be paired with proactive engineering and street design solutions.

Many Downtown corridors are part of the [High Injury Network \(HIN\)](#) identified under the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) [Vision Zero program](#), including streets that have experienced recurring takeover activity. These conditions, combined with heavy pedestrian traffic, significantly increase the risk of serious injury and loss of life for drivers, bystanders, and pedestrians, particularly vulnerable populations including the unhoused community.

A [February 28, 2024 report](#) from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), in response to Council File [22-1019](#), identified 50 locations citywide with ongoing street takeover and racing activity, including several in Downtown. A [January 19, 2024 report](#) from the City Administrative Officer (CAO) further identified four

Downtown intersections and recommended measures such as raised centerlines, Bott's Dots, rumble strips, and intersection gutter installations.

The March 8, 2026, street takeover at Figueroa Street and 12th Street underscores the violence, gang activity, property damage, and traumatic injuries that result from these events.<sup>1</sup> With over 90,000 residents in Downtown, the City must take a comprehensive approach to these issues and implement preventative measures that improve safety and quality of life for all stakeholders. This is especially critical as Los Angeles prepares to host the FIFA World Cup 2026 and the LA28 Olympic Games, which will place global attention on Downtown's major corridors. Acting now will help ensure a safe, well-managed environment for both residents and the international visitors these events will attract.

Therefore, DLANC calls on LADOT, in coordination with LAPD and relevant departments, to implement and advance engineering solutions at locations identified in the 2024 reports, and to deploy quick build measures in high priority areas to protect life and property.

Sincerely,

**\*SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY DLANC BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON APRIL 14, 2026\***

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<sup>1</sup> KTLA News, "Group from street takeover storms DTLA apartment building lobby, fights staff," (Mar. 8, 2026), <https://ktla.com/news/local-news/group-storms-dtla-apartment-building-lobby/>.