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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 20-1267

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We share this information to assist you with the docketing neighborhood council items before your board/commission. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at empowerla@lacity.org.

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Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: Sherman Oaks

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(11) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 01/12/2026

Type of NC Board Action: For

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*Whereas, in 2020 the Los Angeles City Council approved a motion (**Council File: 20-1267**) submitted by Council Member Paul Krekorian and seconded by Council Member Mitch O'Farrell to have the City Council "INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst, in concert with the Los Angeles Police Department and the Office of the City Attorney to report on possible ways to more effectively limit the use of modified mufflers, especially in noise-sensitive areas."*

And whereas, a muffler noise problem still exists and the regulations for modified mufflers are not currently being heavily enforced in many areas of Los Angeles and this situation jeopardizes the public safety and quality-of-life that modified mufflers pose for our communities and users of the right-of-way.

And whereas, the original approved motion asked for the regulations for modified mufflers to be more heavily enforced, and asked the City Council to assess and consider whether local laws were sufficiently strong enough to address both public safety and quality of life issues that modified mufflers pose in L.A.'s neighborhoods.

And whereas, there is no record within the LA City File system (CFS) indicating that further action was actually taken by any city agency after the original motion was approved.

It is now formally requested that:

The above-mentioned agencies authorize and undertake a project to test out and evaluate the implementation of several varieties of "Noise Cameras," and to begin the deployment of an unknown number of these devices at strategically sited locations along public streets, especially in areas that are experiencing an abundance of vehicle noise pollution from modified mufflers illegally installed on vehicles. These noise cameras should only be deployed in a manner so that they are not used for any other purposes other than capturing the license plate numbers on any vehicles that are found to be exceeding safe decibel levels. The cameras should not be deployed in any manner that would violate an individual's rights to privacy.



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The agencies mentioned are to provide a full status report covering this issue, the enforcement of the current statutes that apply, and the methods that have been undertaken in an attempt to reduce the noise pollution, to the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) and its community stakeholders.

Contact me with questions or for further information.

Respectfully yours,

Howard M. Katchen

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President
Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC)
Neighborhood Council Budget Advocate – Region 4

Motion to:

The LA City Council

The office of Council District 4 member Nithya Raman

The Los Angeles Dept. of Transportation

The Los Angeles Police Department

The Office of the City Attorney