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**Verbal Report to the Board of Supervisors on Policy Recommendations to Curtail Street Racing in Los Angeles County**

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, Los Angeles County (County) has been beset by illegal sideshows (street takeovers) and street racing. These unlawful events often take place in the middle of major intersections or main thoroughfares, causing damage to roadways and infrastructure. These events often attract other forms of crime, including vandalism, arson, robberies, and shootings. Illegal street takeovers also may result in injury or death of innocent pedestrians and spectators.

In September 2023, the County Board of Supervisors (Board) voted to comprehensively address street takeovers by asking relevant County departments and stakeholders to host a community symposium to gather stakeholder input on how to combat these disruptions and mitigate the impact on the quality of life for affected residents. Additionally, various departments were tasked with producing a plan to address illegal street takeovers in unincorporated communities. In July 2024, the plan was presented to the Board and included a list of recommendations ranked by feasibility. Some of these recommendations include, but are not limited to, installing infrastructure to discourage street takeovers, supporting youth diversion efforts and mentorship, and

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identifying spaces for legal racing and burnout boxes. In addition to these recommendations, the Chief Executive Office (CEO) recommended establishing a working group to determine best practices and develop a place-based approach. The CEO has continued to meet with various stakeholders including law enforcement, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Youth Development, and the Department of Public Works, to implement these recommendations.

The CEO has drafted a strategic plan to outline the steps the County will take to implement comprehensive change to address the illegal street racing and takeovers that continue to adversely affect the public. The plan includes the input of affected communities, experts, and other stakeholders. The planning process was iterative, engaging, and public. To ensure that there is clarity and transparency concerning the next steps the County will take in addressing illegal street racing and takeovers, it is appropriate that the strategic plan be shared in a public forum, to allow public engagement and notification of the County's position on this issue.

**I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

1. Direct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), the Director of the Department of Public Works, the Sheriff, the Director of the Department of Youth Development, County Counsel, and other relevant County departments to give a verbal presentation during the December 3, 2024, Board meeting and quarterly thereafter on:
  - a. the CEO's strategic plan to curtail street racing in Los Angeles County; and
  - b. the status of the Sheriff Department's collaboration with the Los Angeles Police Department, California Highway Patrol, and other law enforcement agencies to address illegal street racing and takeovers.

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